



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

August 2026 Newsletter

Dear members and friends of InGeNA,

We started August with a fantastic gathering at the *HGSA Annual Scientific Meeting* in Christchurch which brought together powerful perspectives from across our region. Congratulations to our partners at HGSA for an outstanding meeting. The community voice anchored the meeting with Māori leaders highlighting the connection between whakapapa, genomics and lineage, while patient advocate Kama Papa shared her family's deeply personal genomic journey. The Opening address from Dr Hamish Campbell MP was inspiring. He shared that the outcome that matters most should only be whether a family can receive an answer sooner than they would have the year before. He encouraged us all to use this as the true measure of our relevance. This is certainly what drives us at InGeNA.

The excellent industry sessions from Illumina, ONT and MGI reinforced the expertise and capability needed to achieve this outcome, with a strong focus on scaling genomics, demonstrating impact and translating innovation into clinical care. InGeNA members also showcased the critical role industry plays across sequencing, diagnostics, data, clinical implementation and patient access. Our shared booth with Genomical, Genocare, 23 Strands and Rhythm Biosciences was always buzzing with activity.

Professor Joanne Ngeow shared important lessons from Singapore's experience in translating population genomics into cancer prevention, clinical services and national reimbursement. Her message was clear: sequencing alone does not deliver better care. Investment is also needed in clinical pathways, workforce, variant interpretation, patient follow-up, evaluation and equitable access.

It was also wonderful to see presentations from InGeNA Consumer Advisory Group members Robyn Smith of Inherited Cancers Australia and Emma Bonser of Genetic Alliance Australia. Thank you to everyone who joined our InGeNA networking evening. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to make this a regular part of the HGSA program.

These discussions are particularly timely as the Australian Government develops its \$200 million Precision Health Research Program. It was great to meet with Genomics Australia Commissioner Tiffany Boughtwood to discuss the program and the role of industry in its success. Genomics Australia has invited InGeNA to provide industry input, and we will advocate for investment that builds enduring national capability, enables meaningful industry participation and creates clear pathways from research into clinical care.

We acknowledge the departure of Renaye Lucchese, the founding General Manager of Genomics Australia. We thank her for her collaboration, professionalism and important contribution to building this new national organisation, and wish her every success in her next role.

In late July, I appreciated the opportunity to speak at the University of Queensland Frazer Institute about what Australia needs to scale genomics and precision medicine across research, clinical care, industry and policy. We have a strong connection with research and this year alone, InGeNA has supported nine research funding applications, helping researchers strengthen industry connections and consider pathways towards translation and implementation.

Upcoming events

Later this month, I will represent InGeNA at the Private Cancer Physicians of Australia Annual Cancer Summit, joining a panel on re-engineering access and HTA for private oncology. Recent MSAC decisions have again highlighted the need for more effective pathways to evaluate and fund genomic testing alongside precision therapies. These discussions are timely as it comes following the CUP application being not granted like ctDNA earlier this year.

We are delighted to launch our EOI for the *Dame Professor Sue Hill's Australian visit* in October. With genomics receiving unprecedented investment and policy attention, her visit offers a timely opportunity to learn from the clinical adoption success in England and focus Australia's efforts on implementation at scale. Please register your interest in the Sydney event below.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon – the second half of the year is set to be cracking pace with great outcomes.

Warm regards,
Erin, CEO and the InGeNA team

Recent Events



July 22, Frazer Institute Seminar Series, Brisbane. Erin speaking on *Precision Medicine at Scale: Australia's Opportunity to Lead*.



August 1-4, InGeNA's shared booth with startups: Genomical, Genocare, 23Strands and Rhythm Biosciences. Erin with members: Ali, Nat and Brendan. And Erin, Laura & Julia Mansour (HGSA CEO).



August 1-4 HGSA - CAG presentation and members from ThermoFisher, Intergrated DNA Technologies, Illumina, Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Genomical, AGRF and Tiffany Boughtwood (Genomics Australia).



August 2, InGeNA's networking dinner at the Crown's 1851 Social Bar & Lounge.

Dame Professor Sue Hill visit

Save the date: 15 October Sydney public event

InGeNA is delighted to host Dame Professor Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer for England and Senior Responsible Officer for Genomics in the NHS, during her visit to Australia from **12 to 16 October 2026**. Dame Professor Sue Hill has played a leading role in establishing the NHS Genomic Medicine Service and integrating genomics into routine healthcare in England. Her visit provides a significant opportunity for Australia to learn from the experience of implementing genomic medicine across a national health system. **Canberra: 13-14 October & Sydney: 15-16 October**

Register your interest [Here](#)

Expressions of interest are now open for the Sydney event on **Thursday 15 October 2026**. Register to receive updates when the venue, program and attendance arrangements are confirmed.

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Chief Scientific Officer for England and Senior
Responsible Officer for Genomics in the NHS

Thursday 15 October 2026 | Sydney

Australia is entering a pivotal period for genomics and precision medicine.

As the Australian Government's **\$200 million Precision Health Research Program** is shaped, we have an important opportunity to build the infrastructure, partnerships and implementation pathways needed to translate research into healthcare and scale access for all Australians.

Hosted by InGeNA, this special event with Dame Professor Sue Hill will draw on England's experience of integrating genomics into the NHS and explore what Australia can learn about delivering genomics-enabled healthcare at national scale.

Join leaders and stakeholders from across:

**Industry • Research • Healthcare • Government • Policy • Clinical practice •
Pathology • Patient and consumer advocacy**

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Upcoming Events

Australasian Genomics Technologies Association (AGTA)
Conference **13-16 September**, Sydney

The GA4GH 14th Plenary meeting **28 September-2 October 2026** in Singapore.

Dame Professor Sue Hill Events - Canberra & Sydney - 13-16 October, 2026

See more details above and register your interest in upcoming events.

AusBiotech International Conference - Gold Coast - 20-23 October, 2026

Incorporating the AusMedtech Conference and AusBiotech Invest. InGeNA will Chair a panel.

A-RNA conference incorporating the 5th annual mRNA QLD Symposium

Showcasing world leading RNA research across Australia and New Zealand, from bench to clinic. **26–28 October at VOVO Brisbane City Centre**

Industry News

24.07.2026 Neonatal genetic sequencing as 1st-tier screening: Real-world evidence - Northern China

27.07.26 Australia funds genomic testing in blood cancers. So why do so many patients still pay out of pocket?

01.08.2026 Before the Hype: 5 Early-Stage ADC Startups to Watch

01.08.26 Gene-Edited CAR T Expands Rare Disease Horizons

05.08.2026 Genomic Testing for Cancer Patients Still Rare Despite Medicare Coverage

06.08.2026 Proteomics in Action: When Cancer Comes Back

Career opportunities

Subject Matter Expert SOPHiA GENETICS Remote/Victoria

Using your technical knowledge of Genomics & The NGS workflow coupled with commercial prowess to provide credibility and technical insights during the customer sales journey. Do you have experience in ANZ Markets? Make a positive impact on the outcomes for cancer and rare disease patients worldwide.

Genomics Technologist - QUT, Brisbane, closes 17 August

Product Manager - Molecular Genetics - Abacus dx, Melbourne (Hybrid)

[Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Laboratory Medicine \(Genomics and Bioinformatics\)](#) -

Adelaide University, closes 12 August

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