



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

May 2026 Newsletter

Dear members and friends,
Exciting progress and announcements to share with you.

Federal Budget and Canberra Engagement

During Budget Week, InGeNA attended the Post-Budget Health Breakfast in Canberra. Thank you to Medicines Australia and Johnson & Johnson for hosting an excellent event and including us at their table.

We were pleased to see the announcement of \$71 million in funding for Omico through to 2029. At the budget event we heard more would follow and we were delighted to see the announcement last Friday of a landmark \$200 million Precision Health Research Program, to be established with the support of Genomics Australia.

The initiative will provide at least 150,000 Australians with genomic insights into their health and create a unique Australian genomic data asset. It will support equitable access to genomics, strengthen evidence and infrastructure for sustained integration into healthcare, and advance Genomics Australia's vision for the future of precision health. See the Media Release [here](#). This is a major national announcement and an important day for the genomics ecosystem in Australia.

We have also prepared a detailed analysis of the Federal Budget and its implications for genomics, precision medicine and innovation policy. Please see our full [budget analysis](#) [here](#).

Parliamentary Engagement and National Priorities

It was excellent to meet with Dr Mike Freeland, Chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Genomics and Genetic Testing Group during our time in Canberra. We shared InGeNA's priorities and recommendations for how Australia can scale genomics and precision medicine nationally.

We also discussed the upcoming visit of Dame Professor Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer for NHS England, who will visit Australia in October as part of an InGeNA-hosted program of engagements and events in Canberra and Sydney. This will be an important opportunity to learn from one of the world's leading examples of clinical

genomic mainstreaming and to explore what lessons are most relevant as we move from pilot programs to sustainable national implementation.

Population Screening Position Statement Released

InGeNA published our new Position Statement on Genomics for Prevention and Population Screening [see here](#). Developed through engagement with members and consumer partners, the statement supports investment in clinically mainstreamed genomics and highlights the importance of the government's broader systemic review to optimise national infrastructure, implementation pathways and equitable access.

Digital Health Festival

We had a fantastic session at the Digital Health Festival this week, with a full house audience and highly engaged discussion and questions focused on how genomics and AI are increasingly becoming embedded into mainstream healthcare systems and the opportunities and implementation challenges this creates for Australia. We were also pleased to formally welcome Marc Belej as the new independent Chair of InGeNA's Data Working Group. Thanks to the amazing panelists : Tiffany Boughtwood; Sarah Powell and Paul Lacaze. Following the session, we had wonderful conversations at an extended coffee catch up with members.

Queensland Health InSPiR'd Genomics Showcase

Congratulations to the Queensland Health team on another successful Showcase event. It was great to connect with industry, health consumers, clinician and researchers throughout the day and see the great progress that QH is making in genomics.

Thank you to all members and partners for your continued engagement and collaboration across this rapidly evolving field. We look forward to sharing with you about more details of the governments plan for genomics and opportunities to collaborate.

Best regards,
Erin
CEO, InGeNA

Recent Events



Budget week in Canberra 13 May



Digital Health Festival Melbourne 20-21 May



Genomics 'InSPiRD' Showcase 2026, Brisbane 21 May.





Meeting with new AZ Country Manager, Dr Marie Guillet in Canberra, May



Paul Lacase, Tiffany Boughtwood, Sarah Powell and Erin Evans at DHF Melb 20 May



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Industry News

16.04.2026 From elite science to public infrastructure: How genomic sequencing grew up

21.04.26 Genomic medicine is failing most of humanity

28.04.2026 Families' welcome cancer drug progress, but now wait for timely access

4.05.2026 QLD Government's \$180.6 million Sovereign Industry Development Fund, backs Southern RNA

6.05.2026 QLD centre reveals ground-breaking cancer-detecting AI

11.05.26 Changes to how pathology and diagnostic imaging reports are shared: from 1 July 2026

13.05.26 Swan Genomics, Dr Lawrence Lee puts all bets on their genomic technology

18.05.26 13% of Healthy Adults Carry Hidden Genetic Risk

18.05.26 New medicines out of reach for Australians on PBS

Upcoming Events

On 20 June in Brisbane, **Laura Croft** is hosting "**From One to Many: Advancing Precision Therapies for Children with Rare Diseases**", a gala dinner to fund personalised treatments for children with ultra-rare genetic conditions. [Event link](#)

PTA-C/26 Sydney | **27–28 May 2026**

Brings clinicians, policymakers, researchers, patient advocates and industry together.

The 49th HGSA Scientific Meeting on 1-4 August 2026
at Te Pae, Christchurch New Zealand.
Early Bird Registration opens – February

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

Abstract deadline 15 June

Career opportunities with Members & Partners

Hartwig Medical Foundation Australia

Hiring - Senior Clinical Bioinformatician

Location: North Sydney, full time role (hybrid 3 days office, 2 days remote)

Hartwig is seeking a Senior Clinical Bioinformatician to support the clinical deployment of its OncoAnalyser Diagnostics SaaS platform in Australia. [Read more](#)

Victorian Clinical Genetics Service (VCGS)

Genetic Pathology Trainee at Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Offering advanced specialist training in Genetic Pathology through access to extensive expertise, technologies and multidisciplinary resources. [Read more](#)

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Assistant CRA (ACRA) - Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane

Thermo Fisher Scientific is seeking an Assistant CRA to support clinical trial delivery through remote project activities, site preparedness, monitoring support and site management in line with SOPs and regulatory guidelines. [Read more](#)

Podcast: GenoCare - with Dr Ali Archibald & friends

The GenoCare Podcast explores genetics and genomics through conversations with clinicians, researchers and patient advocates, making genomic healthcare more accessible for professionals and patients alike.

Access on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) and [YouTube](#).

They are always keen to connect with people working in genomics, healthcare, and patient advocacy. Contact here: hello@genocare.com.au.



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