



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

September 2026 Newsletter

InGeNA Network Update

Dear members and friends of InGeNA,

A pivotal moment for genomics and precision medicine

Australia is entering an important period for moving genomics from research into routine healthcare. This October, InGeNA welcome **Professor Dame Sue Hill**, Chief Scientific Officer for England and a global leader in the clinical mainstreaming of genomics.

Across Sydney and Canberra, Dame Hill will engage with government, health system, industry, research and consumer leaders through public and invitation-only events. Her visit offers a rare opportunity to learn from England's experience, strengthen bilateral cooperation and consider how Australia can accelerate implementation to improve patient outcomes. 12-16 October visit program [link](#)

Join our public event in Sydney

The Future of Genomics and Precision Medicine with Professor Dame Sue Hill

 Thursday 15 October | 2.00–4.30 pm  Amazon Web Services, 2 Market St.

Hear directly from Dame Hill about the practical lessons from scaling clinical genomics and the insights for Australia. [Register for the event](#)

Another outstanding CanForum

Huge Congratulations to Christine Cockburn and the RCA team on another outstanding CanForum. It was an extraordinarily moving and impactful event. Thank you to the patient advocates for their powerful and courageous presentations. I have rarely attended an event with so many standing ovations, which speaks for itself. Download their [report](#).

Re-engineering HTA for precision medicine

At the recent Private Cancer Physicians Australia Summit, I joined an expert panel examining how Australia's HTA system must evolve for precision oncology. We welcome Senator Ananda-Rajah opening comments recognising genomics as a critical layer of cancer care. However the focus must extend beyond clinical trials

into routine clinical care.

Private cancer physicians and their patients are calling for greater access, but assessment and funding pathways have not kept pace. Recent applications involving ctDNA and cancer of unknown primary demonstrate how the current system struggles with technologies that extend beyond a traditional one-test, one-treatment model. Thank you to the PCPA Board for the invitation to speak. Read our reflections from the panel - [Here](#)

The urgency of scaling genomics

While in Melbourne, I also visited VCGS and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. These visits highlighted Australia's considerable expertise and capability, but also the costs and inefficiencies created when genomics remains fragmented and delivered at limited scale.

Upcoming Webinar: Building Australia's precision health infrastructure

Join our InGeNA and AWS hosted webinar with leading genomic digital health speakers. The discussion will examine the infrastructure needed to connect genomic and clinical data, embed testing into clinical workflows and translate research investment into equitable access and better health outcomes.

Learn more and register – [Here](#)

Recognising genomics leadership

Congratulations to Dr Jane Tiller and her colleagues on receiving an Australian Museum Eureka Prize recognising their work to protect Australians from genetic discrimination.

Welcome to Bupa

We are delighted to welcome Bupa as InGeNA's first private health insurer member. Bupa brings a strong strategic interest in genomics, and we look forward to their contribution across the InGeNA community.

See you in October

This is an exciting time for genomics and precision medicine in Australia. We look forward to welcoming Professor Dame Sue Hill and bringing our network together to learn from one of the world's leading architects of genomics-enabled healthcare. We hope you can join us in Sydney on 15 October for the talk and networking event.

Warm regards,

Erin, CEO and the InGeNA team

Recent Events



We are delighted to welcome **Bupa** as InGeNA's first private health insurer member.



August 29, PCPA Annual Cancer Summit, panel on *Re-engineering access and HTA for private oncology*.

🎉 **Congratulations to our member: MGI** on winning the China Patent Gold Award! 🏆 Their foundational patent **STOmics'** Stereo-seq technology, enables researchers to map spatial transcriptomics with unprecedented single-cell resolution and field-of-view.



🎉 **Congratulations to our member: Genomical** - winners of the 2026 National iAward for Technology Platform. Genomics is moving into everyday clinical care but the shift is only possible with data infrastructure to support it at scale.

Upcoming Events

LifeSciences Australia 2026 Market Access Summit **16 September**
Museum of Sydney [Register](#)

Health Innovation Observatory – Australia Horizon Scanning Symposium, Tuesday, 29 September 2026 - Charles Perkins Centre Auditorium, University of Sydney.
How horizon scanning can support decisions and strengthen Australia's readiness for emerging medicines and health technologies. [Register Now](#)

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

Dame Professor Sue Hill Events - Canberra & Sydney - 12-16 October, 2026
Thursday 15 October, Public presentation and Networking event [Register for the event](#)

AusBiotech International Conference - Gold Coast - 20-23 October, 2026
Incorporating the AusMedtech Conference and AusBiotech Invest. InGeNA Chairing a panel

A-RNA conference incorporating the 5th annual mRNA QLD Symposium
Showcasing world leading RNA research from bench to clinic. **26–28 October at VOVO Brisbane**

Health First Summit Uniting the diversity of the healthcare sector with **first movers, disruptors, and pioneers** who are reshaping health to impact patients & the health system.
Thurs 18 February 2027, Doltone House, Sydney [Early Bird Registration](#)

Industry News

14.08.2026 Genetic Newborn Screening Could Help Detect Early-Onset Cancer Risk

26.08.26 IDT Expands DNA Synthesis Capabilities to Support High-Diversity Genomics Programs

03.09.26 Environmentally responsible human genomic data governance: points for consideration

03.09.26 The role of pathology foundation models in cancer diagnosis, biomarker discovery, and prognosis

03.09.26 Sydney scientist behind 'moon landing' cancer vaccine wins top science prize

07.09.26 Why Accreditation Is the Most Important Question You're Not Asking Your Clinical Trials Genomics Provider

Career Opportunities

LifeStrands - 2 Roles based in Mount Waverley, Victoria

 **Part-Time Molecular Pathologist** Permanent, Part-Time [Apply](#)

 **MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY FELLOW POSITION** - 12 months role from Feb 2027

Apply with the subject line "Fellowship Application": CV and cover letter:

genomics@lifestrandsqx.com.au CLOSE 30 October, or earlier if the position is filled.

AGRF is looking for a F/T **Advanced Genomics Services (AGS) Scientist** – Innovation & Development to join Melbourne-based team.

Applications close Sunday 13 September | <https://lnkd.in/gT7ARwbJ>

Other Opportunities

Genomics Australia is partnering with Consumers Health Forum of Australia to host a roundtable to hear from up to 30 consumers about genomic population screening.

Submit your expression of interest: <https://lnkd.in/ekBJvF6x>

EOI for the Qld Health (GREaT) Advisory group for the [Genomics Resource Hub](#)

QH welcomes applications with particular interest in general practice, non-genetics clinical professionals and First Nations representation. Extensive genomics experience is not required. * [Please note this is only open to Queensland based applicants.](#)

EOI closes **Monday 28 September 2026**. [Apply](#)

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