



NFMRI'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE

22-24 November 2022

The Anchorage Hotel & Spa - Port Stephens, New South Wales

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Research with Purpose 2022

Word from NFMRI Chairman

Dr Rob Sauer, Chairman, NFMRI



On behalf of our Board of Directors and our Conference Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our fifth medical research innovation conference “Research with Purpose 2022” after the past few tumultuous years.

Many individuals and organisations have contributed to the development of the conference program. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our CEO, Dr Noel Chambers, and Nancy Ranner who must be commended for their hard work and commitment in helping put together this event. We also wish to thank our Board and Research Advisory Committee Members for their assistance and guidance. Importantly, an event such as this could not take place without sponsorship. We thank Hall & Wilcox for their support as our session sponsor.

Over the next three days, we hope you will share experiences with one another and derive real benefits from our speakers and panelists. The focus of this year’s conference is on collectively building a strategy to improve medical research outcomes through culture and systems change. We each play an important part of the research ecosystem and the future of the industry lies in our collective hands.

As a funder, supporter and thought leader in biomedical research, NFMRI is committed to help innovations succeed and advance so that they can reach the community sooner and in a worthwhile way. Join us on this journey to impact and contact us to see how together we can keep the conversation going.

We hope that this is a memorable, worthwhile and exciting event and that each of you leaves having broadened your knowledge and expanded your connections to be better able to contribute to pragmatic biomedical research.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Rob Sauer

Acknowledgements

Special thank you to our Conference Committee and Session Sponsor for helping make this year's event possible.

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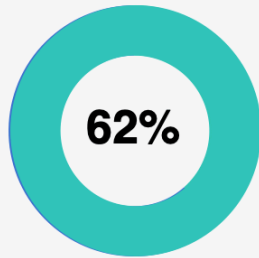
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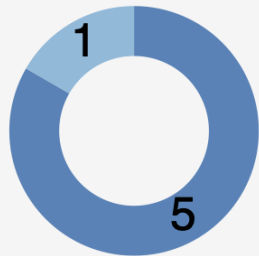
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NFMRI's Impact for purpose dashboard

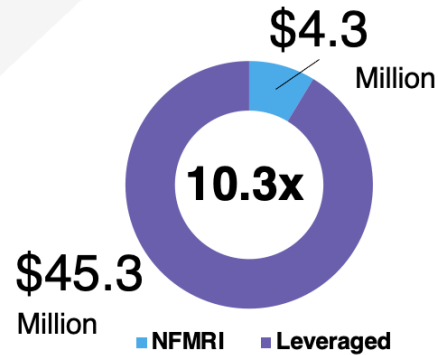
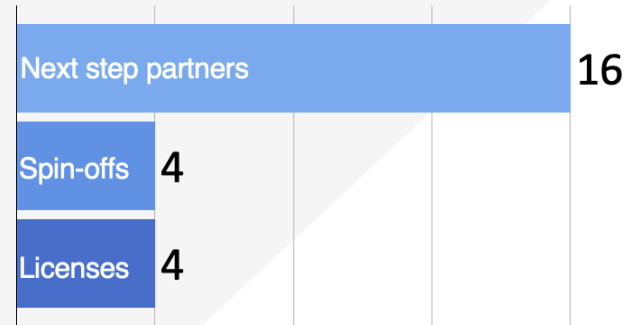
Projects commencing before 2020 with NFMRI's innovation strategy



Next step partners



■ Clinical trials ■ Approved



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Port Stephens,
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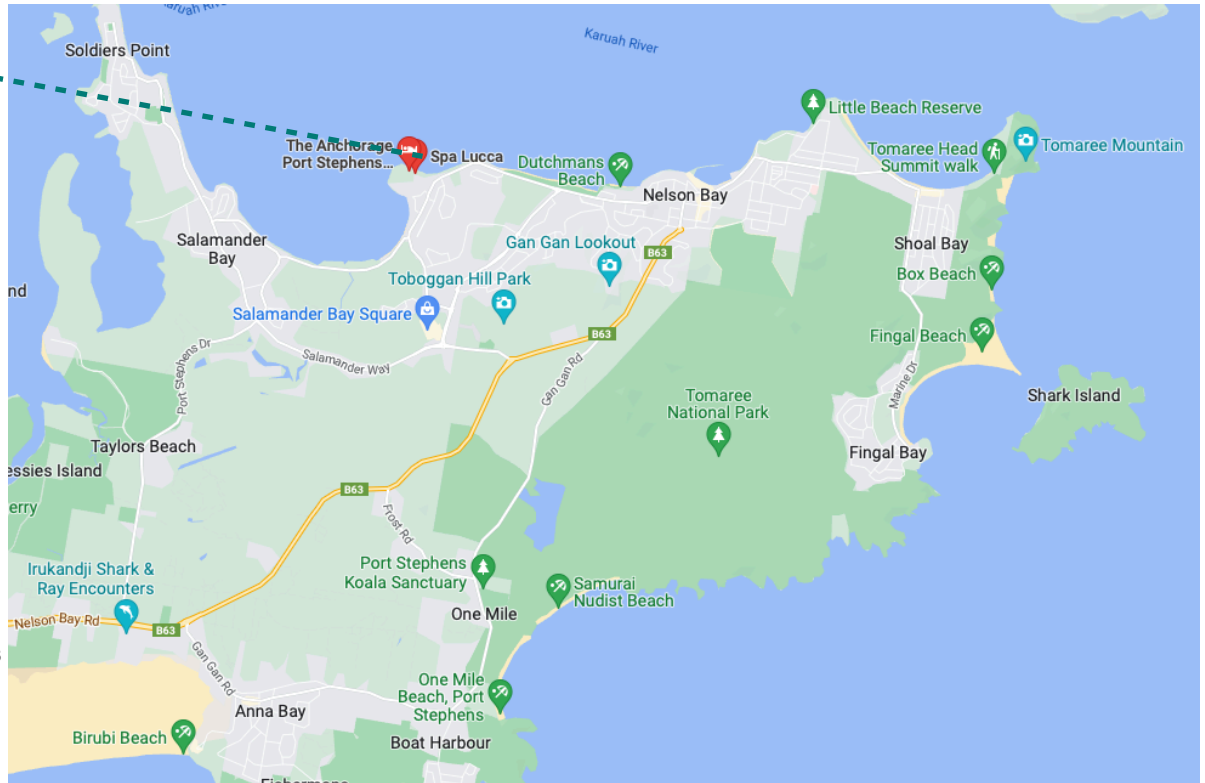
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Conference program

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

2.00 pm	Registrations
2.45 pm	Welcome and opening Dr Rob Sauer , Chairman, <i>NFMRI</i>
3.00 pm	Conference opening Emeritus Professor A. Ian Smith
3.30 pm	“Translation and purpose” Dr Noel Chambers , CEO, <i>NFMRI</i>
4.00 pm	Professor Janet Davies , Faculty of Health, <i>Queensland University of Technology</i>
5.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Welcome networking function

Conference program

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

8.00 am	Registrations
8.45 am	Morning welcome
9.00 am	Professor Mark Kendall , Founder and CEO, <i>WearOptimo Pty Ltd.</i>
10.00 am	Morning tea
10.30 am	“Exploring the intersection of intent, policy, funding, metrics, government and community” Chair: Professor Janet Davies , <i>QUT</i> Panelists: Anita van der Meer , <i>CSIRO</i> Dr Rob Grenfell , <i>Grampians Health</i> Prof Mark Kendall , <i>ANU/WearOptimo</i> Dr Catriona Bruce , <i>IP Australia</i> Yasser El-Ansary , <i>FINSIA</i>
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	“Cincera Therapeutics - putting the pieces together for success” A/Prof Bernard Flynn , <i>Monash University</i> ; Dr Noel Chambers , <i>NFMRI</i> ; Dr Prashanth Rajan , <i>Brandon Capital</i>

Conference program

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

2.00 pm

“Navigating translation: a researcher’s perspective”

Chair: **Helen Wellings**

Panelists: **A/Prof Peter van Wijngaarden**, *CERA*
A/Prof Steven Wise, *The University of Sydney*
A/Prof Branka Grubor-Bauk, *The University of Adelaide*
Prof Janet Davies, *Queensland University of Technology*
A/Prof Joanne Macdonald, *University of Sunshine Coast*
Prof Nicholas Opie, *Synchron Australia*

3.30 pm

Afternoon tea

4.00 pm

“Next-step partners discussing the ‘valley of death’”

Chair: **Emeritus Professor A. Ian Smith**

Panelists: **Dr Phil Kearney**, *Axelia Oncology*
Dr Marthe D’Ombrain, *CSL*
Dr Julia Hocking, *Stryker*

5.00 pm

Conference wrap-up

**6.00 pm -
10.00 pm**

NFMRI’s Annual Awards Night

Thursday, 24 November 2022

9.00 am

“Collaborating to support medical research success”

Chair: **Nancy Ranner**, *NFMRI*

Panelists: **Vedran Drakulic OAM**, *Gandel Philanthropy*
Kerry Strydom, *Australian Cancer Research Foundation*
Dr Jacqueline Schmitt, *Heart Foundation*

9.45 am

“System changes to support translation” *Proudly sponsored by Hall & Wilcox*

Chair: **John Harkness**

Panelists: **Dr Chris Davis**, *Griffith University Institute for Glycomics*
Dr Julie-Anne White, *Queensland Health*
Erica Kneipp, *CSIRO*
Emeritus Prof. A Ian Smith
Dr Iris Depaz, *Sanofi Australia & New Zealand*



10.30 am

Morning tea

11.00 am

“Exploring private wealth: investor and donor perspectives”

Chair: **Keith Drewery**, *KPMG Australia*

Panelists: **Patrick Wilde AM**; **Dr Dave Kennedy**, *igiveonepercent.org*;
Bruce Mansfield, *Minderoo Foundation*; **Alison Gartner**

12.30 pm -
2.00 pm

Conference wrap-up followed by lunch and closing networking drinks

List of speakers



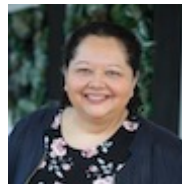
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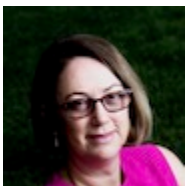
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Helen Wellings



Emeritus Prof. A Ian Smith
Chairman (RAC) & Director, NFMRI



Patrick Wilde AM



Kerry Strydom
CEO, Australian Cancer Research
Foundation



A/Prof Steven Wise
Founder, Nanomedx Inc. & The
University of Sydney



Anita van der Meer
Director - Business Development,
Health & Biosecurity, CSIRO



Dr Julie-Anne White
Executive Director, Office for Research
and Innovation, Queensland Health



A/Prof Peter van Wijngaarden
Deputy Director, Centre for Eye
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