



NFMRI'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE

26-28 November 2024

Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, Queensland

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Research with Purpose 2024

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 sixth medical research innovation conference *“Research with Purpose 2024”* at the Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Island in Queensland.

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, whom we commend 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 oversight, assistance and guidance. Importantly, an event such as this could not take place without sponsorship. We thank Hall & Wilcox and CSL for their support as our session sponsors.

As a funder, supporter and thought leader in biomedical research, NFMRI is committed to working collectively to help accelerate innovations towards success and impact. Our focus is on delivering tangible community benefits in a worthwhile way to help improve the health of humans.

Over the next three days, we hope you will share experiences with one another and derive real benefits from our speakers and panelists. The program focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital, philanthropy and community intersect to support biomedical innovations from beginning to end. You will notice that the audience includes a broad group of experts as each individual plays an important part of the research ecosystem. The future of the industry lies in our collective hands.

We hope that this is a memorable, worthwhile and exciting event and that each of you leaves with stronger connections and networks whilst having broadened your knowledge.

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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Conference etiquette

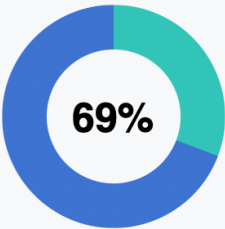
As this conference is as much about learning as it is about strategy and impact, a strict non-solicitation policy is in place. Under no circumstances are individuals to be approached for funding or support of any kind. Attendees soliciting for support may be asked to leave.

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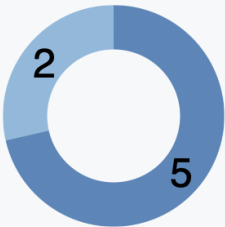
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NFMRI's Impact for purpose dashboard

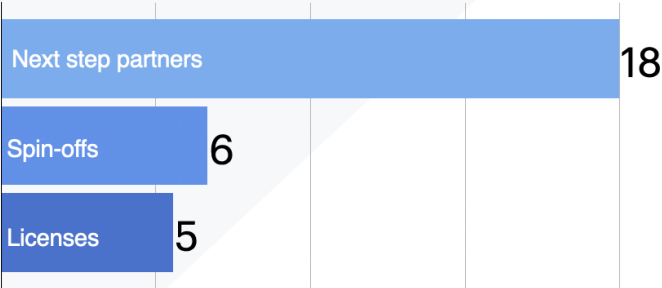
Projects Completed before 2022 with NFMRI's innovation strategy



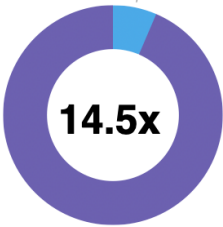
Next step partners



● Clinical trials ● Approved



\$4.1 Million



● NFMRI ● Leveraged

We have not counted one investment of \$212 million as it skews the figures (65.8x)

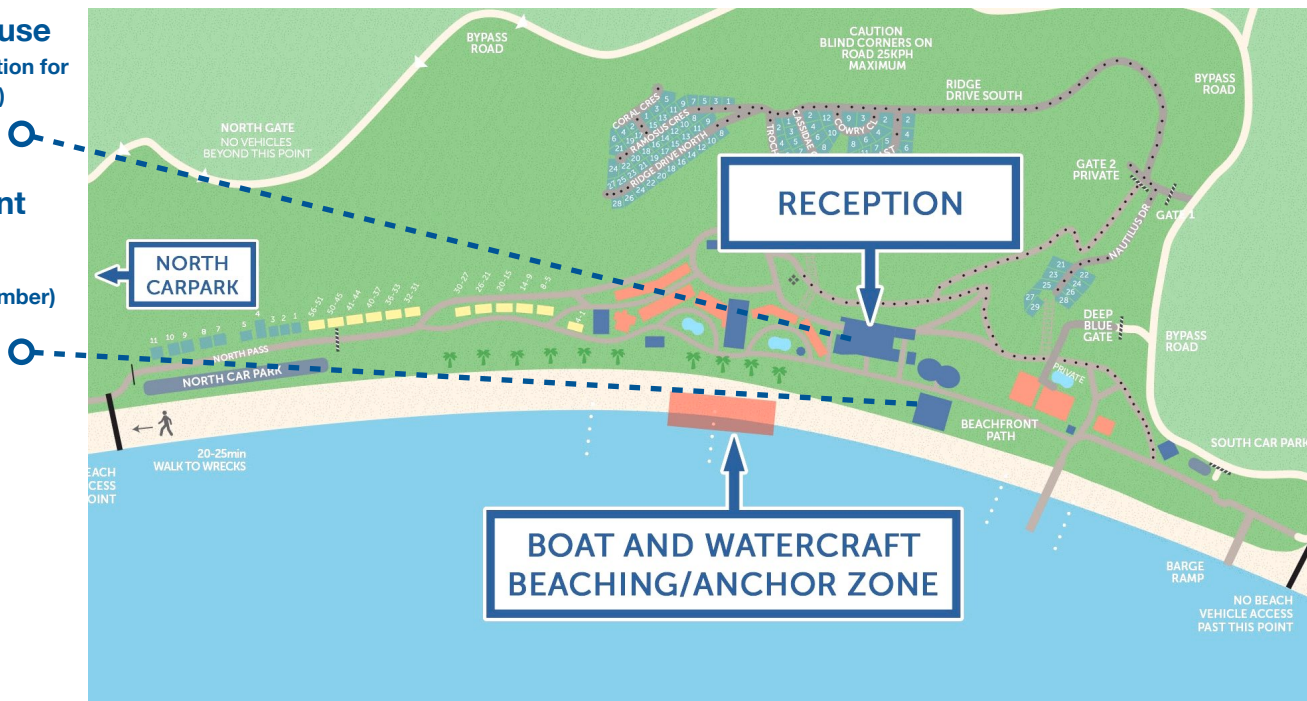
\$59.9 Million



Venue Map

Wheelhouse
(above reception for
26 November)

**Waterfront
Pavilion**
(27 - 28 November)



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Conference program

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

2.00 pm	Registrations at the Wheelhouse
2.45 pm	Welcome and opening Dr. Rob Sauer, Chairman, <i>NFMRI</i>
3.00 pm	Conference opening Professor Mark von Itzstein AO
3.30 pm	“Culture and balance: The key to supporting research from beginning to impact” Dr Noel Chambers, CEO, <i>NFMRI</i>
4.00 pm	Peter Bowen Oration Professor Andrew Wilks , <i>SYNthesis BioVentures</i>
5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Welcome networking function

Conference program

Wednesday, 27 November 2024

8.00 am	Registrations at the Waterfront Pavilion
8.45 am	Morning welcome
9.00 am	<i>“Bytes to bedside: the tech-driven journey of medical devices”</i> Bruce Haefele, <i>Amazon Web Services</i>
9.45 am	<i>“Fireside chat discussion of recent experiences in translation”</i> A/Prof. Branka Grubor Bauk, <i>University of Adelaide</i> ; Prof. Bernard Flynn, <i>Monash University</i> ; Dr. Noel Chambers, <i>NFMRI</i>
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	<i>“Policy’s role in supporting the medical research ecosystem”</i> Chair: Alison Choy Flannigan, <i>Hall & Wilcox</i> Panelists: Allison Bambrick, <i>Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist</i> Yasser El-Ansary, <i>FINSIA</i> Dr. Nicholas Johnson, <i>NHMRC</i> Dr. Timothy Evans, <i>Queensland Health</i>
12.00 pm	Lunch



Conference program

Wednesday, 27 November 2024

1.00 pm

“Commercialisation research teams”

Chair: **Dr. Marthe D’Ombrain**, *CSL Limited*

Panelists: **Dr. Chris Davis**, *Griffith University*

Dr. Aoife Cullen, *Monash University*

Prof. Michael Good AO, *Griffith University*

Prof. Steven Wise, *The University of Sydney*



2.00 pm

“The ins and outs of working successfully with venture capital groups”

Chair: **Prof. Bernard Flynn**, *Monash University*

Panelists: **Dr. Paul Kelly**, *OneVentures Pty. Ltd.*

Dr. Goslik Schepers

Dr. Anand Gautam, *G2OME Consulting*

3.15 pm

Afternoon tea

3.45 pm - 5.00 pm

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

Chair: **Emeritus Prof. Ian Smith**

Panelists: **Dr. Marthe D’Ombrain**, *CSL Limited*

Dr. Michelle Williams, *Sanofi Australia and New Zealand*

Dr. Julia Hocking, *Stryker*

Debbie Maranta, *Novartis Australia and New Zealand*

7.00pm - 10.30pm NFMRI’s Annual Awards Night Dinner

Thursday, 28 November 2024

9.00 am

“Collaborating for success and impact”

Chair: **Helen Wellings**

Panelists: **A/Prof. Cleola Anderiesz**, *National Breast Cancer Foundation*

Dr. Karin Sitte, *Equity Trustees*

Miriam Kent, *Gallipoli Medical Research*

Kerren Hosking, *Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation*

Nancy Ranner, *NFMRI*

10.00 am

“Opportunities for systems change to support translation”

Chair: **Dr. Noel Chambers**, *NFMRI*

Panelists: **Prof. Denise Doolan**, *The University of Queensland*

Prof. Julie-Anne White, *Queensland Health*

Prof. Michael Schuetz, *Queensland University of Technology*

11.00 am

Morning tea

11.30 am

“Achieving impact: investor and donor perspectives”

Chair: **Dr. Dave Kennedy**, *igiveonepercent.org*

Panelists: **Patrick Wilde AM**

Keith Drewery, *KPMG Australia*

Peter Johnstone, *Clem Jones Group*

12.30 pm -2.00pm **Conference wrap-up followed by lunch**

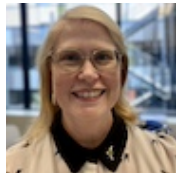
List of speakers



A/Prof. Cleola Anderiesz
Chief Executive Officer, National Breast
Cancer Foundation



Dr. Aoife Cullen
Head of Commercialisation (Life
Sciences), Monash Innovation



Allison Bambrick
Executive Director, Science
Development and Office of the
Queensland Chief Scientist,
Queensland Department of
Environment, Science and Innovation



Dr. Chris Davis
General Manager, Institute for
Biomedicine and Glycomics, Griffith
University



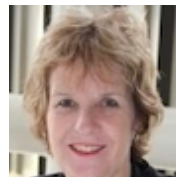
Dr. Noel Chambers
CEO, National Foundation for Medical
Research and Innovation



Dr. Marthe D'Ombrian
Executive Director & Head, Global
Research Innovation, CSL Limited



Alison Choy Flannigan
Partner, Hall & Wilcox



Prof. Denise Doolan
Director Research, Institute for Molecular
Bioscience, University of Queensland



Keith Drewery
Family Office Director



Prof. Michael Good AO
Principal Research Leader, Institute for
Biomedicine and Glycomics, Griffith
University



Yasser El-Ansary
CEO, FINSIA



A/Prof Branka Grubor-Bauk
Head of Viral Immunology Group,
University of Adelaide



Dr. Timothy Evans
Director, Business Development, Office
of Research and Innovation,
Queensland Health



Bruce Haefele
Head of Strategic Development and
Innovation, Amazon Web Services



Prof. Bernard Flynn
Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical
Sciences



John Harkness
Director, NFMRI



Dr. Anand Gautam
Founder, G2OME Consulting



Dr. Julia Hocking
Manager, Funding and Research
Partnerships, Stryker



Kerren Hosking
CEO, Sanfilippo Children's Foundation



Miriam Kent
CEO, Gallipoli Medical Research



Dr. Nicholas Johnson
Executive Director of Research
Partners, National Health and Medical
Research Council



Debbie Maranta
Senior Medical Scientific Liaison,
Novartis Australia & New Zealand



Peter Johnstone
CEO, Clem Jones Group



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Founding Partner & Director,
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Dr. Rob Sauer
Chairman, NFMRI



Dr. Dave Kennedy
Founder, igiveonepercent.org



Dr. Goslik Schepers
Business Strategy and Investment



Prof. Michael Schuetz
Chair of Trauma, Queensland
University of Technology



Prof. Julie White
Executive Director, Office of Research
and Innovation, Queensland Health



Dr. Karin Sitte
Trust & Grants Program Manager,
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Patrick Wilde AM



Emeritus Prof. A. Ian Smith
Chair of Research Advisory Committee
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Prof. Andrew Wilks
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Prof. Mark von Itzstein AO
Distinguished Professor, Institute for
Biomedicine and Glycomics, Griffith
University



Dr. Michelle Williams
Strategic Partnerships Leads, Sanofi
Australia and New Zealand



Helen Wellings



Prof. Steven Wise
Professor of Cardiovascular
Bioengineering, The University of Sydney



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