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*“Putting rubber on the road”*

# NFMRI Medical Research Innovation Conference

Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney NSW | 9–10 September 2015

# Word from NFMRI Chairman

## John Harkness, Chairman NFMRI Board of Trustees

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and our Conference Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our inaugural medical research innovation conference, "Putting rubber on the road".

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 and helping arrange the spectacular lineup of speakers. Thank you also to our Board and Research Advisory Committee Members for their support, and in particular Keith Drewery and Dr Ashley Bates for their assistance and guidance. Most importantly, we wish to thank the NSW Department of Primary Industries for their instrumental collaboration and for partnering with us as our conference partner. Thank you also to our conference supporter, Celgene Pty. Ltd.

Over the next two days, we hope you will share experiences with one another and derive real benefits from our speakers and panelists. We made sure that this event has a clear message, purpose and flow. Four themes were devised to discuss the need and opportunity to support and advance Australian biomedical research innovations:

- First, we aim to set the scene and give an overview of the current position;
- Second, we will focus on filling the innovation pipeline, discussing opportunities, challenges and how policy can play a supporting role;
- Third, we will focus on the importance collaborations play in helping innovations succeed; and
- Fourth, we will conclude with a discussion on the various types of investments (private, social and public) and how together they can ignite change.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

**John Harkness**  
*Chairman, NFMRI*



# Acknowledgements

Special thank you to our Conference Committee and to our Conference Partner and Supporter.

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Primary Industries

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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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# Venue Map


**In case of emergencies, please contact:**


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**Dr Noel Chambers** 0412 357 893


## How to get there


- A short walk across Pyrmont Bridge from the city
- Bus route 443 from the city or Sydney Explorer Bus
- Monorail alight at Harbourside station
- Light Rail alight at Pyrmont Bay station
- Sydney Ferries alight at Pyrmont Bay Wharf
- Discount parking available at Harbourside Car Park, Murray Street. Validate ticket at Museum.


 Information

 Restrooms


 Disabled parking

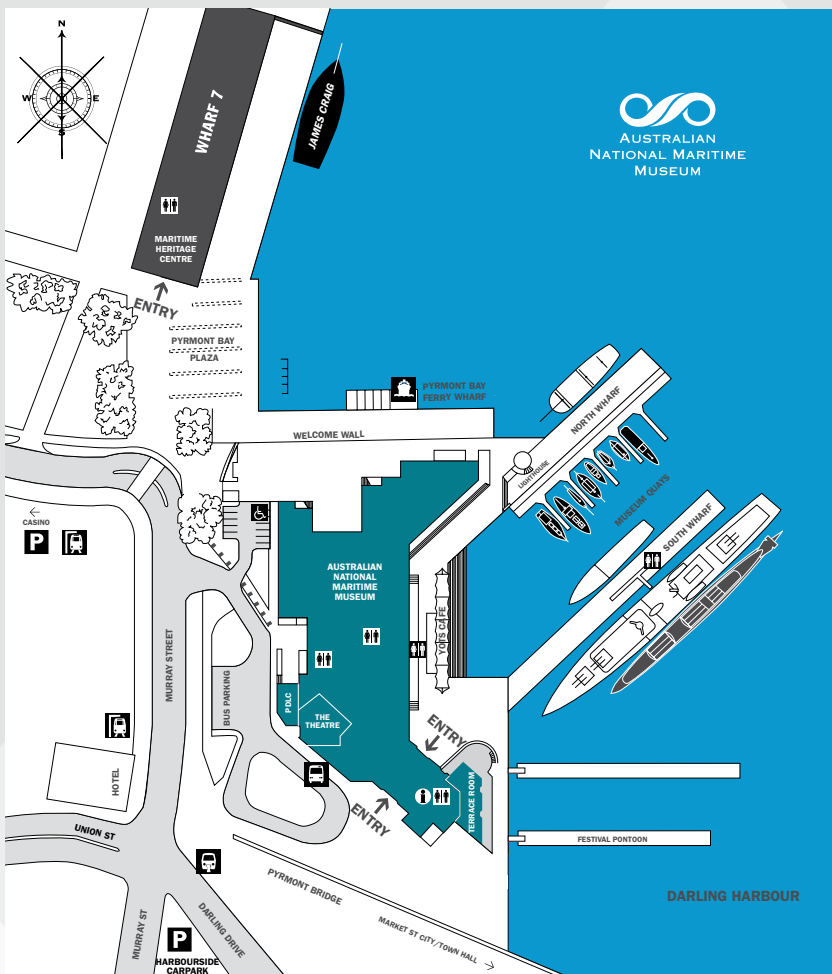
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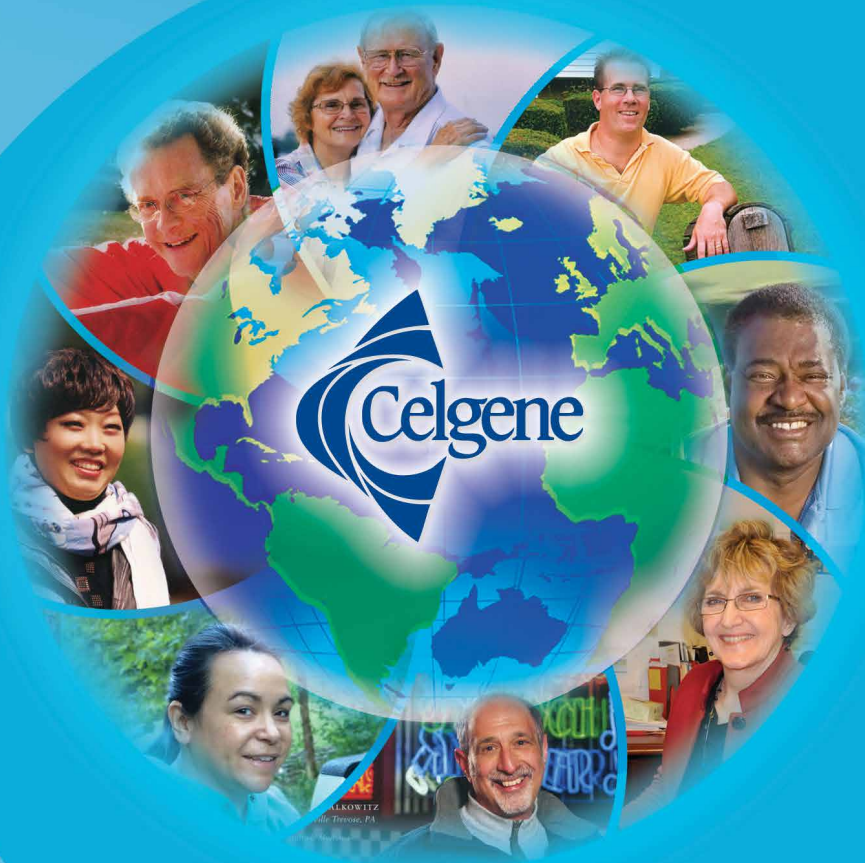
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# Conference program

Wednesday, 9 September 2015

8.00am	Registrations
8.45am	Welcome and opening <b>John Harkness</b> , Chairman, NFMRI
9.00am	<b>“Putting rubber on the road”</b> <b>Paul Clitheroe AM</b>
<b>THEME 1 – Biomedical research: Australia’s current state of play</b>	
9.30am	<b>The Hon Niall Blair MLC</b> , Minister for Primary Industries, NSW Government
10.00am	<b>“Advancing Australia’s global innovation position”</b> <b>Professor Peter Rathjen</b> , Vice-Chancellor, The University of Tasmania
10.45am	Morning tea
11.15am	<b>“Supporting biomedical research projects: where are we now and where are we headed?”</b> Chair: <b>Keith Drewery</b> Panelists: <b>Caitriona Fay</b> , Perpetual Private Wealth; <b>Christopher Thorn</b> , Evans & Partners; <b>Tabitha Lovett</b> , Equity Trustees, <b>Gina Anderson</b> , GDI Funds Management, <b>Nancy Ranner</b> , NFMRI
12.30pm	Lunch

## THEME 2 – Filling the innovation pipeline

### “Improving policy and support to deliver impact from biomedical innovations”

Chair: **Professor Peter Doherty AC**

1.45pm

Panelists: **Doron Ben-Meir**, University of Melbourne; **Dr Jenean Spencer**, Commonwealth Department of Health; **Bruce Christie**, NSW Department of Primary Industries; **Professor Anne Kelso AO**, National Health and Medical Research Council

3.15pm

Afternoon tea

### “Challenges and opportunities to fill the innovation pipeline”

Chair: **Dr Noel Chambers**

3.45pm

Panelists: **Dr Alastair Hick**, Monash University; **Mike Wilson**, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), **Professor Ian Smith**, Monash University; **Lynne Teo**, Griffith Hack

5.00pm

Conference wrap up

5.30pm–

9:30pm

Networking function aboard HMAS Vampire, Australian National Maritime Museum

# Conference program

Thursday, 10 September 2015

8.00am	Registrations
8.45am	Welcome and opening Dr Noel Chambers, CEO, NFMRI
THEME 3 – Why collaborations lead to better biomedical investments	
9.00am	<b>“When universities get it right: the virtues of being fully engaged”</b> Professor Mark Dodgson, University of Queensland
9.45am	<b>“Valuing Australian biomedical innovations: perspectives matter”</b> Lara Verdian, Associate Director Health Economics and Social Policy, Deloitte Australia
10.30am	Morning tea
11.10am	<b>“Advancing innovations through collaborations and partnerships”</b> Chair: Helen Wellings, Channel 7 Panelists: Dr Janet Davies, The University of Queensland; Professor Michael Good AO, Griffith University; Professor Stephen Haswell, Deakin University; A/Prof Guillaume Lessene, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
12.15pm	Lunch



#### THEME 4 – Social and commercial investments in biomedical research

1.15pm	<p><b>“Translation and commercialisation: the importance of industry and venture capital”</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Dr Ashley Bates</b></p> <p>Panelists: <b>Dr Chris Nave</b>, Brandon Capital; <b>Dr Paul Kelly</b>, OneVentures; <b>Dr Kevin Lynch</b>, Celgene; <b>Dr Dan Grant</b>, Pfizer, <b>Prof Maree Smith</b>, University of Queensland</p>
2.15pm	<p><b>“A social investor’s role in supporting biomedical research”</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Dr Dave Kennedy</b></p> <p>Panelists: <b>Roger Massy-Greene</b>, Eureka Capital Partners; <b>Dr Aron Ping D’Souza</b>, Good Super and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova for Australia; <b>Peter Hunt AM</b>, Chairman, Greenhill Australia and Engaged Philanthropist; <b>Natalie Moss</b>, Managing Director, FSHD Global Research Foundation</p>
3.30pm	<p>Conference wrap up</p> <p><b>John Harkness</b>, Chairman, NFMRI</p>
3.45pm – 5.00pm	<p>Afternoon tea and drinks</p>

# List of speakers



**Gina Anderson**

Director, GDI Funds Management



**Bruce Christie**

Deputy Director General, Biosecurity NSW



**Dr Ashley Bates**

Director, National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



**Paul Clitheroe AM**



**Doron Ben-Meir**

Executive Director Research, Innovation & Commercialisation, The University of Melbourne



**Dr Janet Davies**

Senior Research Fellow, The University of Queensland



**The Hon. Niall Blair MLC**

Minister for Primary Industries, NSW Government



**Prof Mark Dodgson**

Professor of Innovation Management, The University of Queensland



**Dr Noel Chambers**

CEO, National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



**Prof Peter Doherty AC**



**Keith Drewery**

Trustee, National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



**Caitriona Fay**

National Manager Philanthropy,  
Perpetual Private Wealth



**Prof Michael Good AO**

Principal Research Leader and NHMRC  
Australia Fellow, Institute for Glycomics,  
Griffith University



**Dr Daniel Grant**

Senior Director and Head of External  
Research and Development Innovation, Pfizer



**John Harkness**

Chairman, National Foundation for Medical  
Research and Innovation



**Prof Stephen Haswell**

Chair in Sensors and Microfluidics,  
Deakin University



**Dr Alastair Hick**

Director Commercialisation,  
Monash University



**Peter Hunt AM**

Chairman, Greenhill Australia and  
Engaged Philanthropist



**Dr Paul Kelly**

Partner and Managing Director,  
OneVentures Pty. Ltd.



**Prof Anne Kelso AO**

CEO, National Health and Medical  
Research Council

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**Dr Dave Kennedy**

Founder, I Give One Percent



**Natalie Moss**

Managing Director, FSHD Global Research Foundation



**A/Prof Guillaume Lessene**

Division Head, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research



**Dr Chris Nave**

Founding Partner, Brandon Capital Partners



**Tabitha Lovett**

General Manager of Philanthropy, Equity Trustees



**Dr Aron Ping D'Souza**

Executive Chairman, Good Super



**Dr Kevin Lynch**

Vice President, Clinical Development and Medical Affairs, Celgene



**Nancy Ranner**

Grants, Communications and Engagement, National Foundation for Medical Research & Innovation



**Roger Massy-Greene**

Chairman, Eureka Capital Partners



**Prof Peter Rathjen**

Vice-Chancellor, The University of Tasmania



**Prof Ian Smith**

Vice-Provost (Research & Research Infrastructure), Monash University



**Prof Maree Smith**

Executive Director, The University of Queensland



**Dr Jenean Spencer**

Assistant Secretary, Department of Health



**Lynne Teo**

IP Analytics Advisor, Griffith Hack



**Christopher Thorn**

Head of Philanthropy and Social Finance, Evans and Partners



**Lara Verdian**

Associate Director, Health Economics and Social Policy, Deloitte Access Economics



**Helen Wellings**

Presenter, Channel 7



**Mike Wilson**

CEO, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

## Notes



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