



LIFE SCIENCES WA

Issue 25 brings you the latest news, events and opportunities in the agriculture, aquaculture, health and commercial sectors. Read on to find out more...

The 5th Annual Western Australian BioInnovation Symposium

The two day Symposium served as a convergence point for innovators, industry partners, and investors, offering a unique opportunity to explore partnering opportunities in life science sectors. Thank you to the brilliant speakers who took the time to present their organisations, projects, and innovative passion with the audience.

A huge shoutout to the incredible sponsors for helping make our event such a success!

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evokeAG Wrap Up

AgriFutures evokeAG. 2024 opened its doors to over 1,800 delegates to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia, to share, connect, and collaborate for the future of Australia's agrifood tech industry.

Day 1 of the program saw 48 national and international speakers from four countries, hit the stage. A diverse line-up of 47 speakers from seven countries took to the stage on Day 2 to inspire, challenge, and transform the way we think about food and farming into the future.

Across the two-day event, delegates gained an in-depth view of the topics, challenges and solutions that are set to shape the agrifood tech sector in the years to come.

Potential treatment hope for Angelman syndrome supported by a Telethon grant

The initial development of a novel drug treatment for children living with rare genetic diseases including Angelman syndrome has been supported by a Channel 7 Telethon Trust grant.

The research focuses on three imprinting disorders (congenital conditions) associated with faulty genes on chromosome 15: Angelman syndrome (AS), Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) and 15q11-q13 duplication syndrome (dup15q).

Pictured: Dr Andrew Tai at the Perron Institute



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The southern garfish metro fishery is reopening on 1 March

From Friday 1 March, recreational fishers will have access to southern garfish in the Perth metro area. The prohibition on taking southern garfish will be lifted after a 7 year closure, which was put in place after research identified a high risk to the sustainability of the Cockburn Sound stock. Reducing fishing pressure over this time has helped boost southern garfish stocks and will now provide additional opportunities to fish.



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Life Sciences WA Investor Series Podcasts - Season Two

Have you listened to Season Two of the Life Sciences WA Investor Series Podcasts?

Listen to conversations with experts from medical science to finance to help demystify investing in biotech, medtech and digital tech.



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Access Asia Business Grants

The Access Asia Business Grant (AABG) aims to support Western Australian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and organisations to advance their export and trade in new Asian markets and contribute to WA's economic diversification.

It is a key initiative under Western Australia's Asian Engagement Strategy 2019-2030 - Our future with Asia designed to strengthen the local business sector's Asia business capability. Applications for round 6 of the Access Asia Business Grants are open now, find more information on the [Round 6 Applications page](#). Round 6 of the AABG program is now open and closes at 12 noon AWST, Friday 15 March 2024.



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Perth Biodesign Course

The 7-month, part-time Perth Biodesign Course brings together multidisciplinary teams to identify unmet clinical needs and work towards inventing a medical technology or digital health solution, whilst learning about the development process. The typical structure of a Perth Biodesign team includes passionate individuals with a clinical, engineering/software development, business and/or research background.

The application deadline is Sunday 17 March 2024 at 11.59pm.



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Agristart HARVEST Program

HARVEST is WA's leading business development program for start-ups and SMEs looking to innovate in the agrifood and Agtech industries. Over the last 7 years, HARVEST programs have had more than 70 graduates and successfully delivered new connections, partners, customers, and investment opportunities to participants, while also supporting collaboration across the industry in WA.

Applications closes on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

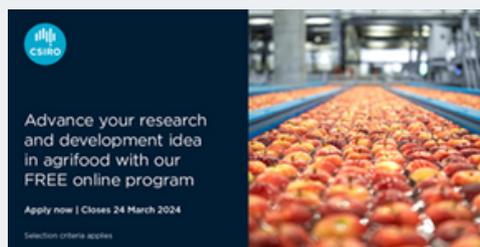


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Innovate to Grow Program: Agrifood WA

Applications are open for a free 10-week program for small-to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) working on innovative ideas in agriculture and food and exploring how research and development (R&D) can advance their project or idea.

Applications close 24 March 2024, with the program commencing on 11 April 2024.



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WAITTA INCITE Awards

The INCITE Awards are your platform to amplify the innovative work you're doing to benefit WA and the wider community. With support from our patron, neuroscientist and educator Lyn Beazley, previous INCITE Awards winners and our media partners, winning at INCITE could be the kick-start you're looking for.

Project Entries close on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

Honorary Awards Entries close on Friday, 24 May 2024 at 11.59pm WST



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FHRI Fund Enabling Scheme

The Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Enabling Scheme aims to increase the scale and excellence of health and medical research and innovation in WA by supporting accessible local infrastructure.

The FHRI Fund Enabling Scheme will provide support for capital costs associated with undertaking health and medical research and/or innovation in Western Australia.

Applications Close: 1.00pm (AWST), 4 April 2024



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New Industries Fund: Commercialisation Bridge Grant

The Commercialisation Bridge Grant (CBG) is a competitive Western Australian government grant, funded through the \$25.8 million [New Industries Fund](#).

Launching for the first time in 2023-24, the CBG has been designed to assist WA innovators in bridging the gap - the so-called 'Valley of Death' - between a commercialised innovation and a sustainable, scalable business, creating more jobs and economic diversification for Western Australia.

The upcoming 'cut-off date' for the 2023/24 financial year submissions is 11am (AWST), Thursday, 4 April 2024.



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MedChem Australia Announces its First Call for Project Applications

MedChem Australia is thrilled to announce its inaugural call for Round 1 project applications is now open. With a commitment to breaking down medicinal chemistry & DMPK capability barriers and fostering partnerships that promise to drive breakthroughs in drug discovery, MedChem Australia invites applications from researchers across Australia. This call for applications aligns with MedChem Australia's goal to facilitate the translation of cutting-edge research into tangible advancements in drug discovery.

Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, 19 April 2024.



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Brandon BioCatalyst Workshop - Developing a Target Product Profile - 18 March 2024

In partnership with [Curtin University](#) and the WA Government, Brandon BioCatalyst presents a workshop: Developing a Target Product Profile. Learnings include:

- key ingredients for a fundable commercialisation program
- clinical trial strategy
- health economic considerations for success

A conversation with Dr Kate Hilyard - 27 March 2024

To achieve anything you have to find ways of overcoming the barrier of complexity, which Kate will explore through a seminar followed by a fireside chat (Q&A encouraged) with WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub's Director of Stakeholder Engagement Dr Tracey Wilkinson.

18th Bioshares Biotech Summit - 12-13 July 2024

Bioshares is delighted to announce that the 18th Bioshares Biotech Summit will be held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, Western Australia on the 12-13 July 2024

Following on from a very successful event in Hobart during 2023 which had a record 200 attendees, the move to Fremantle will provide the opportunity for biotech companies to access new retail and institutional investors in WA, and for biotechs and service providers to build closer links with a very active biotech sector in the state which enjoys strong support from the WA State Government.



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AusBiotech Melbourne - 30 October - 1 November 2024

For over 38 years, the AusBiotech conference has served as the leading international meeting place for the Australian life science community. AusBiotech is Australia's annual flagship industry conference and will continue to advance the biotech community with local and international industry leaders building relationships and having the opportunity to recharge, re-energise and refresh.

AusBiotech 2024 will be held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre from Wednesday 30 October to Friday 1 November 2024.



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