



LIFE SCIENCES WA

Life Sciences WA welcomes you to its first newsletter of 2022! In this edition we bring you the latest news in the aquaculture and health sector, a supporter survey where you can have your say about future Life Sciences WA events, and the official announcement of our Investment Series Program.

Life Sciences WA secures XTEND Grant funding for 'Investment Series' education program

Life Sciences WA (LSWA) is proud to announce that it has been successful in securing funding through the WA State Government's X-TEND Grant program, as part of the New Industries Fund (NIF).

The matched funding component of this grant has been provided through the MTPConnect Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry (REDI) program.

We'll be partnering with professionals with deep expertise across the life sciences such as ANDHealth.



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Life Sciences WA Supporter Survey

In case you missed it in your inbox on Monday, Life Sciences WA has launched a Supporters Survey. This will directly inform the events and services we provide for 2022, so your feedback is essential.

Click on the "Complete Survey" link to complete the Life Sciences WA Supporter Survey if you haven't already done so. A massive thank you to all of those who have already completed the survey.



[Complete Survey](#)

Meet the Industry - Dr Michael Winlo

In our second interview with our colleagues in the life sciences WA industry, we sat down with Dr Michael Winlo, CEO and Managing Director of biopharmaceutical company Emyria.

Emyria, which listed on the ASX last year, has seven patient-treating clinics around Australia, which it uses to progress the development and registration of new drugs.



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Rare Disease Day

On Monday the 28th of February, we acknowledged a very important day for our life science community - Rare Disease Day.

With over 300 million people worldwide living with a rare disease, Life Sciences WA acknowledges our researchers who are dedicated to reducing the time it takes to get diagnosed, improving access to therapies and care, increasing R&D and improving equity.



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Expressions of Interest for a 'Team WA' delegation to BIO 2022 - San Diego

Life Sciences WA are seeking expressions from Perth/WA based organisations that may be interested in travelling to the 2022 BIO Convention in San Diego - California, as part of a unified front and similar to the highly successful 'Team Perth/WA' delegations that have run in previous years.



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For more information, please contact Michael Pasquale by email.

World-first trial of targeted bladder cancer treatment showing promise

Results of a ground-breaking trial investigating the injection of a new type of cancer therapy directly into the bladder are promising good news for future treatment of the disease.

Professor of Urology at The University of Western Australia Dickon Hayne led the world first SUBDUE-1 trial, which saw the immune-stimulating cancer drug durvalumab injected directly into patients' bladder tissue, rather than a vein, for the first time.

Article taken from UWA Impact Newsroom



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Freshwater mussels dying suddenly and in the thousands

Freshwater mussels are dying suddenly and in the thousands, with each mass death event bringing these endangered molluscs closer to extinction. Tragically, these events rarely get noticed.

In March last year, for example, seawater was introduced into the lower Vasse River in south-western Australia to control harmful algal blooms. This killed the entire population of Carter's freshwater mussel (*Westralunio carteri*) in this section of the river.

Article taken from Murdoch University News page



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Next week is International Women's Day..

In celebration of International Women's Day, we have an exciting project currently in the works. Keep an eye out for some familiar faces from Life Sciences WA on both LinkedIn and Twitter, where they debrief you on their previous and present science experiences...



Biotechnology Trail in Technology Park - Bentley. Lunch Event & Networking

18 March 2022

Discover the biotechnology that Tech Park has to offer and hear from new and established businesses whilst enjoying a fabulous lunch!



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Biointelect Venturer

The Biointelect Venturer program is a 1-day course designed for those who are looking to leverage external funding to accelerate the commercialisation of their product or to take their start-up to the next level. The program will provide participants with a real world understanding of the investment environment in Australia and other key markets and is designed to ensure participants will be both partner ready and investor ready.



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