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Life Sciences WA would like to thank all of our community for their support in 2021. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to supporting you in a jam-packed 2022.

### Message from the Chairperson

I would like to thank each of our supporters for your contribution and dedication to the shared vision of what we have all created through Life Sciences WA. In the short nine months since the inception of our association, we have made great strides towards our goal of connecting, accelerating and promoting life sciences innovation in Western Australia.



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### Meet the Industry - Dr Catherine Wingate

In the first of our interviews with our colleagues in the life sciences WA industry, we sit down with Dr Catherine Wingate, a Research Associate with UWA's School of Molecular Sciences and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Catherine has been developing a blood test which can be used in the global aquaculture industry to improve productivity and industry sustainability.



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## **Tattarang enters the medical cannabis arena with a \$5 million investment**

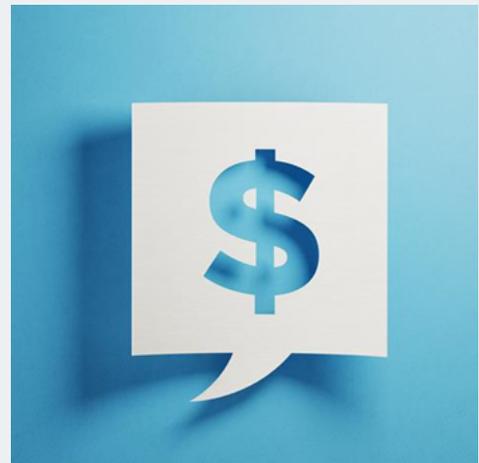
Tattarang has entered the sector with a \$5 million share placement into Perth-based health technology company Emyria, amid rapid growth in the sector in Australia. Emyria, which listed on the ASX last year, has seven patient-treating clinics around Australia, which it uses to progress the development and registration of new drugs.



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## **MTPConnect launches new program with industry partners supporting early clinical development of medical devices**

The Clinical Translation and Commercialisation - Medtech (CTCM) program is a \$19.75 million initiative funded by the Australian Government's Medical Research Future Fund. MTPConnect Managing Director and CEO, Dr Dan Grant, says the new funding program will offer financial assistance, educational support and infrastructure access to Australian small to medium-sized enterprises.



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## **Innovation Aus Awards 2021**

Perth-based startup Nuheara has taken out the inaugural Wildcard award at the InnovationAus 2021 Awards for Excellence.

Nuheara took out the prize with a tech that is designed to improve the daily lives of its customers. Nuheara's wearable tech offers hearing enhancement for the millions of Australians who suffer from some form of hearing sensitivity and loss, without the stigma or many thousand-dollar price tag of traditional hearing aids.



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## Researchers dig deep to uncover soil fungi

Researchers from The University of Western Australia's Institute of Agriculture have collaborated on a world-first study to directly compare the abundance and richness of two groups of root-colonising fungi across a diverse set of Australian biomes.

The research team collected roots from paired agricultural and natural sites across 10 Australian biomes – from the tropical savannah of the Northern Territory to the montane forests of Tasmania to the Mediterranean shrublands of Western Australia to characterise communities of fungi.



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## Cancer Council WA supports development of less toxic treatments for childhood brain cancer

Telethon Kids Institute Cancer Centre researcher, Dr Raelene Endersby, will work to develop less toxic treatments for children with brain cancer, thanks to support from Cancer Council WA.

Dr Endersby has been awarded a Cancer Council WA Research Fellowship worth almost \$500,000, which will seek to test two experimental cancer drugs combined with low-dose radiation to determine if the combination is more effective for children with medulloblastoma.



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## Packapill officially launches on-demand app

Medtech startup Packapill has officially launched its on-demand health services app, which has been endorsed by national pharmacy chains.

Founded by trio Lenin Rajendran, Thiru Rajendran and Vishnu Gopalan, Packapill provides on-demand delivery services of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical products from local pharmacies in under three hours.



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## Herbicide research provides sustainable farming solutions

Work at the University of Western Australia is contributing to new and sustainable farming solutions with its research into herbicides.

New WA-based agricultural technology company DemAgtech is commercialising herbicides developed at UWA with the aim to develop products that address the increasing issue of herbicide resistance.



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## 22 !!!

22 is the number of job vacancies we have on our website at the moment! If you haven't checked it recently, why not see what career opportunities are available throughout WA in the aquaculture, agriculture and health sectors.



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