



Issue 12 includes news on recipients of the FHRI Fund Seed Fund, information on the new Co-Funding Partnerships Program and an overview of the first event as part of our Investment Series Program.

Life Sciences WA Investment Series launch – Investor Meets Innovator Event

Thank you to all who joined us for the Life Sciences WA Investor Meets Innovator Launch. The event, chaired by Dr Tracey Wilkinson of MTPConnect and Vice-Chair of LSWA, featured presentations on life science investment opportunities in Western Australia, presented by Grace Lethlean (ANDHealth), Rob McKenzie (Blackwall Legal and Perron Institute), Nick Buckley (VeinTech) and Luke Marshall (Biotome).



More events for the Life Sciences WA Investor Meets Innovator series to be announced soon.

Pictured: Perron Institute Chair Rob McKenzie, Tracey Wilkinson and Gary Cox from Life Sciences WA.

Perron Institute seeks nominations for new health sector innovator award

Nominations are invited for a new Perron Institute award, the Byron Kakulas Medal, celebrating innovation in health and medical research.

Created in honour of the Western Australian based Perron Institute's Founding Director Emeritus Professor Byron Kakulas AO, it commemorates the Institute's 40th Anniversary.

The inaugural award will recognise the contribution of an individual or small team having a transformational impact on the health and wellbeing of Western Australians.

Pictured: Professor Brian Kakulas (Perron Institute Founding Director)



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Co-Funding Partnerships Program provides opportunity for increased impact through collaboration

The McGowan Government has recently announced an innovative program aimed to provide an avenue for individuals or organisations to co-fund health and medical research and innovation programs that will contribute to the health and wellbeing of Western Australians.

The Co-Funding Partnerships Program (Co-FPP), an initiative of the McGowan Government's Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund, provides financial assistance to support health and medical research and innovation projects.



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A new roadmap to save Australia's seagrasses

A grim picture has been painted for the future of Australia's seagrass meadows, with some areas under threat of decimation from coastal development, marine sediments and climate change.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) scientists have been the first to map the current and future risks to Australia's seagrass meadows across the continent's entire 35,000km coastline.



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Synthetic gene circuits for precise reprogramming of plants

Researchers from The University of Western Australia are building synthetic gene circuits to control and customise where, when, and under what environmental conditions a gene is turned on or off in a plant.

Dr James Lloyd from UWA's School of Molecular Sciences, said the synthetic gene circuits could be used to engineer plants with enhanced resistance to harmful environmental conditions or pathogens, improved growth and nutritional characteristics, and to make new useful products on demand.



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Life sciences projects share in \$8 million of funding through the Innovation Seed Fund

17 life sciences projects have received funding through the first round of the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund's – Innovation Seed Fund Program.

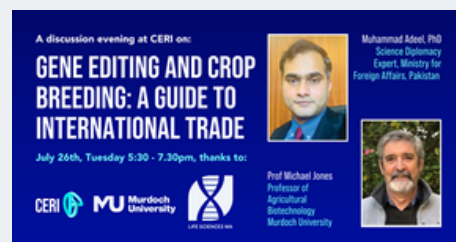
VeinTech were one of the 17 successful applicants, and secured \$500,000 to accelerate the development of their med-tech device, the VeinWave, a hand-sized portable device that aims to simplify and improve intravenous cannulation.



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Gene Editing and Crop Breeding: A Guide to International Trade

Join us on July 26 at CERI to hear from Prof Michael Jones and Muhammad Adeel, PhD, where they will discuss new breeding technologies such as Gene-Editing, which promise to provide radical new tools to advance plant breeding, both for horticultural and broadacre crops. The gene-editing toolbox will be described, together with commercial applications.



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Stay for a panel discussion and some networking drinks & nibbles.

WA MTP Sector Spotlight Series with AIQ Solutions

This month, join AIQ Solutions' President & CEO Eric Horler in conversation with MTPConnect's Dr Tracey Wilkinson for a fireside chat discussing the AIQ story, including creating a startup out of a University project, and found out why a startup in Wisconsin came all the way to Perth to set up its only other office.



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A Night of Innovation

Are you a supporter of WA Startups?

Do you want to find a Startup to invest in?

Join us at the WA Museum Boola Bardip on the 7th September for a pitching and networking night to help as many WA start up's as possible to accelerate their journey!



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HARVEST 5 Agtech Innovation Showcase & Pitch Night

The Showcase is an expo style networking event featuring the latest businesses looking to innovate in the Agtech industry.

These start-ups and SME's will have their innovations on display and pitch for investment opportunities.



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