



LIFE SCIENCES WA

It's been a busy month for Life Sciences WA and we're thrilled you've been a part of it. Read on for the latest life sciences events, news, research and innovations being developed right here in WA.

### **Congratulations Argenica!**

WA Life Sciences has another success story - Argenica Therapeutics, the developer of a novel treatment for stroke victims, has made its ASX debut. Argenica's innovative therapeutic is designed to be administered by first responders to reduce brain tissue damage following a stroke, improving patient outcomes and reduced longterm healthcare costs. Congratulations Argenica on this major milestone!



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### **Seafarms Group raises \$90m**

Aquaculture company Seafarms Group has raised \$90 million and is seeking to raise \$15 million more to start construction of its black tiger prawn operation, Project Sea Dragon, with WA's Exmouth playing an important role in the project.

## Wide Open Agriculture to develop plant-based protein products

In Western Australia, a small company that promotes regenerative agricultural techniques that respect animals and build biodiversity and the ability of the land to capture carbon is fast gaining traction. Wide Open Agriculture has just announced it will spend \$1.6 million to construct a pilot plant and research facility at Kewdale in Perth to manufacture food-grade lupin and other plant based protein products.



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## Mackenzie's Mission

WA is leading the way in a national \$20 million genetic screening study testing selected couples for genetic mutations that cause severe diseases. The study known as Mackenzie's Mission, co-led by Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research geneticist Professor Nigel Laing AO, aims to test 1300 WA couples as part of a national total of 10,000 couples.

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## Life Sciences WA Event at Capacity

Our May event on the topic of How to Access Dilutive Funding & Investment in WA Life Sciences was completely sold-out. Investors, innovators and researchers from all areas of life sciences packed the room eager to hear from our experienced panel Tracie Clark, Martin Blake and Liddy McCall. The key question of the night was what investors look for in an opportunity. Not surprisingly, a really good management team is the number one criterion! Thank you to our friends at CERI for hosting the event.





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## Cutting Edge Health and Research 2021

Business News recently released a special edition showcasing WA's medical research and innovation. As Editor Matt Mackenzie said "Medical Research is an opportunity to build on WA's entrepreneurial edition. We're sharing some of the sector's stories in this publication". Thank you to Business News for making this special edition available free to our Life Sciences WA Members.

## Future-proofing WA Agriculture (21 July 2021)

The UWA Institute of Agriculture will host its 15th annual industry forum on the topic Maximising Opportunities for a Resilient Food Production System through expert presentations and lively panel discussions. Hear from Agrarian Management Consultants founder Paul McKenzie, KPMG Food and Agribusiness Sector National Lead Georgie Aley, UWA Associate Professor Nik Callow, LA.ONE Economics and Consulting Principal Lucy Anderton, Jasper Farms Technical Manager Jacinta Foley Kalannie WA farmers Bob and Amanda Nixon.



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## **Australia's largest life sciences conferences come to WA (Oct 2022)**

Two of Australia's premier life science industry events are heading to Western Australia in 2022, for the first time in more than 15 years. AusBiotech 2022 and Australia Biotech Invest & Partnering 2022 will showcase Australian life sciences, and deliver the biggest week in biotech for the year.

An anticipated audience of over 1000 attendees will hear from speakers on issues essential to growing commercial opportunities for the local health and medical life sciences industry, including regenerative medicine, gene therapies, biotech investing, precision medicine and clinical trials.

## **WAFIP Program to Grow Innovative Agrifood SME's**

On 20 May, the \$3.85 Enterprise Support Program (ESP) opened for applications in conjunction with the official industry launch of the Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct (WAFIP). Up to \$200,000 is available to support small-to-medium sized agrifood companies and agripreneurs to accelerate business development, commercialise research, develop new products and deliver projects that demonstrate innovation, diversification and export capability.



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## Sector Vacancies

Our goal is to connect WA's life sciences community and share opportunities, which is why we have launched our Vacancies page on our Sector Vacancies website. We are currently advertising a number of positions in WA's life science community. If you would like us to share your positions vacant, email us.

## What's the Buzz?

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