



**LIFE SCIENCES WA**

Welcome to Issue 10 of the Life Sciences WA monthly newsletter. In this edition we bring you the latest news in the aquaculture and health sector, the chance to register for our first event as part of the much anticipated Life Sciences WA Investment Series, as well as an exciting partnership aimed at advancing health and life science research through commercialisation.

## **Life Sciences WA Investment Series launch – Investor Meets Innovator Event - 17/05/22**

Join us either in person or online as we launch the Life Sciences WA Investment Series, exploring opportunities in the digital health for the WA pharmaceutical and device landscape with presentations from Bronwyn Le Grice, Co-Founder and CEO of ANDHealth, and Liddy McCall, Co-Founder and Director of Yuuwa Capital.

The event will also feature a fireside chat with local life sciences entrepreneurs moderated by LSWA Vice-Chair Dr Tracey Wilkinson, followed by some drinks and networking.

If you are interested in attending, please register via Eventbrite through the link to the right.



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## 40under40 Awards

Business News' 21st 40under40 awards were presented last Friday night at a gala event in celebration of WA's top young business talent across a diverse mix of sectors.

A massive congratulations to Michael Challenor of VitalTrace for being recognised as one of WA's top 40 leading business entrepreneurs and professionals at the 40under40 awards.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



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## Texas Medical Center and Biodesign Australia Announce Partnership

Houston, TX, USA and Perth, WA, Australia – Texas Medical Center (TMC) and Biodesign Australia announced this week a partnership aimed at advancing health and life science research through commercialisation, innovation and research. TMC and Biodesign Australia will work collaboratively to facilitate opportunities between TMC Biodesign and programs within the Biodesign Australia network, and founders and entrepreneurs will be provided with access to talent, clinical trial activity, expanded funding opportunities and market access. The announcement builds on the TMC/Australia BioBridge, which was launched in 2018.



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## Call for APSA-ASCEPT 2022 Symposia Proposals

Submission is now open for symposia proposals to be presented at the APSA-ASCEPT 2022 Joint Conference to be held from Tuesday 29 November – Friday 2 December 2022 in Perth. The theme of the conference is Local and global partnerships to drive innovation and impact.

The deadline for submitting symposia proposals is Monday 30 May 2022.



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## 'Bycatch' dolphin capture in WA not sustainable, study finds

A new study by an international team of researchers has shown that past and ongoing levels of dolphin capture in the Pilbara, Western Australia, are not sustainable.

The research found that fishing results in the accidental capture, so-called 'bycatch', of non-target species, threatening protected and endangered wildlife.



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## Crucial link found between arthritis, liver disease and Australia's most common genetic condition

New Edith Cowan University (ECU) research has identified a crucial link between arthritis and the risk of serious liver disease in people with Australia's most common genetic condition.

An estimated 100,000 Australians carry the high-risk genotype for Hemochromatosis, a condition affecting people of northern European descent which sees the body accumulate too much iron.



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## 60th Western Australian Export Awards open for 2022

The Western Australian Export Awards have opened for 2022, seeking to recognise businesses that are competing in global markets, generating export income and creating new jobs. There are 13 categories to apply to before nominations close on 10 June 2022.



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## WA MTP Sector Spotlight Series - 31/05/22

The monthly breakfast series is an opportunity for representatives from across the MTP sector to connect, collaborate and learn about upcoming opportunities, and hear the stories and successes of WA organisations developing health and medical innovations. Join us over a light breakfast in the last week of each month at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Join Brandon Capital's Dr Mikkelsen in conversation with MTPConnect's Dr Tracey Wilkinson for a fireside chat discussing funding and investment opportunities available to WA start-ups and SMEs through the Brandon BioCatalyst.

**WA MTP SECTOR SPOTLIGHT SERIES**

Join our host Dr Tracey Wilkinson for May's spotlight on:

**Brandon Capital & the Brandon BioCatalyst**

Tuesday 31 May 2022  
7:30-9:00am AWST  
Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research  
6 Verdun Street, Nedlands WA

**MTPConnect**  
WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub

Dr Tracey Wilkinson  
Director Stakeholder Engagement WA  
MTPConnect

Dr Helga Mikkelsen  
Investment Analyst  
Brandon Capital

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## Save the Date - West Tech Fest 2022

West Tech Fest is Western Australia's premier tech festival providing opportunities for the local startup and tech community to connect with and hear from global leaders as they share insights into how to grow a successful business.

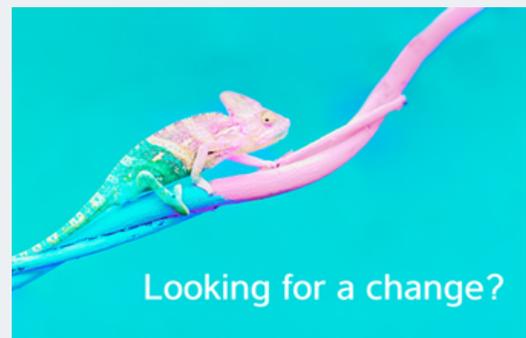
The festival returns to Perth this year from Sunday 4 - Friday 9 December.



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## Looking for a change?

If you haven't checked our Sector Vacancies page recently, why not see what career opportunities are available throughout WA in the aquaculture, agriculture and health sectors.



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