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### A message from our CEO - Jeff Malone

Welcome to this week's *In the Loop*. I hope you had a relaxing and well-deserved holiday weekend.

Last week, we saw the opening of the Victorian Connected Health Innovation and Commercialisation Centre (CHICC), in Melbourne's CBD by ANDHealth, thanks to a \$2.4 million investment from the Victorian Government. The new centre will help over 500 participants per year, bringing together innovators, industry leaders, healthcare professionals and investors to collaborate, connect and access free services and support.

This funding highlights how the Victorian Government is supporting the growth of product development and manufacturing here. Not only have they invested in the establishment of the CHICC, the Victorian Government made it possible for us to launch Wilam. As a result, we are regularly connecting the ecosystem with manufacturing and services they need to support their research. Check out our Wilam of the Week, below, for the latest example.

BioMelbourne Network also participated in an advisory panel with Dr Cathy Foley to discuss Australia's priorities for science and research at CSL's new global headquarters in the Parkville biomedical precinct. It was a terrific opportunity to start an important conversation about the needs of the Victorian ecosystem together with our friends at AusBiotech and ANDHealth.

In other news, we are preparing to announce our next Masterclass which will focus on the translation of research and innovation to manufacturing. Watch this space for more details.

Check out our events updates and sign up as soon as possible. That's because we've almost sold out in-person tickets for our upcoming BioSymposium on Point of Care Diagnostics. We're also preparing to open registrations for the third lecture in the mRNA Series and don't want you to miss out; the last two lectures sold out in 9 hours!

BioMelbourne Network continues to bring on a steady stream of new members attracted to the range of activities we are now supporting across the ecosystem. Welcome everyone!

As always, feel free to reach out to me at [jmalone@biomelbourne.org](mailto:jmalone@biomelbourne.org).



**Jeff Malone**  
Chief Executive Officer  
BioMelbourne Network

### Wilam - Life Sciences Industry Community



#### Search by sector in our directory

Clinical/Medical, Digital, Government and Industry Association, Healthtech, Investment, Manufacturing, Research, Service Provision/Consulting, Supplier or Other.

Take your pick. Or search by other criteria.

1. To grow your network, **log in** to your Wilam account.
2. Click **Directory** on the top of the page.
3. Enter details in the relevant searchable fields.
4. Check the relevant **Sector** you're interested in.
5. Click **Search Directory**. You will see a list of relevant people. Click on a person's link and check out their profile, send them a **message** or add as a **contact** - if they accept.
6. Start networking.

If you need assistance, please email [support@wilam.com](mailto:support@wilam.com).

#### Wilam of the week:

Glenda Colburn, from Translational Research Institute Australia, is asking the manufacturing community who provides environmental / micro testing services. Click [here](#) if you have this capability or can recommend someone who does.

### New members

Thank you to our new and current members for your support.



**Paul Fennessy**  
Advisory



Read more about our new members [here](#).

Discover the [benefits of a BioMelbourne Network membership](#) and [join us today!](#)

### Point of Care Diagnostics - Market Trends, Innovation and Opportunities



## Agenda is now available | In person or online

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### 2023 mRNA Lecture Series



Lecture One - Introduction to the Intellectual Property landscape, the product development pathway and leveraging existing capabilities in the development of new RNA therapeutics | 7 February, 5pm - 7pm: [View Lecture 1 event recording](#).

Lecture Two - Fireside Chat with Professor Robert Langer, Co-Founder of Moderna, Institute Professor at MIT | 21 March, 8am - 11am: [View Lecture 2 event recording](#).

Lecture Three - Exploring the Clinical Trials Landscape | 2 May, 4:30pm - 7pm.

We will be opening registrations soon.

Lecture Four - Enabling RNA Technology | 6 June, 5pm - 7pm.



BioMelbourne Network is proud to be partnering with mRNA Victoria and the State Government of Victoria

[Find out more](#)

### 2023 Women in Leadership Award Ceremony



Join us on Monday 8 May for the live-streamed celebration of our 2023 BioMelbourne Network Women in Leadership Awardees!

Our 2023 Awardees were nominated by colleagues in the industry and the final recipients were selected by an esteemed pre-screening committee and judging panel.

Launched in 2015, BioMelbourne Network's Women in Leadership Awards recognise and champion women who are making outstanding contributions to the healthtech industry. The 2023 Awards Ceremony will honour three remarkable leaders, at different stages of their careers, who have taken strategic risks, tenaciously pursued goals and served as role models to the younger generation.

[Register now](#)

### Connecting Women Lunch (sold out)



Meet our keynote speaker - Associate Professor Misty Jenkins

As a laboratory head at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Misty leads the charge in discovering novel immunotherapy targets for brain cancer. She's won numerous awards, has a PhD in Immunology, and is a passionate advocate for gender equity and Indigenous Health.

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THE PEOPLE SIDE OF TECHNOLOGY &  
MANUFACTURING TEAMS IN BIOSCIENCE**

[Submit an EOI today!](#)

**Back by Popular Demand, Choose Your Date, Secure Your Spot!**

Presented by Marlow Hampshire in collaboration with BioMelbourne Network, this highly practical workshop on leading and managing scientific and technical staff is coming to you on not one, but TWO sets of dates.

The workshop provides highly practical tools, techniques and tips that can be immediately applied in the workplace. It emphasises learning by doing and includes group problem solving and skills development elements.

Program 1: 16 June and 27 July 2023

Program 2: 26 October and 30 November 2023

Please note: This program is offered twice with the option to attend program 1 or program 2.

[Submit EOI](#)

EOI's close Friday 26 May.

## BioForum ticket winners



Congratulations to the following people who completed our recent post event surveys! They are the lucky winners of a complimentary in-person ticket to a BioForum of their choice, within the next 12 months.

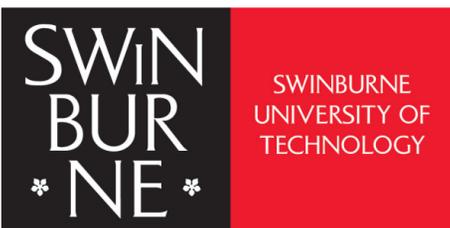
Next time you attend one of our events be sure to complete the survey for a chance to win a BioForum ticket.

Sarah Dower - MetaGene Pty Ltd

Lukasz Kowalczyk - AdAlta

Daniel Thompson - Seer Medical

## 2023 Swinburne Professional Placements



Swinburne University of Technology invites you to host an undergraduate student for 6 or 12 months full-time as part of the paid Professional Placements program.

Eligible students - studying Arts, Media and Communication, Design, Engineering, ICT/Computer Science, Science, Health Science, Psychology and Business - have completed at least half of their degree with a credit average.

### Key dates

From 10 April - Position descriptions are available to all eligible students.

17 July - Last day to confirm professional placements.

19 June to 31 July - Students begin their 6 or 12 month placement with the host organisation.

[Find out more](#)

Join the Wilam discussion about the [Swinburne Professional Placement program](#).

## Sector news and insights



St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne has become the first public hospital in Australia to install a robotic exoscope for surgical teams. [Find out more.](#)



4DMedical signed a five-year contract with the University of Miami to provide XV LVAS ventilation reports. [Find out more.](#)



Noxopharm plans to prioritise Chroma and Sofra programs, and limit further investment into Veyonda® clinical trials. [Find out more.](#)



A world-first clinical trial platform is set to transform research into new therapies for brain cancer, delivering more targeted, personalised treatment for patients. [Find out more.](#)



Avecho conducts entitlement offer to raise \$11M to fund Phase III clinical trial of CBD soft-gel capsule for the treatment of insomnia. [Find out more.](#)



Optiscan announced the establishment of a US commercial operation in Minnesota. [Find out more.](#)

## BioMelbourne Network events



- 27 April - BioSymposium: Point of Care Diagnostics - Market Trends, Innovation and Opportunities. [Find out more.](#)
- 2 May - SAVE THE DATE - mRNA Lecture Series: Lecture Three - Exploring the Clinical Trials Landscape. [Find out more.](#)
- 8 May - Women in Leadership Awards Ceremony. [Find out more.](#)
- 19 May - Connecting Women Lunch. [Find out more.](#)
- 30 May - 2 June - SAVE THE DATE - MASTERCLASS - Concept to Creation: The Roadmap to Medtech Manufacturing.
- 6 June - SAVE THE DATE - mRNA Lecture Series: Lecture Four - Enabling RNA Technology. [Find out more.](#)
- 23 November - SAVE THE DATE - 2023 BioMelbourne Network Annual General Meeting and Networking event. [Find out more.](#)

## Upcoming sector events



Check out the [Wilam national events calendar](#), and add your event.

## Job opportunities



- Field Service Engineer - recruitment via mexec (Posted 27/9). [Find out more.](#)
- Senior Manager, Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls - Medicines Development for Global Health (Posted 7/3). [Find out more.](#)
- Associate Director, Clinical Pharmacology - Moderna (Posted 7/3). [Find out more.](#)

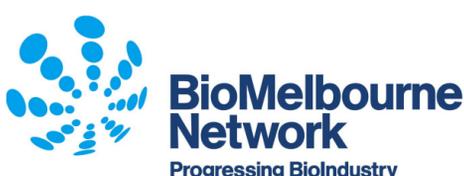
- Genomic Specialist - recruitment via mexec (Posted 10/3). [Find out more.](#)
- Bioinformatics Specialist - recruitment via mexec (Posted 10/3). [Find out more.](#)
- CEO - recruitment via Brooker Consulting (Posted 31/3). [Find out more.](#)
- Associate Director Clinical Operations - recruitment via mexec (Posted 4/4). [Find out more.](#)
- Associate Project Manager - recruitment via mexec (Posted 4/4). [Find out more.](#)
- Territory Manager - recruitment via mexec (Posted 4/4). [Find out more.](#)
- Administration Officer - Intellectual Property - recruitment via Burnet Institute (Posted 6/4). [Find out more.](#)
- Laboratory Manager - recruitment via Burnet Institute (Posted 6/4). [Find out more.](#)

## Grants and funding



- MRFF 2023 National Critical Research Infrastructure Grant Opportunity (Closes 31/7). [Find out more.](#)

Take a look at our [website](#) for the latest [news](#) and [events](#) across the sector. Are you a member organisation with important news, opportunities or jobs to share with the Network? [Let us know.](#)



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