Parliament House NSW, 17 May 2018
Above, Fierce Debate on Data in the sector at Sir Gustav Nossal – and economy.

This forum connects health economists with health policymakers. That partnership is critical to discuss and test ideas that are specifically relevant to health and medical research and health services, ensuring that governments invest wisely in the health sector.

Health Economists Roundtables
These quarterly roundtables are Chaired by Research Australia Director, Professor Nicholas Fisk, and bring together senior leaders from the health sector and researchers across all sectors to harness ‘data-driven solutions’.

Speaker Series
A diverse audience of health researchers and commentators gather for these forums to hear and contribute to discussions on the critical issues confronting the sector. Hon Catherine Cusack – Parliamentary Secretary for Digital Inclusion opened our inaugural series which addressed ‘Digital Health: The Transformative Power of Data in the Health and Medical Research’.

Some of our illustrous alumni

Health and Medical Research Awards
Established in 2003, this high-profile event brings together research and other organisations from across the research pipeline to leverage advocacy efforts of their national Health and Medical Research peak body.

University Roundtables
These quarterly roundtables are Chaired by Research Australia Director, Professor Nicholas Fisk, and bring together senior leaders from across government, such as the Chief Scientist and Senior health and innovation officials through to innovation entrepreneurs and highly cited researchers from diverse disciplines.

CEO Lunches
Members of the Research Australia Executive team host CEO lunches across the country. Attendees can meet with other leaders and peers in the sector, discuss challenges and opportunities relevant to their organisations and leverage advocacy efforts of their national Health and Medical Research peak body.

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Our Role
Research Australia understands the stakeholders who influence the sector’s future and is uniquely positioned to convene representatives from across the entire pipeline to discuss the bold ideas that will drive change in the health and medical sector. As a trusted and credible third party, we are committed to advocating for great policy to ensure great research.

We do this through focusing on 3 key areas:

1. Data as a national resource – Harnessing the transformative power of data to accelerate advances in health.
2. Embedding research in Australia’s health system – Evidence-based healthcare driven by the best research.
3. Smarter investment in health and medical research – Smart investment in health and medical research balances resources with need, capacity and opportunity.

Our Focus

Our Members
Our members include leading research organisations, health providers and peak bodies, academic institutions, charities, community special interest groups, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, small businesses and corporate Australia. We convene leaders across the health and medical research sector to:

Advocate for smarter investment in health and medical research
Drive a policy environment that empowers research to thrive
Champion the role health and medical research plays in enabling a healthy population and healthy economy

Some of Research Australia’s sector advocacy contributions:

Participation in the the establishment of the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF)
The 2018-19 budget announcement of a $240m investment in a Frontier Health and Medical Research Program
Funding of the National Health and Medical Research Council doubling from 2000-2015
Driving the national policy agenda for over 15 years

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