

# Our Forums

Research Australia’s forums are convened to unite the health and medical research sector on a common platform

## Health and Medical Research Awards

Established in 2003, this high-profile event brings together research and other organisations from across the research pipeline to honour and acknowledge leaders and achievers in the Health and Medical Research sector. Past winners include Ita Buttrose, Lady Mary Fairfax, Dr Jeff Holst, Prof Ian Gust AO, Prof Doug Hilton and Sir Bruce Watson.



Sir Gustav Nossal – Research Australia Patron



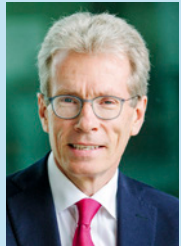
Chris Chapman Chair, Nadia Levin, CEO Research Australia, Prof Peter Liebman, Philanthropy Award winner Andrew Forrest AO, (accepted by Bruce Mansfield, CEO Minder Foundation), Minister Greg Hunt



Shadow Health Minister, Catherine King

## University Roundtables

These quarterly roundtables are Chaired by Research Australia Director, Professor Nicholas Fisk, and bring together senior leaders from the country’s most reputable universities. This forum provides a unique opportunity to discuss and test ideas that are specifically relevant to health and medical research in the university sector. They feature speakers and influencers 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.



Roundtable Chair, Professor Nicholas Fisk



Above, Fierce Debate on Data in the sector at Parliament House NSW, 17 May 2018



## Speaker Series

A diverse audience of thought leaders and commentators gather for these forums to hear and contribute to discussions on the critical issues confronting the sector. Hon Catherine Cusack MC – Parliamentary Secretary for Digital Inclusion opened our inaugural series which addressed New South Wales’ readiness to harness ‘The transformative power of data in the health and medical research’. Panellists included; Dr Jean-Frederic Levesque – CEO NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, Professor Emily Banks – Scientific Director Sax Institute, Dr Avi Ratnanesan – CEO Energesse, Harry, Iles-Mann – Patient/Consumer Advocate.

## Health Economists Roundtables

This forum connects health economists with health policymakers. Given the enormous resources invested in health and medical research and health services, ensuring smart and relevant outcomes is key to a healthy population and economy.

Chair Annette Schmiede



## 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.

Left, Nadia Levin, CEO Research Australia

## Research Australia's Board

Our board is comprised of a group of prominent, passionate professionals who proactively contribute to our uniquely placed organisation to ensure it fulfils its mission and to drive the change that is required to transform healthcare for Australians. The Board reflects a balanced and effective governance structure. The members provide technical expertise drawn from industry associations, medical research institutes, universities and philanthropic foundations and companies.



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Chair, Research Australia  
President, International  
Institute of Communications.  
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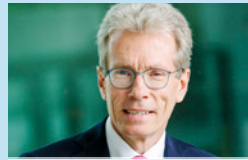
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Committee



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NSW, Sydney



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Research



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Telstra Health



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and Managing Director,  
The Morawska Group



**Dr Andrew Nash**  
Senior Vice President  
Research, CSL Limited

## Some of our illustrious alumni

**Anne Trimmer**  
Secretary General, Australian  
Medical Association

**Geoff Joyce**  
Executive Director, Head of  
M&A, Macquarie Group Ltd

**Dr Chris Roberts**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Cochlear Limited

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South Wales

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# Research Australia

The national peak body for health & medical research



# An Overview



# Research Australia is the national peak body representing the entire health & medical research pipeline



## Our Role

### RESEARCH AUSTRALIA

- CONNECTS**  
researchers, funders and consumers to increase investment in health and medical research from all sources
- ENGAGES**  
Australia in a conversation about the health benefits and economic value of its investment in health and medical research
- INFLUENCES**  
government policies that support effective health and medical research and its routine translation into evidence-based practices and better health outcomes

## Our Focus

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

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## 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

## Our Achievements

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