

## SEMINAR SERIES

# Medical Research - Creating Real Impact

## Your Research, Your Team, Your Start-up

**Session 1** | 1:00pm to 2:15pm: The Great Drug

**Session 2** | 2:45pm to 4:00pm: The Great Team

### **WRAYS and YUUWA VENTURES | REDI Initiative**

Join us for either or both 1.25 hour interactive sessions presented by an experienced team of intellectual property, investment and innovation specialists from Wrays, Yuuwa, Biotech Recruitment Consultants, QRC Solutions, Biodesign Australia and other associates. They will share real-life examples and experiences on building a great team and successfully translating Australian research projects into clinical programs and approved products. This program is funded from MTPConnect's Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry (REDI) initiative.

Each session will be followed by an opportunity to network with the experts. Refreshments will be provided.



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Perkins Seminar  
Room

We strongly encourage you to come along – regardless of your career stage. Students, early career researchers and professors are all very welcome.

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## Host:



**REBEKAH PULS**

Research Director of Perron Institute, Rebekah led global clinical trials at the Kirby Institute (UNSW) that changed international treatment guidelines for HIV infection. She led programs for strategic improvement of clinical and laboratory research output through University of Sydney, UNSW and the Advanced Health Translation Centre, SPHERE.

## Speakers:



**NICK BUCKLEY**

CEO and co-founder, VeinTech, developing the VeinWise vein imaging device to guide needle and cannula insertion. Passionate about translation of academic work to the clinic, and through his work in VeinTech (winner of Perth Biodesign 2019) is aiming to translate robust research into real world benefits for patients and clinicians alike.



**RICHARD HOPKINS**

Experienced bio-pharmaceutical executive with over 20 years in corporate leadership roles with public biotechnology companies. Established track record in drug development of novel therapies with a focus in oncology and medicinal cannabis, corporate strategy and financing, business development and intellectual property.



**LIDDY McCALL**

Co-founder of venture capital group Yuuwa Capital. Prior experience includes growth of start-ups to exits with the successful commercialisation of spin-outs iCeutica Group (3 FDA Approved drugs), Dimerix (ASX listed Phase 3 clinical trial for kidney disease), Argus (FDA/CE Mark approved implantable medical device), Agworld (leading SAAS agtech farm management system).



**JANET PREUSS**

Founder of QRC Solutions and Biotech Recruitment Consultants. Background in medical research with over 20 years of commercialisation experience of new therapeutic products with expertise in quality assurance, regulatory affairs, clinical trials, and business and recruitment strategies, along with significant governance, risk and global strategy expertise gained through a number of Board roles.



**TODD SHAND**

Todd is the leader of the Life Science practice at Wrays and has over 25 years' experience drafting, prosecuting and litigating virtually all patent types in the pharmaceutical industry. Todd was directly involved in the industry as a former non-executive director of Linear Clinical Research. His team has drafted several patents that are listed in the USFDA Orange Book against approved pharmaceutical products.



**JAMES WILLIAMS**

Co-founder of venture capital group Yuuwa Capital. Background in medical research and over 20+ years has founded and held executive and non-executive roles in several Australian medical device and drug development start-up companies that have secured regulatory approvals, product launches, late stage clinical trials and exits.