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The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Quantum Biotechnology

QUBIC ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2026
DRAFT PROGRAM

23 – 26 November 2026
Crowne Plaza, Geelong, Victoria

Monday 23rd November

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
9am – 4pm	CI meeting - (Kate & KP) Lunch – 12:30pm	Melbourne University Private transfer to Geelong 4pm	
3pm onwards	Arrival, check-in & registration	Hotel Reception	
5:00pm – 7:30pm	Welcome drinks and Canapés	Skyline Bar, Crowne Plaza	

TUESDAY 24TH November

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CHAIR
8:30am – 9:00am	Registrations	Pre function space	
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome to Country- Wadawurrung Traditional Ceremony	Waterfront Room	Prof Warwick Bowen
9:15am – 9:25am **9:25am –9:30am**	Director's Welcome Speaker: **Prof Warwick Bowen (10 mins)** KP to introduce Ops Shop desk and (5 mins) housekeeping		
9:30am – 10:15am	**Keynote 1** Speaker: Eugene Polzik Title:		
10.15am- 10:45am	Morning tea		
10:45– 11:15am	**Invited Speaker 1** Speaker: Yun Chen Title:		

11:15am – 12.30pm	**MOLECULES Theme session** Theme Lead overview - Jorge/Alan Speaker: Michael Jones, University of Melbourne Speaker: Anjay Manian, University of Wollongong Speaker: Mina Barzegar Amiri Olia, University of Melbourne		
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm – 2:45pm	**CELLS Theme session** Theme lead overview – Liz Speaker: Speaker: Speaker:		
2:45pm-3:00pm	Group Photo - 10mins	Outside / Skybar option	
3:00pm– 4:30pm	Poster Competition – Students QLSC exhibitors: Febitech- Andrew Watt (Gold)	Pre function space	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon tea		
4:30pm – 5:30pm	**EMCR + MTD portfolio update (Interactive session)** **Haibo x Marita x Emma**		
5:45 pm	**Departure of VIPs to dinner (23 people - list is with Natasha c/o Warwick)**	Sailor's Rest Geelong (6 mins walk from Crowne Plaza)	
5:30pm - 6.30pm	Free time		
6:00 pm – 7:00pm	VIP Dinner	Sailor's Rest Geelong	
6:10pm	Meet in reception to walk to Fore Fun Golf Club	154A Moorabool Street, Geelong	
6.30pm - 9.30pm	Social event- Fore Fun Golf • VIP's can opt to join after their dinner		

WEDNESDAY 25TH November

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CHAIR
8:30m - 8:45am	Director's welcome / Day 1 recap		
8:45am – 9:30am	**Keynote 2** **Speaker:** Laura Finzi Title:		
9.30am - 10:00am	**Invited Speaker 2** Speaker: Anthony Hannan Title: Neuroscience Frontiers in the "Century of the Brain"		
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning tea		
10:30am - 11:45am	**BRAIN Theme session** Theme lead overview - Lezanne Speaker: Speaker: Speaker:		
11:45am– 2:15pm	**Poster Session- Postdocs / others**	Pre function space	
12:30pm– 1:45pm	**Lunch**		
12:45pm –2:15pm	**SAC & AB Meeting / Working Lunch**	Boardroom	
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Interactive session (Research Translation Portfolio)		
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Interactive session: Inclusion, Diversity, Ethics and Access		
4:15pm- 6:00pm	Free time / poster session	Pre function space	
5:00pm-9:00pm	Photo Booth – Geelong Photobooths	Pre function space	
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Awards Dinner 6:00-6:15pm – Entree served 6:45 –7:15pm – Main served 7:15 –8:15pm – Awards presented	Waterfront Room	

	8:15-8:30pm – Desserts served 8:30-10:00pm- TCB		

THURSDAY 26TH November

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CHAIR
8:55am – 9:00am	Director's welcome / Day 2 recap		
9:00am – 9:30am	**Invited Speaker 3** Speaker: Dominic Berry Title:		
9.30am - 10:45am	**QLSC partner presentations (5) x 10 mins** **Febitech - Andrew Watts** **Telix - Simon Wall - TBC** **Defence presentation (QDRP) -TBC**		
10:45am- 11:15am	Morning tea		
11:15am - 12:15pm	Interactive session: Outreach and Engagement		
12:15pm – 1:15pm	**7 x Seed projects** Cell (4) and Brain Theme (3) seed funding recipients		
1:15pm – 2:15pm	**Lunch**		
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Wrap up and close		
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Symposium conclusion and departure- take- a -way afternoon tea		