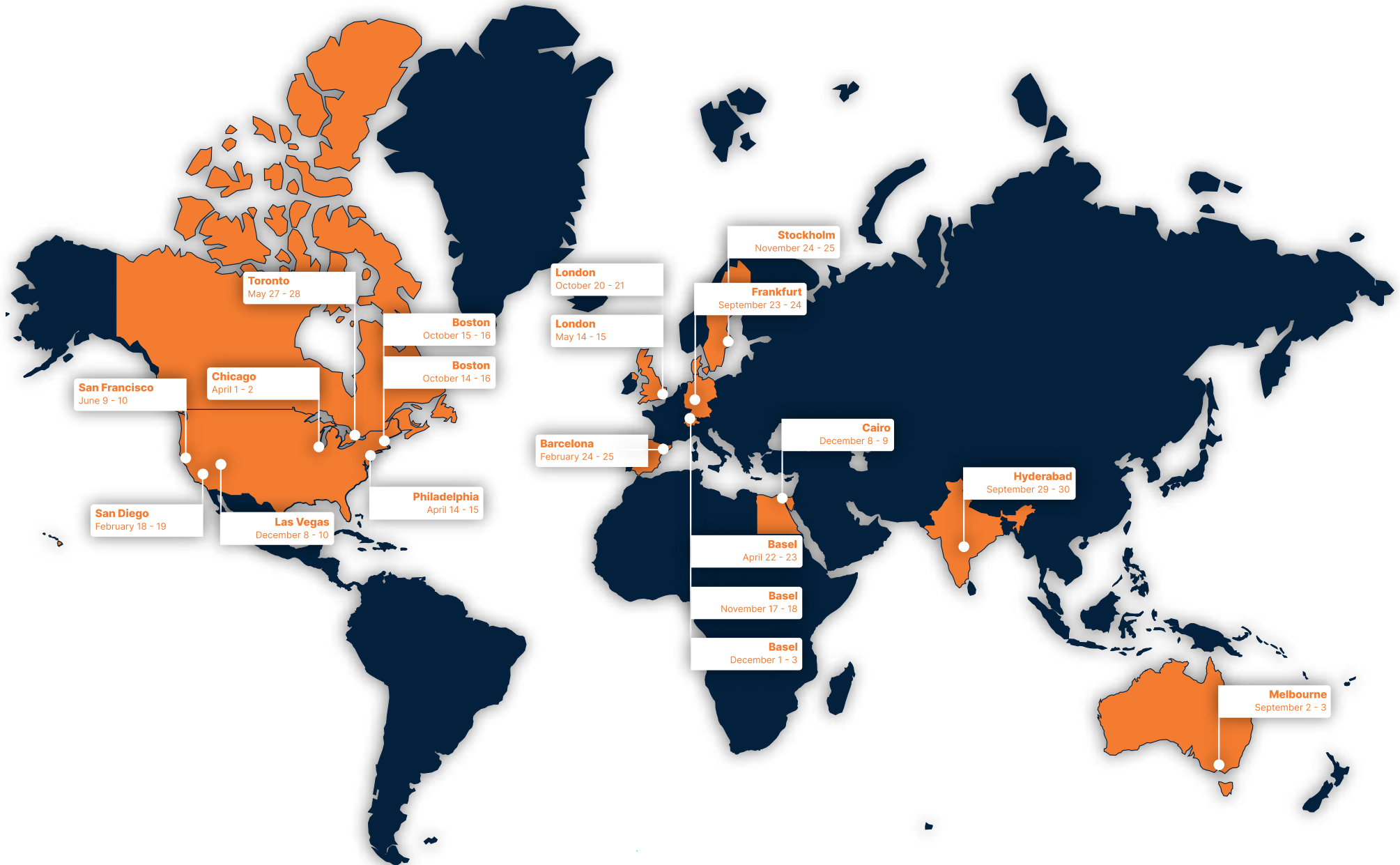




# PPM WORLD TOUR 2026



# EVENT OVERVIEW



The **2<sup>nd</sup> AU Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference** is the premier gathering for life sciences executives, portfolio leaders, and decision-makers in pharma, biotech, medtech, and diagnostics. As the Australian life sciences industry continues to evolve into a global leader in innovation, strategic portfolio management has never been more critical. This conference provides a deep dive into the latest trends, challenges, and best practices for optimizing portfolio performance, enhancing decision-making, and leveraging AI and digital transformation for business success.

Through insightful keynotes, case studies, panel discussions, and interactive roundtables, attendees will gain actionable strategies to drive innovation, balance risk, and execute high-impact portfolio decisions in an increasingly complex and competitive market.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

### Key Topics:

#### **Balancing Innovation, Risk, and Execution in Life Sciences Portfolios**

Discover how to navigate funding constraints and regulatory complexity while optimizing portfolio decision-making to drive growth and impact.

#### **From Overloaded to Optimized – Smarter Portfolio Prioritization**

Learn how to master resource allocation, trade-offs, and scenario planning to maximize ROI and keep your projects on track in a competitive market.

#### **AI & Advanced Analytics – The Future of Project & Portfolio Management**

Uncover how predictive modeling, real-time dashboards, and automation are transforming forecasting, risk assessment, and execution speed.

#### **Agility in PPM – Balancing Flexibility with Compliance**

Explore how to implement hybrid and agile methodologies while ensuring regulatory adherence in an evolving pharma and biotech landscape.

#### **Scaling PPM from Strategy to Execution**

Overcome execution bottlenecks and cross-functional misalignment to ensure seamless project delivery and business success.

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## Key Features:

- 📌 **Expert-Led Keynotes:** Hear from top industry leaders on how to connect global portfolio vision with regional action, and how Project Portfolio Management (PPM) is driving drug access and advancing industry growth.
- 📌 **Interactive Panel Discussions:** Engage with experts in discussions on aligning global objectives with local realities, fostering collaboration within the PMO for seamless project delivery, and overcoming talent gaps in PPM.
- 📌 **Practical Case Studies:** Learn from leading companies on transforming big ideas into clinical development successes, delivering complex manufacturing projects, and tackling regional challenges in multi-program execution.
- 📌 **Actionable Sessions:** Participate in sessions focused on future-proofing your project and program with scenario planning, making portfolio decisions work locally through prioritization and trade-offs, and measuring success with KPIs that drive results.
- 📌 **Roundtable Discussions:** Join peer-driven, topic-focused roundtables designed to facilitate deeper conversations, exchange of best practices, and collaborative problem-solving on key challenges in pharma and biotech project, program, and portfolio management.

## Who Should Attend?

This event is designed for senior professionals and decision-makers in the life sciences industry, including:

- 📌 **PHARMA & BIOTECH:** Heads of Clinical Operations & Development, Drug/Product Development, Project Management, Portfolio Strategy, Site Management, R&D Operations, Manufacturing.
- 📌 **CROS & SERVICE PROVIDERS:** Clinical, operational, and data management leaders partnering with pharma on critical programs.
- 📌 **DIGITAL, AI & PPM TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS:** Offering solutions for forecasting, dashboards, decision intelligence, and digital transformation.
- 📌 **CONSULTANCIES & ADVISORS:** Supporting governance, change management, and large-scale project execution.

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## Why Attend?

Join the 2nd AU Pharma & Biotech Project, Program, and Portfolio Management Conference to gain actionable insights, strategies, and connections that will help you **lead people, harness AI, and deliver resilient portfolios and projects** in a volatile world.

- 1. Lead People-Centric Projects** – Build high-performing teams and align stakeholders to drive portfolio and project success.
- 2. Plan for What's Next** – Use scenario planning and predictive analytics to anticipate uncertainty and turn volatility into opportunity.
- 3. Work Smarter, Stand Out** – Leverage AI and advanced analytics to accelerate execution, free up energy for high-value work, and gain competitive advantage.
- 4. Elevate Portfolio Strategy & Decision-Making** – Balance innovation, risk, and investment priorities to maximize impact and align with growth objectives.
- 5. Foster Collaboration and Agility** – Break down silos, implement agile methods, and use digital tools to improve execution, transparency, and efficiency.

# TESTIMONIALS



Great to participate in the Why Summits Biotech & Pharma PPM Conference last week. A focused, dialogue driven event for leaders managing complex programs in life sciences. Thank you for the opportunity to share insights with industry peers."



**Lauren Eve Kelly**

Senior Director Targeted Translation Research Accelerator, Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease  
**MTPConnect**



I had the privilege of speaking at the inaugural AU Pharma and Biotech Project Program and Portfolio Management Conference hosted by Why Summits. A stellar panel discussion on external partnerships and collaborations in portfolio execution. The atmosphere was inspiring, full of curiosity, enthusiasm and thoughtful industry conversations."



**Amanda Xiaoqing Mao, PhD**

Managing Director and Founder  
**Acurit Medical Communications Pty Ltd**



Thank you for the opportunity to share insights. The fireside conversation format brought out the best of our knowledge and experiences."



**Anne Woollett**

Associate Director Operations and Strategy,  
Deakin Trials Hub  
**Deakin University**



It was a pleasure to speak at the inaugural Melbourne PPM Summit. Two days filled with valuable insights, learning and meaningful connections across our thriving life sciences sector."



**Taneen Hisgrove**

Clinical Research Professional Clinical Trial Strategy and Execution, Biotech and CRO Global Clinical Operations

# INDUSTRY PIONEERS ATTENDING FROM



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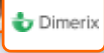
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# OUR SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**Anubhav Srivastava**

Director, Drug Development  
**Dimerix Biosciences**



**Audrey Thomson**

Senior Director Portfolio and Program Management  
**Actinogen Medical**



**Bradley Joblin**

Founder & Managing Director  
**Armstrong Clinical**



**Chris Quinn**

Director, CMC Lead, Head of CMC Science  
**CSL**



**Colin McLean**

COO  
**Cell Therapies**



**Divya Pasupuleti**

President  
**PMI Melbourne Chapter**



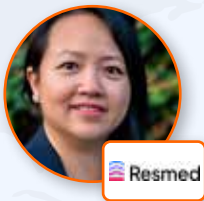
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**Comanche BioPharma**



**Gemma Au-Yeung**

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**Jolanta Airey**

Chief Medical Officer  
**Cynata Therapeutics**



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**Julie Monk**

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**Jolien Reid**

Head of Clinical Operations - Translational Science Hub  
**Sanofi**



**Mark Bleackley**

Chief Scientific Officer  
**Incanex Healthcare**



**Nicholas Boyd**

Head of Biology  
**Celleo Biotech**



**Richard Bayney**

President & Founder  
**PPVC**



**Tam Nguyen**

Director of Research & Innovation  
**Monash Health**



**Suah Choi**

Head of Clinical Operation Excellence  
**Novo Nordisk**



**Mark Buzza**

Head of Research, Innovation and Advocacy  
**Pancare Foundation**



**Uthayamar Armugam**

Project Manager  
**DBG Health**

# NIGHT BEFORE THE EVENT

17:00

## PRE-EVENT MEET & GREET

Kick off the experience with some drinks while taking advantage of early bird registration and the chance to connect with fellow delegates. As everyone starts arriving, this is the perfect opportunity to network, catch up with familiar faces, and meet new ones. Raise a glass, spark conversations, exchange handshakes, share smiles, and embrace the camaraderie—whether reconnecting with old friends or forming new bonds in the industry, everyone is warmly welcomed here!



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

# DAY 1

8:40

## CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

**Bradley Joblin**, *Founder & Managing Director, Armstrong Clinical*

8:45

## START WITH A WHY? ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### Meet Your Peers, Share Your Priorities, and Set Your Objectives

A short, structured icebreaker designed to help delegates connect early, share their priorities, and start the conference with more relevant conversations. In tables of eight, attendees will briefly introduce themselves and discuss:

- who they are and what they do
- why they are attending the conference
- why PPM matters in their role or organisation
- what they want to learn or take away
- who they would like to meet, exchange ideas with, or partner with

This session helps turn introductions into meaningful networking from the very start.

9:00

## KEYNOTE

### Australia's Opportunity in Global Clinical Development and Innovation

9:30

## FIRESIDE CHAT

### Generative AI in Project & Portfolio Decision-Making

**Suah Choi**, *Head of Clinical Operation Excellence, Novo Nordisk*

10:00

## PRESENTATION

### Driving Smarter Life Sciences Portfolios with AI and Advanced Analytics

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10:30

## NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:00

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Value-Based Portfolio Prioritization: Balancing Science, Risk, and Patient Outcomes

**Mark Bleackley**, *Chief Scientific Officer, Incannex Healthcare*

**Nicholas Boyd**, *Head of Biology, Celleo Biotech*

**Colin McLean**, *COO, Cell Therapies*

11:30

## PRESENTATION

### Generative AI in Project & Portfolio Decision-Making

12:00

## CASE STUDY

### Portfolio Governance in the Age of Complexity: Making Faster Strategic Decisions

**Richard Bayney**, *President & Founder, PPVC*

12:30

## NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Scenario Planning in PPM – Preparing for Market, Regulatory, and R&D Uncertainty

14:00

## FIRESIDE CHAT

### Regulatory Strategy as a Strategic Advantage in Portfolio Management

14:30

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Portfolio Strategy in a Capital-Constrained Biotech Environment

**Jolanta Airey**, *Chief Medical Officer, Cynata Therapeutics*

**Filippa Shub**, *COO, Inosi Therapeutics*

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# DAY 1

15:00 ☕ **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

15:30 🗣️ **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

Each roundtable will be facilitated by a discussion leader who ensures the conversation stays focused and that everyone can contribute. These sessions are designed to foster active problem-solving, share practical experiences, and encourage collaborative idea exchange.

**TABLE 1: Prioritising Innovation: Killing Projects Early to Protect Portfolio Value**

**Audrey Thomson**, *Senior Director Portfolio and Program Management*, **Actinogen Medical**

**TABLE 2: The Evolving Role of Project Leaders in Agile Organisations**

**Julia Leng**, *Clinical Operations Director*, **Multitude Therapeutics**

**TABLE 3: Managing Cross-Border and Cross-Functional Collaboration**

**Gemma Au-Yeung**, *Senior Project Manager*, **ResMed**

**TABLE 4: How Much Uncertainty Can Your Portfolio Handle? Scenario Planning for High-Risk Innovation**

16:15 ⚙️ **MINI WORKSHOP**

The mini workshop is hands-on and interactive, guided by expert facilitators who will walk participants through practical challenges and real-world scenarios. This session is designed to equip attendees with actionable tools, strategies, and frameworks that can be immediately applied to portfolio and project management.

**Audrey Thomson**, *Senior Director Portfolio and Program Management*, **Actinogen Medical**

**Anubhav Srivastava**, *Director, Drug Development*, **Dimerix Biosciences**

**Julie Monk**, *Director of Clinical Development*, **RAGE Biotech**











17:00 🗣️ **CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS**

17:05 🍷 **END OF DAY 1**

17:05 🍷 **NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

# DAY 2

- 8:55  **CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS**
- 9:00  **KEYNOTE**  
**Creating Project Cultures That Stick: What Makes High-Performing Teams Sustainable**  
**Chris Quinn**, *Director, CMC Lead, Head of CMC Science, CSL*
- 9:30  **PRESENTATION**  
**Data-Driven Project Management: Leveraging Advanced Analytics for Forecasting and Performance**
- 10:00  **FIRESIDE CHAT**  
**What I Wish I Knew Earlier as a Project Leader**  
**Divya Pasupuleti**, *President, PMI Melbourne Chapter*
- 10:30  **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00  **CASE STUDY**  
**Delivering Complex Projects in Uncertain Environments**  
**Anubhav Srivastava**, *Director, Drug Development, Dimerix Biosciences*
- 11:30  **PRESENTATION**  
**Delivering Faster Without Breaking Things: Accelerated Clinical Timelines and Risk Management**
- 12:00  **FIRESIDE CHAT**  
**From Biotech Startup to Global Launch: Managing Projects Through Scale and Chaos**  
**Gail Wiggins**, *Senior Director Clinical Development Operations, Comanche BioPharma*
- 12:30  **NETWORKING LUNCH**
- 13:30  **FIRESIDE CHAT**  
**Project Horror Stories Edition - What Went Wrong and What We Learned**

- 14:00  **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**The Next Frontier of Project Execution: AI, Automation, and Agile Practices in PPM**  
**Tam Nguyen**, *Director of Research & Innovation, Monash Health*  
**Uthayamalar Armugam**, *Project Manager, DBG Health*
- 14:30  **PANEL**  
**The Future of Project & Portfolio Management in Life Sciences – Navigating Complexity, Innovation, and Execution**
- 15:00  **NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:30  **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**  
**TABLE 1: Bridging the Gap: Effective Stakeholder Engagement for Portfolio Success**  
**Mark Buzza**, *Head of Research, Innovation and Advocacy, Pancare Foundation*  
**TABLE 2: Forecasting Project Risks and Timelines Using Data and Predictive Analytics**  
**TABLE 3: Change Management in PPM – Leading Teams Through Portfolio Transitions**  
**TABLE 4: Potential Roundtable Topic to Consider: Building Data-Driven Project Dashboards for Better Forecasting and Decision-Making**  
**Uthayamalar Armugam**, *Project Manager, DBG Health*
- 16:15  **CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS**
- 16:20  **END OF CONFERENCE**

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