

# KCA Annual Conference (Preliminary) Program

Adelaide Wine Centre, Adelaide

Timings may change depending on availability of participants.

## Tuesday 14th October

Pre-conference	
10:00am – 3:00pm  <i>The Vines Room</i>	<b>Title:</b> Spinout Simulation <b>Facilitator:</b> Emerald Scofield, Main Sequence Ventures  <b>Synopsis:</b> Spinning out companies from research organisations is rarely straightforward. It involves navigating different priorities, language, and processes across researchers, TTOs, and investors. This session introduces a simulation designed to map that complexity—highlighting friction points, surfacing blind spots, and encouraging clearer collaboration. Built from real-world experience, the format helps teams test strategies, align expectations, and better support commercialisation outcomes—whether participating directly or observing.
10:00am – 3:00pm  <i>The Gallery Room</i>	<i>Workshop Two Information to be advised</i>
6:00pm - 6:30pm	Early & Mid-Career Networking Event
6:30pm-8:30pm	Pre-conference Welcome Drinks  <i>Hickinbotham Terrace</i>

## Wednesday 15th October

DAY ONE Hickinbotham Hall	
7:00-17:00	Registration Desk Open
7:00-8:30am	<b>RTTP BREAKFAST (<i>invitation only event</i>)</b>
9:00-9:20am	<b>Welcome to Country</b>
9:20-9:25am	<b>Opening address</b>  <b>Kate Taylor RTTP</b>  <i>KCA Chair</i>
9:25- 10:15am	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>

	<b>Speaker:</b> Flavia Tata Nardini, Co-founder and CEO, Fleet Space Technologies
10:15-10:45am	<p><b>Title:</b> 2024 SCOPR® Survey of Commercialisation Outcomes from Public Research</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> John Grace AO <b>RTTP</b>, KCA Independent Board member, SCOPR® Committee Chair</p> <p><b>Synopsis:</b> The importance of SCOPR® to the University sector in Australia and the summary results of SCOPR® 2024 will be presented, showcasing the exciting results of commercialisation outcomes from public research in Australia and New Zealand. Now in its eighth year of data collection, KCA invited Australian and New Zealand universities, medical research institutes and publicly funded research organisations to participate</p>
10:45-11:15am	<b>MORNING TEA BREAK</b>
11:15-12:15pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Key Drivers for Successful Research Translation and Commercialisation</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Francois Duvenage, The University of Adelaide</p>
12:15-1:15pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:15-2:15pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Political Perspective on Research Translation and Impact Outcomes</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Michelle Perugini, UniSA Ventures</p>
2:15–2:45pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Playing Nice: Challenges and Opportunities for Effective Tech Transfer</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Melissa Nugent, QUT</p>
2:45-3:10pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA BREAK</b>
3:10-4:10pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Are Universities Dead equity?</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Kate Taylor RTTP, KCA Chair</p>
4:10-5pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Research Commercialisation: An Industry Perspective</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Quin Chang RTTP, Director</p>
5:10-5:30pm	<p><b>KCA Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>*KCA Members Only</p>
5:10-5:30pm	<b>KCA Special Interest Groups Meet up</b>
7-10pm	<p><b>KCA Conference Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Adelaide Oval</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation of Australasian Research Commercialisation Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Industry Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Licensing Deal</li> <li>• Best Spin-out</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Best Knowledge Exchange Initiative</li> <li>• Research Commercialisation Professional of the Year</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>After-Dinner Speaker:</b> George Freney, <i>Founding Partner, 11point2 and Space Machines Company</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Entrepreneurship as a Bridge: Accelerating Knowledge into National Impact</i></p>
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## Thursday 16th October

DAY TWO Hickinbotham Hall	
9-9:15am	Registration Desk Open
9:15-10:00am	<b>Title:</b> Building Australia’s Quantum Industry
10:00-10:30am	<b>Title:</b> Policies, Priorities, and Power Plays: Making Knowledge Commercialisation Count  <b>Speakers:</b> Mark Hutchinson
10:30-11am	MORNING TEA BREAK
11am-11:55am	<b>Title:</b> Hiding in Plain Sight  <b>Facilitator:</b> Anne Bannister, UniQuest & Carlie Rogers, The University of Melbourne
11:55-12:45pm	<b>Title:</b> Impact Framework/Pathways  <b>Facilitator:</b> Quin Chang RTP, Director

12:45-1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30-1:45pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Inclusive Innovation Ecosystems</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Phoebe Jackson Morison, CSIRO</p>
1:45-2:05pm	<p><b>Title:</b> Spinout Survey Results</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Kate Taylor RTTP, KCA Chair and Erin Rayment, QUT</p>
2:05-2:45pm	<p><b>Title:</b> The Venture Builder Institute: a Proposed New Model to Accelerate Research-based startup success</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Jonathan Lacey, Cruxes Innovation</p>
2:45-3:45pm	<p><b>Title:</b> The role of government vs private funders in valley of death funding</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Michelle Perugini, UniSA Ventures</p>
3:45-4pm	<p><b>Closing remarks for KCA 2024</b></p> <p>Michelle Perugini</p>
4:30 - 6pm	<p><b>Title:</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b></p>

## Friday 17th October

Post-conference Adelaide Wine Centre	
8:30am-1pm	<b>Title:</b> Harnessing LinkedIn
8:30am-1pm	<i>Workshop 2 Information to be advised</i>