

Program Day 1

Time	Session	Speakers
9.00am - 9.20am	Session 1 Welcome and Opening	MC: Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia Speakers: Peter Crock, Chair, MCIA The Hon Ged Kearney MP, Federal Member for Cooper, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care
9.20am - 10.00am	Session 2 Trends and opportunities for medical cannabis and cannabinoid development	Moderator: Peter Crock, Chair, MCIA Keynote speaker: Hunter Land, Vice President, Translational Research, Biopharmaceutical Research Company
10.00am - 10.45am	Session 3 Future trends in medicinal cannabis regulation around the globe	Moderator: Rhys Cohen, Global Partnerships and Engagement Advisor, Penington Institute Panel: Sally King, Executive Director, New Zealand Medicinal Cannabis Council Martin Woodbridge, Advisor, Bedrocan Hagit Kamin, CEO, Syqe
10.45am - 11.15am	Morning tea	
11.15am - 11.50am	Session 4 In conversation with the Australian regulators	Moderator: Donna Edman, Astute Advocacy Speakers: Adjunct Prof Robyn Langham AM, Chief Medical Adviser, Therapeutic Goods Administration Danielle Chifley, Director - Medicinal Cannabis Section, Office of Drug Control
11.50am - 12.30pm	Session 5 Positioning the medicinal cannabis sector for success	Moderator: Patty Holmes, Director, Holmes and Wilson Panel: Peter Koetsier, CEO, Cann Group Jo Patterson, CEO, BOD Australia Oliver Zugel, Founder and CEO, FoliumMed Tim Evans, Private Client Advisor, Morgans Financial Limited
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch - sponsored by CBRE	
1.30pm - 2.10pm	Session 6 Future state of TGO 93 An in-depth look at the TGO 93 changes that are effective 1 July 2023 with particular focus on GMP Import changes and are importers ready?	Moderator: Patty Holmes, Director, Holmes and Wilson Panel: Jenny Burnett, Assistant Secretary - Manufacturing Quality Branch (MQB), Department of Health & Aged Care Steve Notaro, Head of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Cann Group Gordon Chan, Quality Operations and Regulatory Affairs, MedReleaf Australia Clare Barker, Consultant Oliver Zugel, Founder and CEO, FoliumMed
2.10pm - 3.00pm	Session 7 Navigating medicinal cannabis challenges	Moderator: Patty Holmes, Director, Holmes and Wilson Presenters: Rhys Cohen, Global Partnerships and Engagement Advisor, Penington Institute - <i>Overview of product and patient trends</i> Adam Benjamin, CEO, Standard Botanic <i>The size of the opportunity for new Australian cannabis cultivators is almost exceeded by the size of the hurdles</i> Kyle Hunt, CEO and Founder, Health Care Providers Association <i>Obtaining a medicinal cannabis license and maintaining SOP's</i> Nick Owen, Founder and CEO, Nucleotrace <i>A new platform for securing cannabis supply chains</i>
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Session 8 Fireside chat with Dr Richard Di Natale Reflections on Australia's medicinal cannabis journey, role of evidence/education in expanding access and future directions	Moderator: Martin Lane, Co Founder, Cannabiz Dr Richard Di Natale

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4.00pm - 5.15pm	Session 9 Emerging researchers showcase	<p>Moderators: Professor Iain McGregor, Professor of Psychopharmacology & Academic Director - Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, University of Sydney Dr Veronica Borrett, Senior Director, ARC Research Hub for Medicinal Agriculture</p> <p>Presenters: Laura Steele, ARC MedAG Hub, La Trobe University <i>The investigation of flowering time in cannabis sativa</i> Dr Cilla Zhou, Lambert Initiative, University of Sydney <i>Surveys and recruitment strategies at the Lambert Initiative</i> John Laws, University of Adelaide <i>The neurological bioactivity of cannabis prevalent terpenes: implications for medical cannabis formulations</i> Dr Llew Mills, Discipline of Addiction Medicine, University of Sydney <i>The cannabis as medicine surveys (CAMS): The evolution of medical cannabis use in Australia following deregulation</i> Matthew Nolan, Southern Cross University <i>Cannabis sativa, a model species for glandular trichome research</i> Dr Danielle McCartney, Lambert Initiative, University of Sydney <i>The effects of CBD and THC on cognitive function and driving performance</i> Dr Mulu Oli, ARC MedAG Hub, La Trobe University <i>Towards genomics-assisted improvement of glandular trichome productivity in Cannabis sativa L</i> Dr Adam Ametovski, Lambert Initiative, University of Sydney <i>Cannabinoid synthesis: An overview of the medicinal chemistry program at The Lambert Initiative</i> Dr Martin O'Brien, ARC MedAG Hub, La Trobe University <i>The Use of tissue culture into a commercial production line, the "hows" to get there</i> Dr Anastasia Suraev, Lambert Initiative, University of Sydney <i>Emerging insights into the role of cannabinoids in sleep</i></p>
5.15pm	Session 10 Close Day 1	Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia
5.30pm - 7.30pm	Networking Reception - supported by Global Victoria and NAB	

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Program Day 2



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GROWING THE INDUSTRY THROUGH RESEARCH, COLLABORATION & INNOVATION

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Time	Session	Speakers
9.00am - 9.30am	Session 11 Welcome and Keynote address	MC: Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia Welcome: Peter Crock, Chair, MCIA Councillor Elizabeth Mary Doidge, City of Melbourne Keynote address: Fiona Patten MP, Former Member of Parliament
9.30am - 10.15am	Session 12 Industry and market outlook	Moderator: Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia Speakers: John Ryan, CEO, Penington Institute <i>Findings from the Penington Institute Cannabis Report</i> Andre Jerome, EVP, Global Business Development, Aurora <i>Global market opportunities</i>
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning tea	
10.45am - 10.50am	Special Presentation Role of evidence in expanding access to medicinal cannabis and building sustainable industries	Speaker: Professor Kerry Phelps AM, Chair Elect, HEMP CRC
10.50am - 11.20am	Session 13 Partnering for success in the medicinal cannabis industry	Moderator: Andrew Dowling, Lawyer and Co Founder, AltMed Panel: Rhys Cohen, Global Partnerships and Engagement Advisor, Penington Institute Tyson Craig, Head of Business Development Wholesale Commercial, Greenship Aspa Dukas, Pharmacist and Founder, Dukasa Compounding Tommy Huppert, Founder and CEO, Cannatrek Mitchell Kurz, Co Founder, Phytoca Maverick Weller, CEO, GreenHaus Australia
11.20am - 12.00pm	Session 14 Best-practices for medicinal cannabis prescribers & new education tools for healthcare practitioners	Moderator: Carol Ireland, CEO, Epilepsy Action Australia Panel: Dr Orit Holtzman, Co Founder and Director, Functional & Cannabinoid Medicine Practitioner, Leura Wellness Stephane Kain, Service Development Manager, Epilepsy Action Australia Dr James Stewart Hugh Tait, Medical Services & Operations Manager, MedReleaf Australia
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Session 15 Keynote address - John Easterling Launch of the Olivia Newton-John Service to Industry Award	Moderator: Peter Crock, Chair, MCIA Keynote speaker: John Easterling <i>Cannabis in Australia. What's Next?</i>
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch - sponsored by CBRE	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Session 16 Showcasing R&D and innovation - from plant to patient	Moderator: Dr Peter Duggan, Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Speakers: Associate Professor Monika S. Doblin, Research Director, ARC ITRH for Medicinal Agriculture, La Trobe University <i>Overview of the cannabis research landscape in Australia</i> Matt Hayes, PhD, Science Director, Triffid BioScience <i>Cannabis genetics: status, risks and management for commercial production & breeding</i> Dr Elizabeth Cairns, Research Fellow, Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, University of Sydney <i>Preclinical models of disease & endocannabinoid system</i> Dr Paul Wynne, Medicines Manufacturing Innovations Centre, Monash University <i>From plant to patient - the drive for novelty in processing, purification, and formulation of cannabinoids</i> Dr Amie Hayley, Rebecca L. Cooper AI and Val Rosenstrauss Fellow, Centre for Human Psychopharmacology, Swinburne University of Technology <i>Driving trials/impairment detection and policy solutions</i>
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Session 17 Fireside chat How to achieve success while being ethical & legitimate	Moderator: Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia Speaker: Cameron Scadding, CEO and Managing Director, Source Certain
3.30pm - 3.45pm	Session 18 Close Conference	Nathan Davis, Executive Director, MedReleaf Australia Rosemary Richards, Executive Manager, MCIA

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