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Yuma! A very warm welcome to this inspiring event.

Science meets Parliament is Australia's single largest vehicle for deep engagement between you – the people who are our nation's science and technology capability – and policy decision-makers.

Created in 1999 by Science & Technology Australia, the success of this world-leading initiative has been envied in Australia and around the world throughout its 23-year history.

Each year we deliver a program of outstanding professional development for hundreds of scientists and technologists drawn from our diverse sector and membership. Science meets Parliament is an outstanding event that extends skills in Parliamentary engagement, public policymaking, science and media communication, and shares insights on how to bring scientific expertise to policy processes.

Delegates then meet with Members of Parliament and Senators from across the breadth of the Parliament to share some of the nation's latest scientific breakthroughs with Australia's leaders – and to forge connections to help policymakers tap into science expertise.

Since Science meets Parliament began, thousands of STEM professionals have accessed our superb training, and many of our delegates have gone on to become national science and technology leaders. Some have steered a new course in policy. Many have opened doors to new science-driven opportunities for Australia.

Each of them has been an ambassador for science, deepened their understanding of the complexities of decision-making, and forged useful new connections in politics and the STEM sector.

Science & Technology Australia's key leadership role in Australia's wider STEM sector is to lead the STEM sector's engagements with the Parliament and policymakers in Canberra. We represent the full breadth and diversity of Australia's STEM sector.

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Science & Technology Australia is best known for our flagship event Science meets Parliament. But we also run a STEM Ambassadors program which matches Parliamentarians with STEM professionals in their electorates. Our STEM Ambassadors meet regularly with Parliamentarians, providing advice, guidance, and information on a wide variety of STEM topics. If you loved attending Science meets Parliament, please apply for our fourth STEM Ambassadors program intake planned for mid-2022.

During the year, Science & Technology Australia also supports the co-Chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of Science group – Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews, and Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Science Minister Richard Marles – to stage high-quality briefings on emerging science and technology for MPs and Senators. We focus on challenges where science and technology can help deliver solutions and seize opportunities for Australia. We work with our members and the Australian Academy of Science to identify expert presenters to share expertise to inform evidence-based decision-making.

We could not run Science meets Parliament without the support of our superb partners (especially our outstanding Foundation Partner – the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources), our event partners, the generous speakers who share their expertise, the strong participation of our members, and our brilliant staff and volunteers who design and deliver this excellent event. We thank each of you for your contributions to making Science meets Parliament a shining success with enduring value to the nation.

Yara,

Professor Mark Hutchinson
President,
Science & Technology Australia

Misha Schubert
Chief Executive Officer,
Science & Technology Australia



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PROGRAM

WEEK LONG/On Demand

Getting Science into the Media

Session chair: Misha Schubert
Chief Executive Officer,
Science & Technology
Australia

David Speers
ABC TV Insiders host

Tory Shepherd
Guardian Australia Senior Reporter

Janice Petersen
SBS World News Presenter

Kieran Gilbert
Sky News Chief News Anchor

Note: all times listed are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022 DAY ONE

10.30 – 11.00am	Exhibition Hall	
11.00 – 11.50am	Pre-conference networking and Exhibition Hall open	
12.00 – 12.10pm Welcome to Country	Ngunawal Elder Wally Bell	
12.10 – 12.30pm Welcome to Science meets Parliament 2022	<p>The Hon. Melissa Price MP Minister for Science and Technology</p> <p>The Hon. Richard Marles MP Shadow Minister for Science</p> <p>Professor Mark Hutchinson President, Science & Technology Australia</p>	
12.30 – 1.30pm Opening Keynote	<p>Laureate Professor Peter Doherty Australian immunologist and Nobel laureate <i>in conversation with</i></p> <p>Misha Schubert Chief Executive Officer, Science & Technology Australia</p>	
1.30 – 1.40pm	Short break	
1.40 – 1.50pm Foundation Partner Address: "How Government supports science"	Jane Urquhart Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	
1.50 – 2.35pm New to Canberra: how the Parliament, the public service and policymaking work Session chair: Jas Chambers Board Director and Secretary, Science & Technology Australia	<p>David Fredericks Secretary, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</p> <p>Sunita Bose Chief Executive Officer, Digi (Digital Industry Group)</p>	<p>Luke Sheehy Executive Director, Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN)</p> <p>Amit Singh Managing Director, Accenture Australia</p>
2.35 – 3.30pm Practice your pitch Session chair: Dr Anita Goh Vice President, Science & Technology Australia	<p>Tanya Ha Director of Engagement, Science in Public</p> <p>Jane O'Dwyer Chief Executive Officer, Co-operative Research Australia</p>	Peter Derbyshire Director of Policy, ATSE
3.45 – 5.00pm Welcome Reception online	Featuring Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Cathy Foley	Generously supported by



TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022 DAY TWO

11.30 – 12.15pm	Exhibition Hall	
12.15 – 12.20pm	Welcome to Science meets Parliament Day Two	
12.20pm – 12.25pm Platinum Partner Address	Professor Andrew Campbell Chief Executive, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	Platinum Partner  Australian Government Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
12.30 – 1.30pm Advocacy with impact: strategy, coalitions and clarity Session chair: Dr Kathy Nicholson Operations Manager, Australian Institute for Machine Learning and Board Member, Science & Technology Australia	Feyi Akindoyeni Partner, Newgate Australia Kate Cole Director of Cole Health and Superstar of STEM Tanya Hosch South Australian of the Year 2021, Torres Strait Islander woman and AFL GM of Social Inclusion	
1.30pm – 1.40pm Titanium Partner Address	Professor Tanya Monro Australia's Chief Defence Scientist	Titanium Partner  Australian Government Department of Defence
1.40pm – 2.30pm Key skills for science advocates: submissions, soundbites, and sage testimony Session chair: Misha Schubert Chief Executive Officer, Science & Technology Australia	Dr Tony Peacock Former Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Research Australia Kylie Walker Chief Executive Officer, Australian Academy of Technology & Engineering Peter Chesworth Deputy Chief Executive, Universities Australia	
2.30 – 2.45pm	Short break and Exhibition Hall open	
2.45 – 3.45pm Preparing to meet a Parliamentarian or advisor Session chair: Dr Karen Lee-Wadell Director of the Australian SKA Regional Centre	Professor Brian Schmidt Vice-Chancellor & President, The Australian National University Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla Director, Centre for Sustainable Materials Research & Technology, University of New South Wales Harry Godber Head of Strategy at Flare, former senior advisor to Australian Government Ministers Jane Hume and Arthur Sinodinos Anna Maria Arabia Chief Executive Officer, Australian Academy of Science	
7:00 – 8.00pm An evening with Brian Cox and Kirsten Banks	Professor Brian Cox Professor of Particle Physics and Science Communicator Kirsten Banks Wiradjuri Astrophysicist and Science Communicator	

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022 DAY THREE

12.00 – 1.30pm National Press Club address How to take more great Australian science from 'bench to boardroom' Partner introductory address: Sue MacLeman Chair, MTP Connect The address can be viewed live online via iview.abc.net.au	Professor Mark Hutchinson President, Science & Technology Australia	Generously supported by  MTP Connect MedTech and Pharma Growth Centre
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THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2022 DAY FOUR

8.30 – 9.00am	Exhibition Hall	
9.00 – 9.45am Keynote Address	His Excellency Arthur Sinodinos AO Australian Ambassador to the United States of America	
10.00 – 11.00am WORKSHOP	Marie Kondo your writing	Generously supported by Titanium Partner, Australian Government Department of Defence (Defence Science Technology branch)
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11.00 – 11.45am Webinar: Agricultural research for development: how Australian research benefits from international partnerships	Generously supported by	 Australian Government Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
11.45 – 11.55am	Short break	
11.55 – 12.00pm Platinum Partner Address	Grace Chung Engineering Site Lead, Google	Platinum Partner 
12.00 – 1.00pm Parliamentary Forum: Your chance to hear from MPs and Senators	Dr Katie Allen MP Federal Member (Liberal) for Higgins, Victoria	Forum Partners
Session chair: Associate Professor Jeremy Brownlie	Senator Dorinda Cox Yamatji-Noongar woman, Senator (The Greens) for Western Australia	
Address from Forum Partner: Matthew Cossey, Chief Executive Officer, Croplife	Dr Mike Freelander MP Federal Member (Labor) for Macarthur, New South Wales	<small>Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in</small> 
Video Presentation from Forum Partner: ARC Centre of of Excellence in Exiton Science		
1.00 – 2.00pm Indigenous STEM: on knowledge, inspiration and opportunities	Andrew Dowding Ngarluma man, Managing Director of Winyama and the Leader of Indigenous Mapping Workshop Australia	
Session chair: Dr Kalinda Griffiths Yawuru woman, Epidemiologist - and big data expert - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Victor Steffensen Tagalaka man, author of the ground-breaking book, Fire Country	
	Dr Leah Talbot Descendant of the Kuku Yalanji People, Traditional Owner Partnerships Team of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation	
	Karlie Noon Gamilaraay Astronomer and Superstar of STEM	
2.00 – 2.10pm	Short break	
2.10 – 3.10pm Meet the Chiefs: developing an agency plan and engaging decision makers	Professor Bronwyn Fox CSIRO Chief Scientist	
Session chair: Dr Pallave Dasari Strategic Partnerships and Development Officer for the Chief Scientist of SA and Superstar of STEM	Dr Amanda Caples Victoria's Lead Scientist	
	Dr Daniel Walker Chief Scientist, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	
	Jane MacMaster Chief Engineer, Engineers Australia	
3.10 – 3.40pm	Exhibition Hall	

FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022 DAY FIVE

11.30 – 12.00pm

Exhibition Hall

12.00 – 1.00pm

Health Equity: The role of trust and leadership in health equity

Address from EDI Partner

Chris Stemple

General Manager, AbbVie

Session chair:

Dr Susanna Cramb

Strategic Research Fellow at

Queensland University of Technology

Dr Jason Agostino

GP and epidemiologist,
National Aboriginal Community
Controlled Health Organisation
(NACCHO)

Dr Jamal Rifi Western Sydney GP

Todd Fernando

Medical anthropologist,
Victorian Commissioner for
LGBTIQ+ Communities

Professor Julie Leask

Social scientist specialising in
immunisation, University of Sydney

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1.00 – 2.00pm

Indigenous knowledges: understanding protocols and protections

Session chair:

Landon Brady

Policy Officer, Department of Environment
and Science

Michael Schwager

Director General of IP Australia

Dr Sadie Heckenberg

Research Fellow, Moondani Toombadool Centre

Scientia Fellow Dr Margaret Raven

ARC Discovery Project Indigenous knowledge futures: protecting and promoting Indigenous knowledge, University of New South Wales

Anika Valenti

Senior Solicitor, Terri Janke and Company

2.00 – 2.10pm

Short break and Exhibition Hall open

2.10 – 3.10pm

Commercialisation masterclass with Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Cathy Foley

Professor

Mark Hutchinson

President, Science
& Technology Australia

Associate Professor

Jia-Yee Lee

MedTech Enterprise
Fellow, University of
Melbourne

Professor Sharath Sriram

Joint head of
Functional Materials and
Microsystems team,
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3.10 – 3.30pm

Wrap up and close of

Science meets Parliament 2022

Misha Schubert Chief Executive Officer, Science & Technology Australia

THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2022 NATIONWIDE DINNERS

6.30 – 9.30pm

National Gala Dinners

Concurrent Gala Dinners in major cities across the country.
Please check your time zone carefully.

Sessions will include Q&A and live chat. You can network with delegates and Science meets Parliament partners in the Meeting Hub.

CHECKLIST

Before you log on, make sure you've completed the following tasks:

Complete your registration

Make sure you've registered and included an image, a biography and your correct contact details including your mobile phone number. If you have any changes, please send them to info@sta.org.au. If you haven't received confirmation of your registration, we won't be able to set up your meeting with a Parliamentarian (if included with your registration).

If you have a meeting, prepare yourself

Think about the key points you'd like to make about your work during your meeting. You may also wish to have an item to demonstrate your research while on the video call. For tips on the best way to approach your pitch, and suitable props, see page 15 of this handbook.

If you have a meeting, research your Parliamentarian

When you receive the details of the MP or Senator you're going to meet, study up. There's a section on how to research your Parliamentarian on page 16 of this booklet.

Join the conversation online

Follow Science & Technology Australia on Twitter (@ScienceAU) or like us on Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram (science_au).

We'll share insights and conversations from Science meets Parliament through social media using the tag #SmP2022, and we want you to join in! You're very welcome to use the hashtag straight away, of course.

Important stuff to have at hand

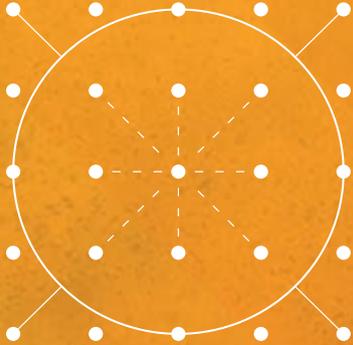
Be sure to have the following at hand during the event:

- Login email and PIN to access the OnAir events platform throughout the event series;
- Curiosity and an appetite to learn, contribute and meet some inspiring people; and
- Keep your mobile device handy on the day of your meeting with a Parliamentarian in case of last minute changes.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Dress code

Meetings with Parliamentarians are business meetings. We recommend you wear business attire if you are meeting with a Parliamentarian.

The dress code for the National Gala Dinner is lounge suit or cocktail dress.

National gala dinner

Those attending the Gala Dinner will have dinner provided, and additional tickets to this event are available for partners or special guests for a fee. If you'd like to bring a guest to the dinner please buy tickets [online here](#) by no later than 1st May.

Mobiles and photography

Please have your mobile phone with you on the day of your meeting with a Parliamentarian (if applicable). We will use your mobile number to inform you of changes to your meeting.

If you wish, following your meeting with an MP or Senator you may ask the Parliamentarian for a photo or a screenshot. Please gain permission from everyone in the photo before sharing the images on social media.

Many MPs and Senators participate in Science meets Parliament to better understand issues they think constituents in their electorate are concerned about. We make every effort to match you with a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who has expressed an interest in the same topic of discussion as you, so you can provide insights into issues that are relevant to them. Occasionally delegates are matched with MPs who've specifically requested to meet somebody who lives or works in their electorate, rather than because of a specific area of interest.

Due to the volume of meetings organised for Science meets Parliament and the complexities of negotiating with Parliamentary offices, we are unable to take special requests to meet with particular MPs or Senators. Please do not ask for special favours, as refusal may offend.

Make every second count

Every day, Parliamentarians meet with dozens of people with special interests who wish to speak about government services or programs, or who are working to influence government policy. With this in mind, you need to make sure your presentation is memorable and easy to digest. MPs and Senators often prepare for meetings by reading a brief provided by a staff member (we'll provide your bio to the MP or Senator ahead of your meeting).

It's important to remember that you are not meeting the Parliamentarian to seek funding, lobby them for support, or to criticise their policies.

You are there to share your work, excite and inspire them to think about science and technology differently, and expose them to innovative developments in your field.

By building mutually respectful relationships and engaging Parliamentarians in the excitement of STEM, you can help inspire in lawmakers a great respect and appreciation for STEM – which leads to better support for strategic investment in STEM in the longer term.

This will hopefully be the first of many interactions between you and the Parliamentarian you meet – make it a positive introduction.

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FRAMING YOUR WORK FOR DECISION-MAKERS

Feedback from past delegates has been that honing their pitch has been one of the most valuable skills from their Science meets Parliament experience. We strongly suggest you prepare 1-2 minutes of material that summarises your work and why it is important.

We will go through this in the 'Practice your pitch' session on 28 February at 2:35PM AEDT.

Think about your audience

Before you start crafting your message, it's important to take a step back and ask yourself a few questions about your audience, such as:

- How is my field relevant to the people in my Parliamentarian's electorate?
- What links are there with Government?
- How does my work affect Australians generally?
- What are some of the applications for my work in the real world?
- Does my work give context or measure the impact of something?
- Does my work pose a solution to a problem, or will it in the future?
- How does my work inspire curiosity or imagination?
- What are some of the challenges I face in my field?

Avoid speaking about funding. Saying research needs more funding won't work (trust us), and your time is better spent illustrating how your work and STEM more broadly provides socio-economic benefits and a high return on investment.

MPs and Senators are very well-educated, but very few of them have science-related degrees, so please avoid technical jargon.

Have a goal, remain clear, concise and accurate

Take the time to prepare your conversation points and think about what you hope your MP or Senator will remember after your meeting. Decide on one or two key points you want them to take away and be certain about the message you want to convey.

Try not to rely on notes. Keep the conversations as natural as possible. Your meeting will occur via video conferencing. Make sure your turn off all distracting programs and notifications on your devices before the meeting. Please be on time.

Stick to your area of expertise. If you're asked about a topic outside your field, acknowledge this and offer to have an expert in the field answer their question. Follow-up after your meeting by letting Science & Technology Australia know about the MP's request so we can connect the MP with an expert in that area.

Context is important

Parliamentarians want to identify and address issues that affect Australians' lives. Parliamentarians are likely to be responsive to clear messages and concrete examples of how your work is providing economic, social and/or environmental benefits to communities or industry.

This may be a challenge, particularly if your work is highly theoretical, but giving real world context to your work is valuable in this setting. Make sure to explain and explore the theory, but if possible draw it back to tangible outcomes or simple analogies.

People are better at remembering stories and anecdotes, while facts without context are easily forgotten.

Remember that a successful conversation, where you forge a personal connection, may help you establish a relationship with your Parliamentarian. This is how real change and influence are achieved.

Organise a prop or visual aid

A small prop to illustrate your work can help you make a connection with your Parliamentarian – choose something memorable and relevant that you can easily share in the camera's field of view.

This could be promotional material or something relevant to your work (like a fossil, 3D printed object or model). You can also prepare a one page summary of your work to send after your meeting.

You won't be able to share your screen, so no slides please!

Being assigned your parliamentarian

You'll receive an email from Science & Technology Australia around 2 March which will include information on who you will be meeting. Please be patient, as this matching process can be complex and some meetings are only confirmed the week before. Meetings will occur between 7-11 March.

Researching your Parliamentarian

Once you know which Parliamentarian you will be meeting, do some research. Each MP and Senator has a page on the [Parliament House website](#).

You will need to know:

- Are they a member of the Government, Opposition, a minor party or an Independent?
- Are they a Member of the House of Representatives (Lower House) or a Senator (in the Upper House)?
- Are they a Minister, Parliamentary Secretary or a Shadow Minister/Opposition spokesperson?
- Do they sit on any Parliamentary committees?
- Is their electorate in a city or urban area, or a rural and regional area? Where is their electoral office located (they often are well connected to these cities/towns)?
- Does their electorate include research institutions? Universities? Key STEM-relevant industries?

Each representative's website has a link to an official biography detailing their length of service, what positions they hold or have held, their qualifications and positions before entering Parliament. Some also contain a link to a personal website, which may be a useful source of additional background information on their interests.

A Parliamentarian's first speech or recent news articles may also offer an insight into what drives them and which issues they are passionate about, so get Googling.

If your Parliamentarian is currently serving on a committee, we suggest you look up recent inquiries the committee has held. All committees and links to their inquiries are listed [here](#).



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ON THE DAY OF YOUR MEETING

What to expect

Your meeting will take place via video conferencing sometime during 7-11 March. You will join a group of 3-4 STEM professionals to speak with a Member or Senator who has shown interest in your area of work.

These meetings can run for 10-30 minutes, so it is important that you are prepared to be brief. The shorter your opening statement, the longer there will be for questions from the Parliamentarian and their team, and for genuine conversation and connection. Feedback from past delegates and Parliamentarians has been that conversations, rather than presentations, have been the most beneficial.

DURING YOUR MEETING

Expect one or two advisers to also be present to take notes if you are meeting with a Minister or Shadow Minister.

Turn your mobile phone off or to silent, and any other devices in your immediate vicinity that may be a distraction in the meeting.



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When you introduce yourself, simply give your name, your position and your institution/company, eg: “Good morning Minister, I’m Misha Schubert, the CEO of Science & Technology Australia”. The Parliamentarian will have received copies of the short biography and photo you provided when you registered.

Getting down to business

This year meetings with Parliamentarians will be held in a non-sitting week, so it is likely that your Parliamentarian will be in their home electorate. However this does not mean that they will not be busy. Your first question should be “How much time do we have?” just so everyone is clear. Expect 15-30 minutes but understand the constantly changing dynamics of politics.

Turn your mobile phone off or to silent, and any other devices in your immediate vicinity that may be a distraction in the meeting.

Things to avoid:

- Using acronyms, technical language or jargon.
- Going into too much detail.
- Asserting you need more money. Politicians hear this many times a day and it is the surest way to make them switch off.
- Speaking over the Parliamentarian or a colleague.
- Arguing with or directly contradicting your host or colleagues.
- Negative or disrespectful comments about other researchers, organisations, or Parliamentarians.
- Dominating the conversation.
- Do not tweet or complain publicly about cancelled meetings as it can be damaging – Parliamentarians are very busy and unpredictability is a part of the way Parliament works.
- If a meeting is going over time and you need to attend another meeting, excuse yourself politely and quietly (so as not to close the meeting for other people). Never say, “I have got to go to a meeting with X”.

Cancellations and interruptions

Expect that your meeting time will change, as the schedule of a Parliamentarian can be unpredictable.

It is possible that your Parliamentarian will not be able to meet with you and may send an advisor on their behalf. If this happens, speak to the advisor as you’d planned to with the Parliamentarian; they will report to the boss.

Every year at Science meets Parliament, meetings have been cancelled, which is the reality of life in Parliament. Please don’t be disheartened if this happens to you; the professional development and networking opportunities available to you over the event series are extremely valuable.

If your meeting is cancelled, Science & Technology Australia staff will try to arrange a new meeting during the week. It is possible that this will be at short notice, so please keep your mobile with you during the week 7-11 March so we can contact you easily.

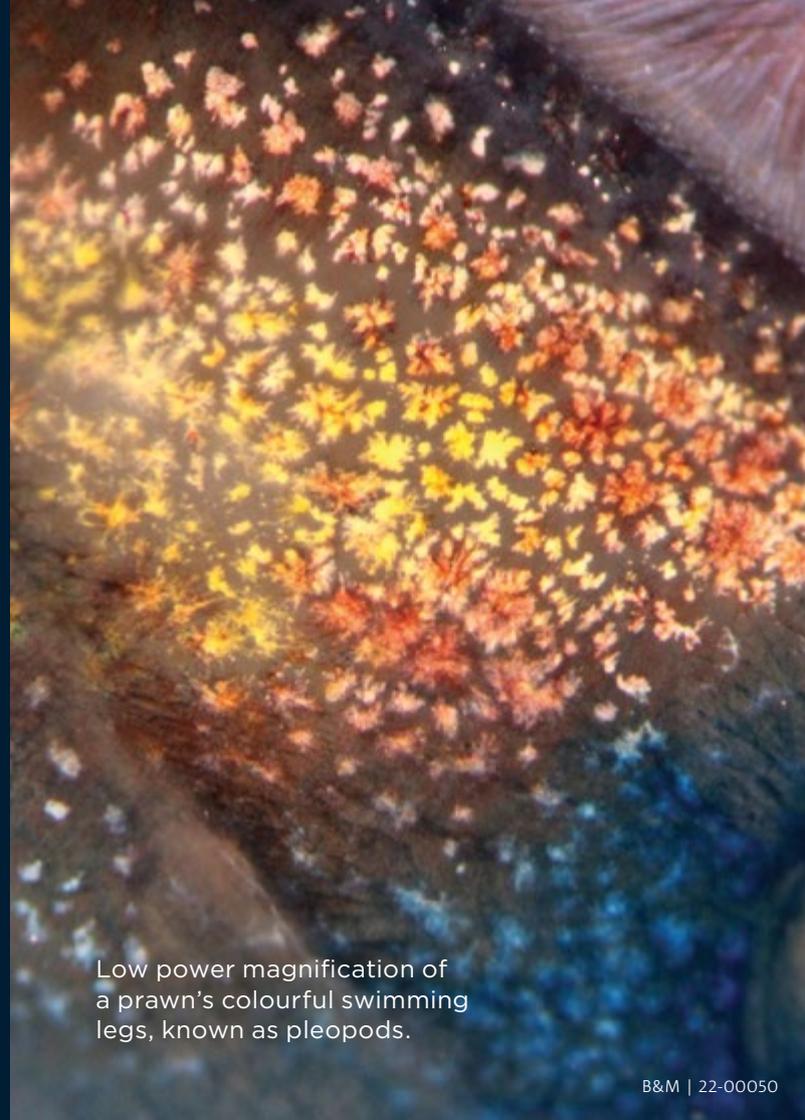
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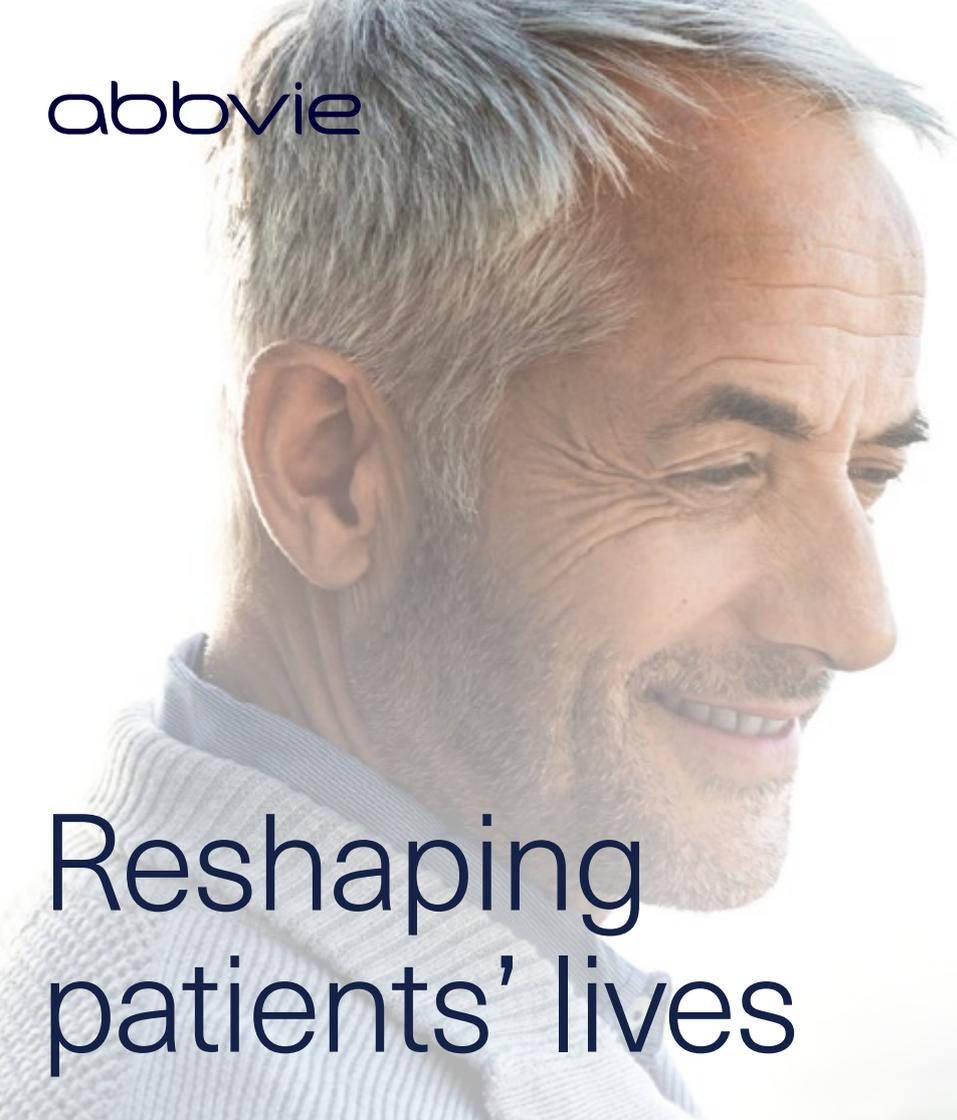
Intellectual Property, or 'IP', refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions, literary and artistic works, designs, and symbols. IP can be an invention, a trade mark, a design, or the practical application of your idea. IP rights provide protection for your ideas in the marketplace and allow you as the owner or inventor to benefit commercially. IP rights are a very valuable business asset and provide a competitive advantage.

'Indigenous Knowledge' or 'IK', is a term we use to cover knowledge held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Indigenous Knowledge can include Traditional Cultural Expressions such as language, song, dance, stories, songlines, art, or Traditional Knowledge such as the knowledge of plants, science, medicines and agriculture.

Indigenous Knowledge is an important asset belonging to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their communities and their organisations or businesses. IP Australia is looking at ways to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to benefit from and protect their Indigenous Knowledge with some aspects being protected by IP.

The Indigenous Knowledge IP Hub has information, links and resources to support you in ensuring the ongoing protection of Indigenous Knowledge through IP.





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