

FHRI Fund Communique #12

10 April 2025 Meeting

I am delighted to provide an update following the April 2025 meeting of the Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Advisory Council. This marks the council's first official meeting of the year and was an important step towards shaping the new strategic direction of the FHRI Fund.

Ministerial Portfolio - Medical Research and Innovation

With the Western Australian (WA) State election behind us, we warmly welcome back the Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC as Minister for Medical Research. Since 2021, we have fostered a strong partnership with Minister Dawson, and we look forward to further collaboration over the next four years to advance WA's health and medical research and innovation ecosystem.

FHRI Fund Strategy and Priorities 2025-30

Work on developing the next FHRI Fund Strategy and Priorities commenced in February and is progressing well. A steering committee, comprising Advisory Council members and senior government executives, has been established to oversee this critical initiative. To ensure broad sector engagement, Sia Partners has been engaged to assist in facilitating consultations including interviews, workshops, a stakeholder forum, an online survey and public submission platform. The new FHRI Fund Strategy and Priorities remain on track for completion in the coming months.

FHRI Fund May Open Day – Busselton

The first FHRI Fund Open Day of 2025 will be held in Busselton on 15 May, co-hosted by the Office of Medical Research and Innovation and the Busselton Population Medical Research Institute (BPMRI). Themed '*Clinical trials — translating medical advances into benefit*', this event aligns with International Clinical Trials Day which is also celebrated in May. Highlights will include the launch of the new WA Clinical Trials Roadmap, presentations from distinguished speakers, and opportunities for networking across the sector. Further details and registration information is available on the FHRI Fund website.

FHRI Fund Evaluation Results

The evaluation of the FHRI Fund is now complete and we would like to thank all those who contributed. The final Evaluation Report provides an assessment of the FHRI Fund's efficiency and effectiveness in meeting its legislative objectives. The findings and recommendations will be implemented through an action plan to ensure secure, impactful funding continues to support initiatives that:

- Enhance WA's health system
- Drive economic growth
- Improve health outcomes for Western Australians
- Position WA as a global leader in health and medical research and innovation.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to advancing health and medical research and innovation in WA. We look forward to working together on these exciting initiatives throughout 2025 and beyond.

Kind regards



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