

FHRI Fund Communique #15

31 March 2026 Meeting

I'm pleased to provide an update following the March 2026 meeting of the Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Advisory Council. At this meeting we welcomed two new members to the Advisory Council, Professor Dan McAullay and Ms Marie Smyth. Their experience further broadens the skills and expertise of the Advisory Council as we continue to deliver on the ambitious vision set out in the [FHRI Fund Strategy 2025–30](#).

Governance Review

The Advisory Council has overseen a review of key FHRI Scheme governance documents and processes. This has included the FHRI Scheme Governance Framework, the high-level end-to-end process and the governance policies of the Advisory Council. The review of this work was informed by input and advice from the three FHRI Fund Standing Expert Committees and supported by the Office of Medical Research and Innovation. The finalisation and approval of the Governance Framework will now be progressed ahead of its publication and release on the FHRI Fund website.

Measuring Impact

The Advisory Council continues its focus on performance and delivering impact through finalising the development of the FHRI Fund Strategy 2025-30 Measurement Framework. The Framework sets out clear outcomes, indicators and data sources that will enable a consistent approach to tracking performance and impact aligned to the Strategy. Reporting against the Framework will form part of the FHRI Fund Annual Report.

Spotlight Program

The inaugural Spotlight program recipient will be announced at the FHRI Fund Open Day in June (see details below) and planning is well underway for the next Spotlight program. The Advisory Council has considered a list of topics raised through recent sector consultation and will continue to progress towards selection of the next Spotlight topic which will be announced at a FHRI Fund Open Day later this year.

FHRI Fund Open Day

The first FHRI Fund Open Day of 2026 will be held in Perth on 4 June 2026. A key highlight will be the announcement of the inaugural Spotlight recipient. Please join us to hear from guest speakers and explore opportunities for networking across the sector. Further details and registration information will be made available soon on the FHRI Fund website.

Year in review

The [2024–25 FHRI Fund Annual Report](#) has now been published and tabled in Parliament. The Annual Report provides a transparent overview of the FHRI Fund's activities over 2024-25, including investment across FHRI Fund Programs and Initiatives and strategic priorities and case studies highlighting the impact of FHRI Fund grants for WA researchers, innovators and communities.

Kind regards

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