

## INVITATION

Dear CEOs/MDs and Authorised Representatives,

MTAA would like to extend an invitation to you or a representative from your organisation to participate in the a Roundtable discussion that will shape the next round of funding (\$10M) distributed by the BioMedTech Horizons Program.

MTPConnect is currently conducting a series of workshops across Australia to identify clinical challenges in the therapeutic areas - Cardiology, Trauma & Emergency, Orthopaedics and Ophthalmology.

**We are now inviting Industry to partake in a Roundtable discussion to shortlist the clinical challenges that have been identified previously through the workshops.**

**This will be a fantastic opportunity to ensure the grants program is structured so that it is relevant to Industry and in particular, meets the needs of SMEs**

**Details:**

**Date:** Friday 14 December 2018

**Time:** 12.30 - 4.15 pm

**Location:** MTAA Boardroom, Level 12, 54 Miller Street, North Sydney

RSVP: Please advise the session you are interested in attending via email to [events@mtaa.org.au](mailto:events@mtaa.org.au) by Tuesday, 11th December 2018.

Time	Roundtable session
12.30-1.15pm	Session 1: Ophthalmology
1.15-1.30pm	Break
1.30-2.15pm	Session 2: Cardiovascular
2.15-2.30pm	Break
2.30-4.00pm	Session 3: Orthopaedics + Emergency & Trauma Care
4.00-4.15pm	Roundtables conclude

## BioMedTech Horizons Program

As part of the October 2017 Reform Agreement between MTAA and the Federal Government, a provision was included for a \$30m Grants Fund to be established under the Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF) to support Australian MedTech innovation.

The BioMedTech Horizons Program *'will be available for small to medium size enterprises (SMEs) and researchers who partner with SMEs for conducting activities that support development of new and innovative device technologies, clinical trials and associated registries, support researcher exchanges and workforce development.'*

The BioMedTech Horizons Grants Program is being administered by MTPConnect and is required to align with the principles of the Medical Research Futures Fund.

A Steering Committee has been established to identify the projects that are to be funded under this program. Membership includes MTP Connect, the Department of Health, MRFF, MTAA, industry representatives, a number of independent consultants.

MTPConnect is adopting a similar process to previous grants programs that it has administered – specifically, focusing on certain clinical areas and seeking the input of key opinion leaders (clinicians and industry) to define clinical challenges relevant to those areas that then form the basis of the grants program.

### The process will include the following:

- Identification of clinical challenges in orthopedics, cardiovascular medicine, trauma and emergency medicine and ophthalmology through involvement of key opinion leaders (KOLs) in these areas via a survey and roundtables to be conducted November – December 2018.
- Industry representatives will be invited to the roundtables.
- Steering Committee to review and select between 8-12 clinical challenges that will be proposed to the Minister.
- Call for projects to address the identified challenges between mid-January 2019 and end of February 2019.