

Breaking the Silos: The Women's Health MedTech Summit

Date: 27 - 28 May 2026

Venue: Doltone House, Level 3, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Agenda

Day 1			
No.	Session Title	Description	Speakers
9am (15mins)	Introduction (MC) Welcome to Country		Jasjit Baveja (MTAA), Michael West (Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council)
9:15am (15mins)	Welcome and Official Opening, MTAA		Ian Burgess (MTAA)
1. 9:30am (30mins)	Opening Keynote	A future-focused keynote setting the tone for the Summit, reframing women's health as a catalyst for system change, innovation and industry disruption – not a niche issue.	Gabrielle Jackson (Guardian Australia)
2. 10:05am (45mins)	Global Perspective Panel	Why this Summit, why now. A high-level view of the global women's health movement and where Australia sits by comparison. Drawing on international reports, policy momentum, and industry-led initiatives to show the gap and the opportunity.	Moderator: Robyn Norton (The George Institute for Global Health) Dr Talia Avrahamzon (Research Australia), Aggie Cox (Hologic), Olena Ivanova (SPHERE Centre for Research Excellence)
10:50am <i>Morning Tea</i>			
3. 11:20am (30mins)	Lived Experience Keynote	A lived-experience keynote that grounds the Summit in what outcomes really look like. Jen O'Neill shares the cost of exclusion, dismissal and delayed diagnosis – and why system change can't wait.	Jen O'Neill (Social Work Program Manager and women's heart health advocate)

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4. 11:55am (5mins)	Ministerial Video Address – The Hon. Rebecca White MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Assistant Minister for Women	A Federal Government perspective on women's health reform, priorities, and the role of the MedTech industry in improving outcomes.	The Hon. Rebecca White MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Assistant Minister for Women
5. 12:00pm (40mins)	TGA insights	This session provides an update from the TGA on the regulator's actions and focus on the impact and use of therapeutic goods by women. Hear about the Women's Health Products Working Group, some targeted reviews and the introduction of health equity principles.	Professor Robyn Langham (Therapeutic Goods Administration), Tracey Duffy (Therapeutic Goods Administration)
12:45pm <i>Lunch</i>			
6. 1:30pm (45mins)	Clinically Proven, But for Whom?	Who gets counted in "clinically proven"? This session tackles the evidence gap in women's health – under-enrolment, sex-blind analysis and male-default research models – and how they shape safety, efficacy and guidelines. This discussion will explore the evolving role of evidence in delivering outcomes that better reflect the diversity of real-world populations.	Moderator: Leanne Weekes (Bellberry Limited) Prue Torrance (National Health and Medical Research Council), Bronwyn Graham (Centre for Sex and Gender Equity in Health and Medicine at The George Institute for Global Health), Professor Cheryl Carcel (Brain Health Program at The George Institute for Global Health), Associate Professor Fiona Brownfoot (Kali Healthcare)

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7. 2:20pm (45mins)	Designed without Her – <i>Designing for the Outcomes We Want</i>	Design choices aren't neutral – they shape outcomes. This session invites a broader reflection on how inclusive design can influence usability, performance and outcomes in practice.	Moderator: Rozalina Sarkezians (Health Industry Hub) Dr Annette Holian (Royal Australian Air Force), Dr Claudia Di Bella (St Vincent's Private Hospital Fitzroy), Associate Professor Michelle Hill (Proseek Bio), Prof. Payal Mukherjee (Sydney Adventist Hospital)
3:10pm <i>Afternoon Tea</i>			
8. 3:40pm (20mins)	The Information Gap <i>When research, trust, and reality do not align</i>	When evidence is thin, misinformation fills the gap. This session unpacks why women's health myths spread – research blind spots, dismissed symptoms, and digital influence – and what it takes to rebuild trust. Hear how to align research, communication and care so decisions are driven by reality, not noise.	Sarah White (Jean Hailes Foundation)
9. 4:00pm (10mins)	Case Study 1 – FDA Pathway, De Novo		Samuel Ho (Pulsenmore)
10. 4:15 pm (10mins)	Case Study 2 – FDA Pathway, Breakthrough Designation		Tara Croft (Baymatob)

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11. 4:25 pm (10mins)	Fast-track Her – The Case for a Women's Health Priority Pathway	A thought-provoking and interactive session exploring the question: what if women's health qualified for a global regulatory priority pathway. Designed to spark debate, challenge assumptions, and open new ways of thinking about urgency and risk.	Susannah Rooney (Amplify51 Limited), Falko Thiele (BIOTRONIK)
12. 4:40pm (40mins)	Half the Population, Fraction of the Funding – <i>How reimbursement shapes Women's Health innovation</i>	Funding decisions decide what gets built – and who benefits. This session breaks down how reimbursement, investment and funding models accelerate or stall women's health innovation, and where the biggest value is being left on the table. Get a clearer view of what it takes to take solutions from evidence to adoption – and to scale.	Moderator: Helen Souris (CardiHab) Dr Shona Sundaraj (Medibank), Dr Ceri Cashell (Healthy Hormones), Anabela Correia (Inner Maven)
5:25 pm (10mins)	Day 1 Closing Remarks		Jasjit Baveja (MTAA)
5:35pm	Welcome Reception		
7:30pm	Day 1 End		

Day 2			
No.	Session Title	Description	Speakers
9:00am (15mins)	Day 2 Welcome		Jasjit Baveja (MTAA)
13. 9:15am (30mins)	Day 2 Keynote <i>Sponsored by Smith & Nephew</i>	Day 2 starts with a sharp reset: the big takeaways from Day 1, translated into priorities and next steps. Let's reframe women's health as a system-wide agenda across innovation, regulation, workforce and policy – and lock in what happens next.	Robyn Norton (The George Institute for Global Health)
14. 9:50am (40mins)	A Workforce Issue, Not a Women's Issue – <i>From Awareness to Advantage</i>	Turning women's health at work into a performance advantage. This session makes the business case – linking awareness and smart accommodations to productivity, retention and outcomes – and shares what good support looks like in practice.	Moderator: Melina Georgousakis (Franklin Women) WiMT Company Champion Award Winner and Finalists Nikki Luther Senior Director Human Resources (Stryker), Gillian Scott (Vantive), Catherine Hon (Medtronic) Dr Talat Uppal (Women's Health Road)
10:30am		Morning Tea & Networking	

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15. 11:30am (45mins)	Momentum in Motion - Women's health innovation gaining ground	Real-world innovation, straight from the founders. Hear short case studies of emerging women's health technologies – what's working, what's hard, and what it takes to get from prototype to adoption. A high-energy bridge into the Women's Health MedTech Summit Luncheon and networking.	Moderator: Dina Titkova (UNSW Founders) Dr Ariella H (Ovum), Chelsea Cornelius (Stratos Medtech), Dr Joey Man (Tenmile), Anthony Liveris (ProtoAxiom)
12:30pm <i>Luncheon Start</i>			
12:40pm (10mins)	Luncheon Welcome, MTAA		Jasjit Baveja (MTAA)
16. 12:50pm (50mins)	Luncheon Keynote	How do we get women's health solutions out of pilots and into everyday care? Grace Toombs shares what it takes to build, fund and scale – spotlighting the commercial case, the adoption hurdles, and the policy levers that unlock impact. Grace Toombs is the founder of June Health (HeyJune), making cervical screening, STI testing and reproductive care easier to access – privately and stigma-free. She brings a health and research background and a track record of translating insight into user-centred services that help women engage earlier and stay in care.	Grace Toombs (HeyJune)
2:00pm (20mins)	Closing Remarks, MTAA	Where to from here? A sharp wrap-up of the Summit's biggest takeaways and priority actions for industry and policy – then the launch of MTAA's Women's Health Action Paper, setting out the recommendations and next steps.	Jasjit Baveja (MTAA)
2:30pm <i>Luncheon Ends</i>			
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