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Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and Saltire Capital Partners announce Health Horizons Forum

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Saltire Capital Partners and the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS) today announce their partnership on a joint initiative, the Health Horizons Forum.

The Health Horizons Forum is a series of round tables hosted by the Academy and Saltire Capital Partners, bringing together stakeholders from the Australian healthcare sector, government, research, and industry. The Health Horizons Forum creates a unique opportunity to explore horizon scanning opportunities and challenges with key industry leaders, influencers, and government policymakers.

Professor Ian Frazer AC FRS FAA FTSE FAHMS and AAHMS Executive member, said, “The Health Horizons Forum will harness the expertise of AAHMS Fellows to identify big ideas that could transform the health of the Australian community in the coming decades. As Australia’s Learned Academy for health and medical sciences, we are ideally placed to facilitate discussions around how Australia can harness the outputs of some of the most promising fields of research and innovation. The partnership with Saltire capital will help ensure these conversations incorporate important cross-sector perspectives.”

The Forum will utilise the Academy’s Fellows’ expertise to identify highly promising areas of research and innovation that could transform the health of the Australian community. Themes under early consideration include research, development, and commercialisation of approaches to managing chronic conditions (e.g., mental health, gut health, arthritis, diabetes and co-morbidity), and the latest developments in areas such as health and medical devices, genomics and artificial intelligence.

The Health Horizons Forum aims to bring health and research sector peers together to:

1. Explore emerging areas of research and innovation that could transform the nation’s health over the coming decades by bringing together the latest science and evidence across a range of fields.
2. Identify emerging policy issues, opportunities, and challenges across sectors to share with industry and government.
3. Connect stakeholders across the Australian health sector to facilitate future research, commercialisation, and innovation incubation.

The Health Horizons Forum will involve AAHMS Fellows and Associate Members and Saltire Capital Partners, alongside leading health, research, and innovation experts.

Peter Gardiner, Principal of Saltire Capital Partners, said, “Saltire is deeply embedded in the Australian health sector, actively advising organisations to help advance research and

innovation initiatives that will improve people's lives. We're honoured to partner with the AAHMS Fellows on the Health Horizons Forum to elevate discussions around the future of the Australian health sector with stakeholders across government policy, industry, and the medical and science communities.”

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Saltire Capital Partners delivers strategic commercial, financial, and investment banking advice to mid-market firms. With 75+ years of combined experience in debt and equity markets, we help owners and executives of healthcare companies to build and realise strategic value. For more information on our full range of services, visit the Saltire Capital Partners [website](#).

About the Academy

The Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences is the impartial, authoritative, cross-sector voice of health and medical science in Australia. The Academy advances health and medical research in Australia and its translation into benefits for all, by fostering leadership within the sector, providing expert advice to decision-makers, and engaging patients and the public.

AAHMS is an independent, interdisciplinary body of Fellows – elected by their peers for their outstanding achievements and exceptional contributions to health and medical science in Australia. Collectively, they are a representative and independent voice, through which the Academy engages with the community, industry, and governments.

The Academy is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Learn more information on the [Academy website](#).