



International Convention

June 22–25, 2026 | San Diego, CA

Queensland Delegate Handbook

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Deputy Premier welcome message

I am proud to support Queensland's delegation to the BIO International Convention 2026 in San Diego, where you will showcase the expertise and ambition that is driving our state's growing reputation as a destination for biomedical investment and collaboration.

Queensland is rapidly establishing itself as a global leader in biomedical innovation, translating world-class research into economic opportunities that improve lives, strengthen our economy and build the sovereign capabilities our state needs for the future.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to building a stronger, more productive and resilient Queensland economy by growing the industries that will underpin our future prosperity.

Biomedical innovation is a key pillar of that vision, because of its power to drive better health outcomes, create highly skilled jobs and strengthen Queensland's sovereign industrial capability, which safeguards our people and economy against global economic and geopolitical instability.

Through initiatives such as our flagship \$180.6 million Sovereign Industry Development Fund, the Crisafulli Government is supporting projects that enhance Queensland's capability in sovereign industries, secure critical supply chains and help help companies scale new technologies from concept to global markets.

Queensland possesses all the ingredients for success: world-class research institutions, leading clinical trial capabilities, advanced manufacturing infrastructure, a highly skilled workforce and a "Team Queensland" approach that supports businesses from discovery through to commercialisation.

Queensland offers a complete innovation pathway, where ideas move beyond the lab and into application, delivering impact at scale.

BIO provides an important opportunity to deepen collaboration with international partners, particularly in the United States, and to strengthen Queensland's presence in the global life sciences community.

I thank our delegates for your leadership and for advancing Queensland's innovation ambitions on the world stage. Your efforts are helping to secure Queensland's place at the forefront of biomedical innovation and strengthen the sovereign capabilities that will drive our future economic success.

The Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations

Minister welcome message

I welcome you to the BIO International Convention 2026 (BIO 2026) in San Diego, California, as part of the Queensland delegation.

Your participation reinforces Queensland's global position as a leading destination for biotechnology investment, clinical trials, biomedical innovation and commercial partnerships.

Queensland is a dynamic and progressive state with researchers, innovators and leaders eager to improve life for people globally. We all know there is strength in collaboration. That's what makes BIO 2026 so important.

BIO 2026 is the world's largest biotechnology conference, bringing together global pharmaceutical companies, investors, research institutions, government agencies, and emerging biotechnology companies. Endless opportunity is created when the sharpest minds unite.

You can take advantage of the various Queensland-focused events and engagement initiatives designed to connect you with international investors, pharmaceutical companies, clinical trial sponsors, strategic partners and innovation stakeholders.

In this changing global trade environment, Queensland is focusing on strengthening our key trading relationships, building resilient supply chains and creating new opportunities in priority markets.

The Crisafulli Government is backing industries, supporting exporters, and attracting the international investment needed to deliver a better lifestyle through a stronger economy.

Thank you for joining our QueensLand of Opportunity team as a delegate at this flagship event and thank you for your ongoing and vital work in your area of expertise.

Your involvement will strengthen bilateral relations between Queensland and the United States and contribute to the prosperous growth of the global life sciences community, in which Queensland is a leader in.

The Hon. Ros Bates MP
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training

Key Dates/Events

Dates to Diarise

- Queensland Delegate Reception (20 June, 5pm – 7pm)
- Australia House (21 June, 4pm – 7pm)
- Australian Business & Networking Reception and Dinner (21 June, 6pm – 10pm)
- Team Australia Photo (22 June, 10:30am)
- Team Queensland Photo (22 June – following Team Australia Photo)
- Queensland Pitches (23 June, 11:30pm – 12:30pm)
- Queensland Global Innovation Hub Presentation (23 June, 1:45pm)
- Australian Wine Networking Event (23 June, 3pm – 4pm)
- Queensland Coffee Cart Sponsorship (25 June – all day)

BIO 2026, 22-25 June San Diego – Australia/Queensland Event Schedule



	Mon 15 June	Tues 16 June	Wed 17 June	Thurs 18 June	Fri 19 June	Sat 20 June	Sun 21 June	Mon 22 June	Tues 23 June	Wed 24 June	Thurs 25 June
Morning		MTEC Annual Meeting (Washington DC) TIQ/BEDA	MTEC Annual Meeting (Washington DC) TIQ/BEDA	MTPConnect Site Visit Program#	MTPConnect Site Visit Program#			Team Australia/ Queensland Photo	Women in Science Breakfast# MTPConnect		Site Visit: The Forge (UCSD)* TIQ/BEDA
Afternoon		MTEC Annual Meeting (Washington DC) inc. Poster Display TIQ/BEDA	MTEC Annual Meeting (Washington DC) TIQ/BEDA	MTPConnect Site Visit Program#	MTPConnect Site Visit Program#		Australia House Event* Austrade	Site Visit: NHRC-TBC* TIQ/BEDA	Global Innovation Hub - Qld 12:15pm		
Evening	Queensland Networking Reception 6-8pm (Washington DC) TIQ/BEDA				MTPConnect Site Visit Program#	Queensland Networking Event 5-7pm TIQ	Australian Business & Networking Reception# MTPConnect/AAA	Brandon BioCatalyst Dinner* BIO 2026 Opening Night 7pm-9pm	UQ Networking & Dinner*	BIO 2026 Gaslamp Block Party 7pm-9pm	

Paid ticketed event *Invitation only
 Green: Aus Events
 Red: Qld Events
 Orange: Qld/Bris Defence-Health Events



Event Access and Invitations

In 2025, almost 450 Australian delegates attended BIO, including more than 100 delegates from Queensland. A similarly strong Australian and Queensland presence is anticipated in 2026.

Due to venue capacities, sponsorship arrangements and event-specific attendance requirements, not all Team Australia and Team Queensland events are open to all delegates. Some functions are invitation-only, ticketed, or have a limited capacity.

This handbook includes details of a range of Australian, Queensland and BIO-related activities that may be of interest to delegates. Inclusion of an event in this handbook does not guarantee attendance or access.

If you are unsure whether you have been invited to, registered for, or are eligible to attend a particular event, please contact individual event organisers or Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) for clarification.

Key Contacts

Details of contacts in the US at BIO2026 are below:

Name	Department	Contact mobile	Contact email
Alita Singer Director, Investment	Trade & Investment Queensland (TIQ)	+1 646 530 4418 (w) +1 347 902 6931 (p)	alita.singer@tiq.qld.gov.au
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Jo Glew Executive Coordinator	MTPConnect	+61 439 955 591 (w)	jo.glew@mtpconnect.org.au

Key contact in Brisbane (not travelling) is:

Name	Department	Contact email
Sarah Roberts	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)	sarah.roberts@dsdip.qld.gov.au

Before you go

Stay connected during BIO – WhatsApp group



If you would like to stay up to date and hear any last-minute changes, please join the WhatsApp group to be in contact with other delegates.

Scan or upload this QR code, or sign up via https://chat.whatsapp.com/IV9slEtyzHSDiwINOSYFlw?mode=gi_t

Travel requirements and insurance

Monitor official travel information sources, including airlines, airports, and US authorities. Australian Government travel advice for the United States is available via **Smartertraveller** - <https://www.smartertraveller.gov.au/destinations/americas/united-states-america>.

For delegates travelling via major US gateways, the following resources may be useful:

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

Airport information: <https://www.flylax.com>

Security wait times: <https://www.flylax.com/travel-safely/security-wait-times>

San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

Airport information: <https://www.flysfo.com>

Security screening information: <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/security-screening>

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Airport information and travel updates: <https://www.flydulles.com>

US Customs and Border Protection also publishes estimated wait times for passengers clearing passport control at major US airports - <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/admitted/passenger-wait-times>

Make sure you have the **correct visa and ensure your passport has the remaining validity required**.

Ensure you take out the appropriate level and type of **travel insurance**.

Talk to your bank

Make sure your bank knows that you are heading overseas so you don't get blocked access to your finances in the US and check your overseas transaction limit.

You will need cash for tipping hotel services etc.

Talk to your phone provider

Before departing for the United States, delegates are encouraged to contact their mobile phone provider to discuss international roaming options and charges.

Many Australian mobile providers offer international roaming packages that include voice calls, SMS and data usage. Purchasing a roaming package before departure is often more convenient and cost-effective than using standard international rates.

Alternatively, delegates may wish to purchase a local SIM card or eSIM on arrival in the United States if their device is compatible.

Download these Apps

- BIO App / [Show Planner](#)
- [WhatsApp](#)
- [Uber](#)
- [Lyft](#)
- [Google Maps](#) / [Apple Maps](#)
- [PRONTO](#) (optional)

Packing and Travel Preparation

Business attire - BIO is a business-focused conference, so business or business-casual attire is recommended for partnering meetings, networking events and receptions.

Comfortable footwear - expect long days and plenty of walking around the San Diego Convention Center, partnering areas and nearby events.

Layers - while San Diego weather is generally mild and pleasant, conference venues can be heavily air-conditioned. A light jacket or blazer is recommended. The weather average for June in San Diego is a high of 22 degrees Celsius and a low of 17 degrees.

Power adapters - the United States uses Type A/B plugs (110-120V). Australian travellers will require a travel adapter for laptops, phones and other devices.

Portable charger - highly recommended given the volume of meetings, use of the BIO Partnering app and time spent away from hotel rooms.

San Diego Time Zone: Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), 17 hours behind Brisbane (AEST) during June.

Business cards - still widely exchanged at BIO, particularly with international delegates, investors and business development teams. Also know how to share your LinkedIn profile.

Networking Tip - rather than exchanging business cards, many BIO attendees simply scan each other's LinkedIn QR codes during meetings, receptions and networking events. This is often the quickest way to connect and ensures contact details are captured immediately.

To access your QR code:

1. Open the LinkedIn mobile app
2. Tap the Search bar at the top of the screen
3. Tap the QR code icon on the right-hand side of the search bar
4. Select "My Code"
5. Show your QR code to others or save it as an image to your phone for quick access during the conference

To connect with someone else's QR code:

Option 1 – Use your phone camera (easiest):

1. Open your smartphone camera
2. Point it at the person's LinkedIn QR code
3. Tap the notification/link that appears
4. Their LinkedIn profile will open directly in your browser or LinkedIn app

Option 2 – Use the LinkedIn app:

1. Open the LinkedIn app
2. Tap the Search bar
3. Tap the QR code icon
4. Select "Scan"
5. Point your camera at their QR code to open their profile instantly

Partnering preparation - have a concise company overview, key partnership objectives and a digital version of your pitch deck readily accessible.

Partnering and Meeting Preparation

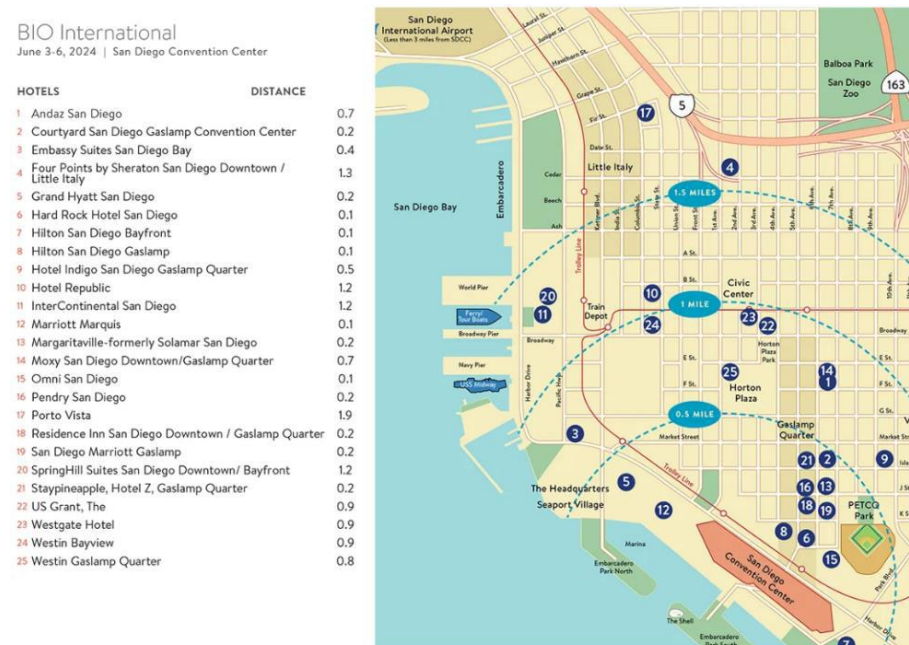
Finalise partnering meetings - finalise your partnering arrangements and meetings and review the conference program. If you need space to conduct a meeting, speak with TIQ staff to check whether it is possible to have your meeting on the stand.

[BIO Partnering Login](#)

San Diego Essentials

San Diego Tourism has a great website helping you plan your stay and find details about food, hospitality and coffee: [The Official Travel Resource for the San Diego Region](#)

Take advantage of Apple and Google's offline map features before you go to download to your phone so you can locate coffee, restaurants and other hospitality you need during BIO.



San Diego Arrival Information

The following information may assist delegates when arriving in San Diego. Taxis, rideshare services and public transport are readily available throughout San Diego.

Taxis and Rideshare Services

Taxi stands are located at San Diego International Airport, major hotels, attractions and shopping centres. Taxi fares are metered and include a base fare plus distance and waiting-time charges. Airport-originated taxi trips incur an additional airport surcharge.

Uber and Lyft are widely available throughout San Diego and provide convenient transport to and from the airport, hotels and conference venues.

Indicative transport costs from San Diego International Airport to Downtown San Diego:

Transport Type	Approximate Travel Time	Approximate Cost (USD)
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Bus (Route 992)	15–20 minutes	\$2.50
Taxi	10–15 minutes	\$20–30
Uber/Lyft	10–15 minutes	\$10–25*

*Rideshare fares vary depending on demand, traffic conditions and time of day.

Taxi Services

Company	Contact
RideYellow (San Diego Yellow Cab)	+1 619 444 4444
RideYellow App	Available via Apple App Store and Google Play Store

Shuttle Services

Shared shuttle services operate from the Transportation Plazas located outside Terminals 1 and 2 at San Diego International Airport. Shuttle services can be booked for airport transfers, convention centre transport, sightseeing tours and private group travel.

Public Transport – [PRONTO Fare System](#)

The San Diego region uses the PRONTO fare system for public transport. PRONTO allows passengers to travel on:

[San Diego Trolley](#)

[Metropolitan Transit System \(MTS\) buses](#)

[COASTER trains](#)

[SPRINTER services](#)

[Regional transit services](#)

Passengers can use either a PRONTO card or the PRONTO mobile app to pay fares.

One-way fares are valid for unlimited transfers within two hours of activation. PRONTO also automatically calculates the most economical fare, allowing passengers to earn their way towards daily and monthly fare caps.

PRONTO Options:

Option	Details
Mobile App	Available on Apple App Store and Google Play Store
Physical Card	Available from ticket vending machines, retail outlets and transit customer service centres
Website	www.ridepronto.com

Airport Connection to Public Transport

The airport is not directly connected to the San Diego Trolley network. Delegates can use:

[MTS Route 992](#)

Connects San Diego International Airport with Downtown San Diego

Stops at Santa Fe Depot Transit Centre

[Route 992: Airport/Downtown Shuttle | Bus Schedule | MTS – San Diego | San Diego Metropolitan Transit System](#)

Provides access to Amtrak, COASTER and San Diego Trolley services

Fare: USD \$2.50



[Airport | San Diego Metropolitan Transit System](#)

The second option is a free airport shuttle from the Old Town Transit Center. It's called the San Diego Flyer and it picks up and drops off passengers on the east side of the transit center near the depot building (out on the island - see map below).

The San Diego Flyer operates approximately every 20-30 minutes, seven days a week.

Pick-up and drop-offs are timed to meet the first and last Trolley, COASTER, Amtrak trains, and MTS busses with the first pick-up at 4:45 a.m. and the last pick-up/drop-off at 12:30 a.m.

The Flyer picks up and drops off at the Transportation Plaza (across the street from the baggage claim). This is a service for transit riders only.

For more information on this service, please visit the www.san.org website and its public transportation page.

BIO 2026

About BIO

The BIO International Convention (BIO) is the world's largest and most influential biotechnology event, bringing together biotechnology companies, pharmaceutical organisations, investors, research institutions, government agencies, service providers and industry leaders from around the globe.

Held annually by the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), the convention provides a unique platform for partnering, investment attraction, business development, licensing discussions, networking and knowledge exchange across the life sciences sector.

BIO 2026 will take place in San Diego, California, from 22–25 June 2026 and is expected to attract more than 20,000 delegates from over 70 countries. The event features a comprehensive program of partnering meetings, industry presentations, panel discussions, networking receptions and exhibition activities, making it a key opportunity for Queensland organisations to showcase their capabilities, build international connections and explore new commercial opportunities.

[BIO International Convention | June 22-25 | San Diego](#)

BIO Partnering

BIO Partnering™ is one of the largest business partnering programs in the global life sciences industry and is a core component of the BIO International Convention.

The platform enables delegates to identify, connect with and schedule one-on-one meetings with biotechnology companies, pharmaceutical organisations, investors, research institutions, service providers and government representatives from around the world.

Partnering meetings are typically 30 minutes in duration and provide an opportunity to discuss collaboration, licensing, investment, clinical development, research partnerships, manufacturing, market access and other business opportunities.

Delegates are encouraged to finalise their meeting schedules before arriving in San Diego and regularly monitor the BIO Partnering system for meeting requests, updates and venue information. Given the volume of meetings conducted during BIO, delegates should ensure they have a concise company overview, clear objectives and relevant materials readily available for discussions.

[BIO Partnering at BIO International Convention | June 22-25, 2026](#)

Official BIO Events

In addition to the extensive conference program and partnering activities, BIO hosts a range of official networking events designed to help delegates connect with industry leaders, investors, researchers and business development professionals from around the world.

Delegates are encouraged to review their registration type and event access before travelling, as some functions are only available to specific registration categories.

[Receptions - BIO International Convention 2026](#)

Social Spotlight

BIO Social Spotlight Events are independently hosted networking functions held throughout BIO week by biotechnology companies, investors, industry organisations, professional services firms, regional clusters and international delegations.

These events provide additional opportunities to expand networks, meet potential partners and engage with stakeholders in a more informal setting outside of the official BIO conference program.

Events may include networking receptions, investor gatherings, country and regional showcases, industry celebrations, alumni events and themed social functions.

Delegates are encouraged to review the BIO Social Spotlight Events calendar and RSVP where required. Many events have limited capacity and registrations can fill quickly.

The latest event listings are available via the BIO International Convention website: [Social Spotlight Events - BIO International Convention 2026](#)

BIO App and My Show Planner

There are two mobile apps for BIO 2026: the **BIO Events App**, which provides access to sessions, speakers, exhibitors, venue maps, shuttle schedules and general event information, and the **BIO Partnering App**, which is used to manage BIO Partnering meetings and schedules.

Both apps are separate and should be downloaded before arriving in San Diego.

BIO Events App



iPhone (Apple App Store): <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bio-international-convention/id6744029611>

Android (Google Play Store): [BIO International Convention - Apps on Google](#)

BIO Partnering App

iPhone (Apple App Store): <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bio-partnering/id6736909022>

Android (Google Play Store): <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.bio.partnering>

My Show Planner


[My Show Planner](#) is BIO's online event planning platform and is accessed through the BIO website. It allows delegates to build a personalised conference schedule, save sessions and exhibitors of interest, access event information, and plan their time at BIO 2026 before arriving onsite.


Information saved in My Show Planner synchronises with the BIO Events App, allowing delegates to access their personalised agenda and saved content on both desktop and mobile devices.

Please note that you will need a My Show Planner account to access and make full use of the BIO Events App. Your saved sessions and favourites will synchronise between My Show Planner and the BIO Events App.

Shuttle Services


BIO organisers have a schedule of shuttle buses to hotels that are within the approved pool. This can be accessed via [BIO 2026 Shuttle Schedule.pdf](#).






Hotel Shuttle Information

SERVICE SCHEDULE




**Inbound to SDCC
Departing Hotels**
Every 5 - 20 minutes




**Outbound to Hotels
Departing SDCC**
Every 5 - 20 minutes

Day	Inbound to SDCC	Outbound to Hotels
Monday, June 22	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 23	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 24	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 9:45 PM
Thursday, June 25	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

INFORMATION




Scan the QR code for transportation related info!




Call or Text: (312) 566-7986

www.rhodeplanning.com/bio/2026/transportation-hub



Travel time to convention center is 10-25 minutes



Transportation managed by:
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RECEPTION TRANSPORTATION

BIO Gives Back Concert * Monday, June 22 | San Diego Waterfront Park | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shuttle service to the BIO Gives Back Concert at Waterfront Park will be provided from Routes 1-4 and the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC) for walking distance hotels via Route 5, from 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM, every 15-20 mins. Return service will be provided at the conclusion of the event with a final departure at 9:45 PM. Event specific shuttle boarding locations are available on lobby signs posted in all official BIO hotels.

Gaslamp Block Party * Wednesday, June 24 | Gaslamp Quarter - 5th Avenue | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shuttle service will be provided via Routes 1-4 to the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC) for easy access to the Gaslamp Block Party. The entry gates are located on 5th Ave. at L St. directly across Harbor Dr. from the SDCC.

*  OPEN TO GENERAL AND PREMIER ACCESS REGISTRANTS ONLY. TO ATTEND RECEPTIONS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE. TICKETS WILL NOT BE FOR SALE AT THE VENUES.

HOTEL	ROUTE	BOARDING LOCATION
Andaz Hotel	3	Front Entrance
Courtyard San Diego Downtown Little Italy	4	Front Entrance
Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp Convention Center	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Dextro Little Italy - BW Premier Collection	4	Curbside on First Ave.
Embassy Suites	1	Curbside on Pacific Hwy.
Hard Rock Hotel	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Hilton San Diego Bayfront	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Hotel Indigo Gaslamp Quarter	3	Front Entrance
Hotel Republic, an Autograph Collection by Marriott	2	At Westin San Diego Bayview, Broadway Entrance
Hotel Z	3	At Hotel Indigo Gaslamp Quarter, Front Entrance
InterContinental San Diego	1	Curbside on Pacific Hwy.
Manchester Grand Hyatt	1	Curbside on Harbor Dr.
Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Moxy San Diego Downtown Gaslamp Quarter	3	At Andaz Hotel, Front Entrance
Omni San Diego Hotel	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC/Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Palihotel San Diego	3	At Andaz Hotel, Front Entrance
Pendry Hotel	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC / Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
Residence Inn Gaslamp Quarter	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC / Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter	WD/5	Walking Distance to SDCC / Route 5 for BIO Gives Back Concert
SpringHill Suites San Diego Downtown Bayfront	1	Curbside on Pacific Hwy.
The US Grant, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Diego	3	Fourth Ave. Entrance
Westgate Hotel, The	3	At The US Grant, Fourth Ave. Entrance
Westin Gaslamp Quarter	2	Curbside on First Ave.
Westin San Diego Bayview	2	Broadway Entrance

San Diego Convention Centre Information

BIO 2026 will be held at the San Diego Convention Center, located in the heart of Downtown San Diego along the city's waterfront and within walking distance of many conference hotels, restaurants and attractions.

Venue Address

San Diego Convention Center
111 W Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101, USA

The Convention Center is one of the largest event venues in the United States and will host the BIO exhibition, partnering meetings, company presentations, keynote sessions and networking events throughout the convention.

Delegates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the venue layout before arrival and allow sufficient time to move between meetings, exhibition halls and conference sessions. The venue can be busy during peak periods and walking distances within the centre can be significant.

Useful Links

San Diego Convention Center: <https://www.visitsandiego.com>
Venue Maps: Available via the BIO Events App and My Show Planner
Google Maps: <https://maps.google.com/?q=111+W+Harbor+Drive,+San+Diego,+CA+92101>

Team Australia

Australian Bio Directory

The [Australian Bio Directory](#) is a national digital platform showcasing Australia's life sciences ecosystem and delegation to BIO 2026.

Powered by AusBiotech, the website features a searchable directory of Australian biotechnology, MedTech, therapeutics and digital health companies, alongside profiles of research organisations, government agencies and innovation partners. It also highlights Australia's life sciences capabilities, investment opportunities, state and territory ecosystems, and key organisations supporting global collaboration, commercialisation and innovation across the sector.

Australia House @ BIO 2026

Australia House is a flagship Australian life sciences engagement event held alongside BIO 2026 and coordinated by Austrade in partnership with industry and government stakeholders.

The event brings together Australian and international biotechnology leaders, pharmaceutical companies, investors, researchers and government representatives to explore opportunities for collaboration, trade and investment. Australia House provides a platform to showcase Australia's world-class life sciences capabilities and to strengthen connections with key stakeholders from the United States and global markets.

The program includes expert panel discussions, industry insights and networking opportunities designed to promote Australian innovation and facilitate commercial partnerships.

Event Details

Date: Sunday 21 June 2026
Time: 4pm – 7pm
Format: Welcome address, industry panel discussions and networking reception
Access: Invitation only

For delegates who have received an invitation, Australia House provides an excellent opportunity to engage with senior industry leaders and decision-makers before the commencement of BIO 2026.

Australian Business and Networking Reception

The Australian Business and Networking Reception is a premier networking event held alongside BIO 2026 and hosted by MTPConnect in partnership with the American Australian Association (AAA).

[CSL Australian BIO 2026 Dinner San Diego - American Australian Association](#)

The event brings together members of the Australian delegation, international biotechnology leaders, investors, pharmaceutical executives, researchers, government representatives and venture capitalists for an evening of networking and relationship building ahead of the BIO International Convention. The reception provides an opportunity to showcase Australia's world-class life sciences sector and strengthen connections with key stakeholders from the United States and global markets.

The event is widely regarded as one of the key Australian networking functions during BIO week and provides delegates with an opportunity to engage with existing partners, meet prospective collaborators and connect with senior industry leaders in an informal setting.

Event Details

Date: Sunday 21 June 2026
Time: 6:00pm Reception; 7pm Dinner
Venue: The Pendry San Diego, 550 J Street, San Diego, CA 92101
Hosted by: MTPConnect and the American Australian Association (AAA)
Access: Ticketed event / registration required (USD\$330 per seat)

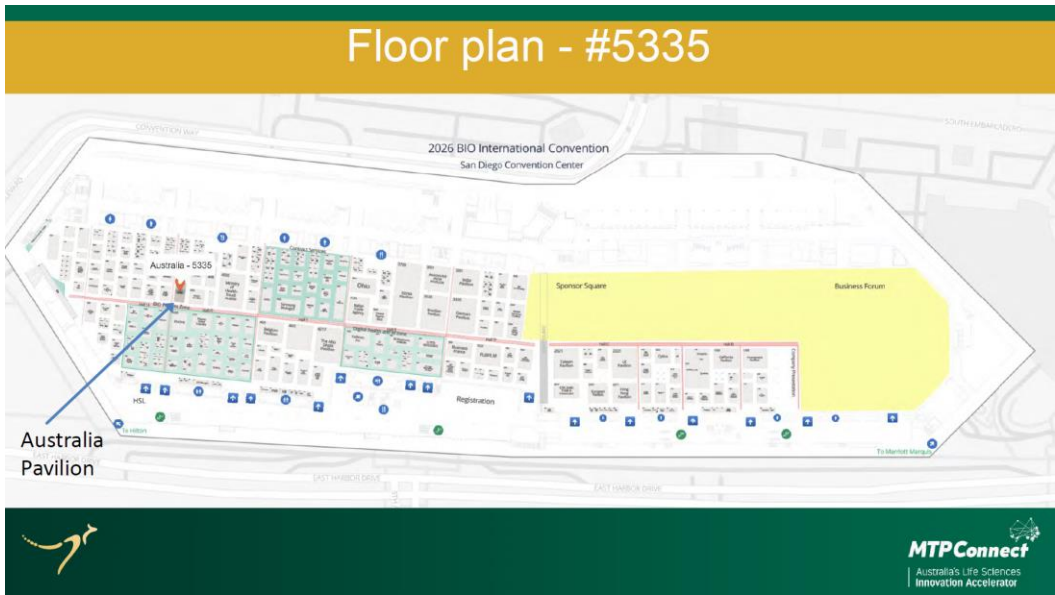
Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) and Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA) will co-host a Queensland table during the reception to engage with targeted international investors, industry leaders and strategic partners. A select group of Queensland stakeholders has been invited to participate in these discussions as part of Queensland's broader investment attraction and market engagement activities during BIO 2026.

Delegates attending are encouraged to use the reception as an opportunity to connect with Australian and international stakeholders before the commencement of BIO 2026.

Australia Pavilion

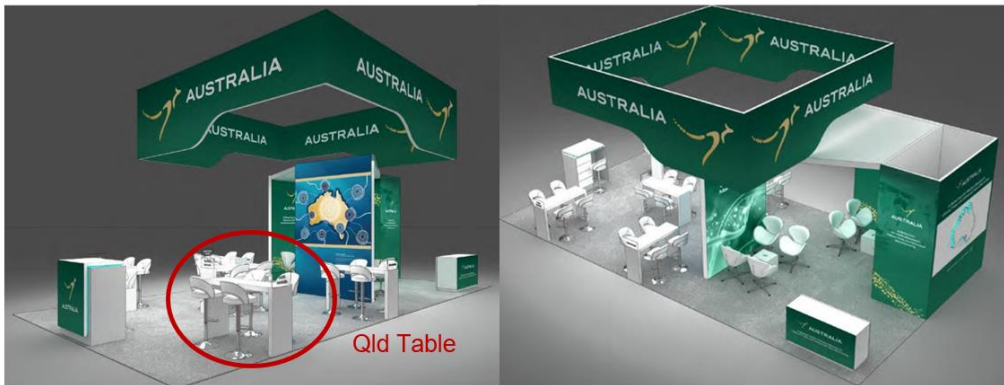
Australia will once again have a strong presence at BIO 2026 through the Australia Pavilion (Booth 5335), coordinated by MTPConnect in partnership with the Australian Government, state and territory governments, and Australia's life sciences sector.

The Australia Pavilion serves as a central hub for promoting Australia's biotechnology, MedTech, pharmaceutical and research capabilities to international investors, partners and stakeholders. It provides a focal point for business meetings, networking activities, market engagement and showcasing Australia's innovation ecosystem.



Queensland will have a dedicated presence within the Australia Pavilion, staffed by Trade and Investment Queensland representatives who can assist with introductions, referrals and information about Queensland's life sciences ecosystem.

Australia Pavilion – Booth 5335



Australia Pavilion Details

Booth Number: 5335
 Location: Hall F, San Diego Convention Center

Exhibition Hours

- Monday 22 June: 12:00pm – 6:00pm
- Tuesday 23 June: 10:00am – 6:30pm

- Wednesday 24 June: 10:00am – 6:00pm
- Thursday 25 June: 10:00am – 4:30pm

Booth operation and delegate responsibilities

The booth has been designed to maximise functionality for official meetings and to direct enquiries and showcase Australian capabilities.

The booth will be staffed by MTPConnect, Ausbiotech and state and commonwealth government representatives. The booth has a concierge facility and then each state has a desk, staffed by members of the Queensland Government.

There is a roster/sign-up sheet for Queensland delegates to be on the Queensland stand if interested – please sign up as soon as possible - [Roster Sign-Up: Queensland Stand @ BIO](#)

The booth will not have sufficient space or capacity for delegates to rest, relax or store items.

We ask delegates to find alternative spaces for breaks, eating times and rest areas. Delegates are required to clean up after themselves after they make use of the booth facilities.

Storage and Collateral

MTPConnect nor Queensland Government will not be able to send or hold items, including collateral, at BIO2026 on either the booth or hotel.

The Queensland Government, through Trade and Investment Queensland, does not have an office in San Diego.

The Australian booth does not have capacity to store items and is a paper-lite pavilion.

If you need to print whilst you are in San Diego, check with your hotel to see if they have business facilities, or the closest FedEx location to the San Diego Convention Center is the [FedEx Office Print & Ship Center](#), which is conveniently located in the lobby of Hall D. This center offers various services to meet your convention needs, including packing and shipping. The address is 111 W Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101.

Team Australia (and Queensland) Photo

MTPConnect has organised a photographer to take a delegate photos, and photos of the booth.



Please diarise for yourself to be available at these times if you wish to take part in the photo opportunity. A meeting invitation or reminder will not be sent.

Team Australia – Monday 22 June at 10:30 AM.

Team Queensland – Monday 22 June, directly after the Australia photo.

Team Australia and Team Queensland delegation photos will take place on the steps in front of the San Diego

Convention Centre (city side – blue dot). The photos will be made available post-BIO 2026.

[The Grand Stairway - Google Maps](#)

Australian Pavillon Activations

Australia Pavilion Coffee Cart – Monday 22 June – Thursday 25 June

The Australia Pavilion coffee cart will operate throughout BIO 2026, providing a welcoming space for delegates, investors, industry representatives and prospective partners to connect and engage.

As one of the Pavilion's key networking activations, the coffee cart helps facilitate informal discussions and introductions while showcasing Australia's world-class life sciences sector to international stakeholders. Delegates are encouraged to utilise the coffee cart as a meeting point for conversations with potential collaborators, investors and customers.

To ensure the coffee cart remains available for Pavilion guests and business development activities, delegates are asked to be mindful that daily serving limits may apply.

Trade and Investment Queensland will sponsor the Australia Pavilion coffee cart on Thursday 25 June 2026, providing an additional opportunity to promote Queensland's life sciences ecosystem and engage with international stakeholders attending BIO 2026.

Australian Wine Networking Event – Tuesday 23 June

The Australian Pavilion has once again been allowed to host the first exhibitor networking reception of the conference, providing a valuable opportunity for Australian delegates to connect with international investors, industry leaders, partners, and stakeholders.

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Venue: Australia Pavilion, Booth 5335

This longstanding event has become a highlight of the conference networking program and can only continue to be delivered through the generous support of industry sponsors. We extend our sincere thanks to Life Sciences Queensland (LSQ) for its contribution as a partial sponsor of this year's event and for its ongoing commitment to supporting Queensland's life sciences sector and international engagement activities.

Please note that no calendar invitation or reminder will be issued. Delegates wishing to attend should diarise the event accordingly.

Team Queensland

Queensland will have a strong presence at BIO 2026 through the Australia Pavilion, Queensland networking activities and targeted brand activations designed to showcase the state's life sciences capabilities and investment opportunities.

Queensland Delegate and Networking Reception

As a valued member of the Queensland Delegation, we extend a warm invitation for you to connect with fellow delegates from the Queensland Government, Queensland's vibrant life sciences community, and academia who have travelled to San Diego for this year's BIO International Convention.

This invitation is open to all Queensland delegates and friends of Queensland.

Details:

Date: Saturday, 20 June
Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Venue: [Sally's](#) – Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101
Directions: [Google Maps Directions](#)
RSVP: [BIO2026 - Registration](#)
Transport: Transport is not provided to or from this location.
Contact: Alita Singer (+1 646 530 4418) (+1 347 902 6931)

NB: This venue is open for dinner and drinks after the conclusion of our event – please feel free to stay on at your own expense.

Queensland Pitch Companies on BIO Program

Following a competitive expression of interest process, Trade and Investment Queensland is supporting four Queensland companies to present their technologies and innovations through the official BIO 2026 Company Presentation Program.

These presentations provide a valuable opportunity to showcase Queensland's world-class research, innovation and commercialisation capabilities to a global audience of investors, pharmaceutical companies, strategic partners and industry leaders.

Queensland delegates are encouraged to attend these presentations where possible and show their support for fellow Queensland organisations. A strong audience presence helps demonstrate the depth and strength of Queensland's life sciences ecosystem and contributes to raising the profile of Queensland on the international stage.

[Presenting Companies - BIO International Convention 2026](#)

BIO2026 Speakers



STARCO (QIMR Berghofer) - Transforming Histopathology Into a Scalable Precision-Medicine Platform
Dr Dale Pavlovski – Chief Executive Officer
11:30am – 11:45am (Theatre 1), Tuesday 23 June



ProSeek Bio - De-risking drug development with the next wave of precision medicine biomarkers
Dr Leo Bolero - Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer
11:45am – 12:00pm (Theatre 1), Tuesday 23 June



UniQuest (The University of Technology) - First in Class Peptide Troponin Modulator for Treating Diastolic Dysfunction in Heart Failure (HFpEF)
Dr Stephen Earl - Senior Director, Therapeutic Acceleration - Life Science
12:00pm – 12:15pm (Theatre 1), Tuesday 23 June



Macrobiome Therapeutics - Next-Generation Immune Therapeutics
Designed by Co-Evolution
Dr Keats Nelms - Chief Executive Officer
12:15 – 12:30 (Theatre 1), Tuesday 23 June



Global Innovation Hub Presentation

Queensland has been selected to participate in the official BIO 2026 Global Innovation Hub Program, a curated series of presentations showcasing leading biotechnology and life sciences ecosystems from around the world. The program provides an opportunity for regions to present their innovation strengths, investment opportunities and strategic advantages to an international audience of biotechnology companies, investors and industry leaders.

Queensland's presentation will be delivered by Samuel Jesuadian, Board Director of Life Sciences Queensland (LSQ), on behalf of Queensland. The session will highlight Queensland's world-class research capabilities, clinical trials environment, advanced biomanufacturing infrastructure and growing biomedical innovation ecosystem, as well as the state's role as a strategic gateway to the Asia-Pacific region.

Session: Queensland, Australia
Program: BIO 2026 Global Innovation Hub
Date: Tuesday 23 June 2026
Time: 1:45pm – 2:00pm
Location: Room 5A, San Diego Convention Center
Presenter: Samuel Jesuadian, Board Director, Life Sciences Queensland (LSQ)

Queensland delegates are encouraged to attend the presentation where possible and show their support for Queensland's participation in the official BIO program. A strong Queensland audience helps demonstrate the depth and capability of the state's life sciences ecosystem while reinforcing Queensland's profile among global investors, partners and industry stakeholders.

Promoting Queensland

A range of materials has been developed to support Queensland delegates in promoting the state's life sciences capabilities, investment opportunities and innovation strengths during BIO 2026.

Delegates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these resources before travelling and use them to support discussions with prospective partners, investors, customers and collaborators throughout the conference.

Resources available include: [Refreshed TIQ Biomedical Webpage](#)

Printed collateral:

- [Queensland BIO2026 Delegate Directory](#) – profiling members of the Queensland delegation
- [Queensland Innovation on Show at BIO2026](#) – featuring Queensland organisations participating in official BIO programming
- [Queensland Biomedical Sector Brochure \(2026\)](#) – an overview of Queensland's biomedical and life sciences ecosystem
- [Queensland Clinical Trials Service Provider Directory \(2026\)](#) – showcasing Queensland's clinical trials capabilities and service providers
- [Queensland Defence-Health Capabilities Brochure \(2026\)](#) – highlighting Queensland's strengths at the intersection of health, biomedical innovation and defence

Trade and Investment Queensland has also produced a series of postcards containing QR codes linking to these resources, and will also be printing copies of the following postcards: AusBiotech 2026 and 2027; and Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)'s "Queensland is your launch-pad to the Asia-Pacific". Delegates are encouraged to collect these

materials from the Queensland Networking Reception or the Australia Pavilion and utilise them during meetings and networking activities throughout BIO 2026.



Social Media

Delegates are encouraged to share their BIO 2026 experience on social media and help showcase Queensland's world-class life sciences ecosystem to a global audience.

When posting about BIO 2026, Queensland delegates are encouraged to use the official Queensland hashtags and tag Trade and Investment Queensland and the Queensland Government where appropriate.

Hashtags:

- #BIO2026
- #QLDBIO2026
- #TeamQLDBIO
- #QueensLandOfOpportunity
- #InvestInQueensland
- #QLDLifesciences
- #QLDclinicaltrials

Tags:

- @tradeinvestqld
- @queensland-government

Photography and Videography

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) has engaged a professional photographer and videographer to capture content during the Queensland Delegate Welcome and Networking Reception on Saturday 20 June, as well as conduct pre-arranged interview sessions during BIO 2026.

Selected delegates have already been contacted regarding participation in the scheduled interviews and will receive further information on timing and locations directly.

Delegates may be photographed or filmed during Queensland events and activities throughout BIO 2026. Content captured may be used by TIQ and Queensland Government partners to promote Queensland's life sciences capabilities, international engagement activities and participation at BIO 2026.

If you were not included in the formal interview schedule and would like to share your company's capabilities, objectives for BIO, or perspectives on Queensland's life sciences ecosystem, please keep an eye out for the roving videographer during the Team Queensland Networking Reception. Additional opportunities for delegates to contribute may be available throughout the event.

Global Branding

The Queensland brand will be strategically featured at BIO 2026 through a branded wall decal and coffee cart sponsorship, delivering high-impact visibility among global biotechnology leaders, investors and decision-makers. These activations intend to strengthen Queensland's international profile as a world-class location for innovation, research, commercialisation and investment.

Queensland of Opportunity brand activation

OOH Wall Decal - BIO Convention Centre, Sand Diego (11.95m x 4.16m)



Coffee cups/coffee cart at Australia Pavilion, 25 June



Help showcase Queensland's world-class life sciences ecosystem and amplify our collective presence at the world's largest biotechnology event!

Delegates are encouraged to visit the Queensland-branded wall decal, take a photo and share their BIO 2026 experience on social media. When posting, please use the official Queensland BIO 2026 hashtags:

#BIO2026 #QLDBIO2026 #TeamQLDBIO #QLDLifesciences #QLDclinicaltrials #QueensLandOfOpportunity #InvestInQueensland and tag **@tradeinvestqld** and **@queensland-government**.

Queensland Coffee Cart Sponsorship

As part of Queensland's presence at BIO 2026, Trade and Investment Queensland will sponsor the Australia Pavilion coffee cart on **Thursday 25 June 2026**.

The sponsorship provides an additional opportunity to showcase Queensland's life sciences ecosystem and engage with international investors, industry leaders, strategic partners and prospective collaborators. Delegates are encouraged to utilise the coffee cart as an informal networking and meeting location throughout the day.

Together with the QueensLand of Opportunity wall decal activation, the coffee cart sponsorship helps raise Queensland's profile and reinforce the state's reputation as a leading destination for life sciences innovation, clinical trials and investment.

POST BIO2026



We hope that your BIO2026 experience will be a success.

Supporting BIO comes with a significant financial and resource contribution from the Queensland Government. We require your feedback – and more importantly – your estimated outcomes, to evaluate the continuation of support for this event.

Across the Queensland Government, we have several metrics that measure our success, and these are included in the survey. We ask delegates to complete the survey to review what worked, what could be improved and your outcomes.

Please complete the survey by 10 July 2026.

Quick References - documents and links

We suggest reviewing and saving these documents:

- ❖ [Australian BIO Directory](#)
- ❖ [BIO2026](#) key links:
 - [BIO International Convention | June 22-25 | San Diego](#)
 - [2026 Schedule of Events - BIO International Convention 2026](#) - ****BIO2026 Program****
 - [AI Summit - BIO International Convention 2026](#)

- [Receptions - BIO International Convention 2026](#)
- [Social Spotlight Events - BIO International Convention 2026](#) (Affiliate Events)<https://convention.bio.org/plan/social-spotlight>
- [2026 BIO International Convention | Guest Appearances, Services and Giveaways](#)
- [BIO2026 - Tips for International Visitors](#)
- [Social Media Toolkit - BIO International Convention 2026](#)
- Download the [BIO 2026 Shuttle Schedule.pdf](#)
- BIO International Convention App and [My Show Planner](#)

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