



#TeamQLDBIO

# BIO International Convention 2024

## Mission Booklet



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# 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.



## Travel requirements and insurance

Review your travel and insurance requirements and take DFAT's advice from the Smart Traveller website at: [USA Travel Advice & Safety | Smartraveller](#).

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.

## Save these details

Details of contacts in the US at BIO2024 are below:

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## 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 some cash for tipping.

## Review the Queensland delegate webpage

A webpage has been created for some of your key documents and links and is at:  
<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/bio-delegate-information>

## Download these documents and links

We suggest saving these documents to your cloud:

- Queensland delegate webpage: [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/teamqldbio](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/teamqldbio)
- Access Australia delegation listing at <https://accessaustralia-bio2024.com>
- Your pitch document(s)
- BIO key links:
  - [BIO 2024 Sessions | June 3-6 | San Diego](#)
  - [Receptions - BIO International Convention 2024](#)
  - [Affiliate Events - BIO International Convention 2024](#)
  - [Download the shuttle bus schedule at: Receptions - BIO International Convention 2024](#)

## Download these apps to make your San Diego experience easier

- Exchange rates apps for currency conversion.
- Transport apps suggested by San Diego tourism:<sup>1</sup>
  - Uber - Uber is an app that allows you to request a ride with the tap of a button. Drivers arrive curb side in just minutes, you can track the arrival of your ride on your iPhone or Android, and payment is charged directly to your credit card on file
  - RideYellow - Get a safe, reliable ride in Southern California with the RideYellow app. Simply use your phone to request a ride from a nearby car or schedule a ride for later. You'll be picked up in minutes and receive live updates from your experienced driver. Pay automatically with your stored credit card and receive an emailed receipt or pay in the cab.
  - SuperShuttle - SuperShuttle & sister company, ExecuCar, can both be booked on the SuperShuttle mobile app, available for Android and iPhone devices. Download the app to book rides faster, earn airline rewards, and grab rides on-demand right from the airport
  - PRONTO – PRONTO, which replaces the old Compass Card system, lets you get a move on faster and easier anytime you want to ride the San Diego Trolley, a bus or the Coaster train.
- Offline maps - 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.
- BIO app – for partnering and program details

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<sup>1</sup> [Mobile Apps - The Official Travel Resource for the San Diego Region](#)



# Packing

The weather average for June in San Diego is a high of 22 degrees Celsius and a low of 17 degrees.

As with most conferences, flat shoes are recommended. Business/smart casual is generally the accepted dress code at most events.

# Collateral and storage

The Queensland Government will not be able to send or hold items, including collateral, at BIO2024 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.

# Partnering and programming

Finalise your partnering arrangements and meetings and review the conference program.

# Diarise to attend these events of interest

This isn't a complete list of events but some for you to diarise that you may have already registered for or are of interest.

Date and time		Name
Thursday 30 – Friday 31 May		MTPConnect's BIO2024 Top Level Visit Program – SOLD OUT
Friday 31 May	14:00 – 16:00	Australian and US Workforce Capability
	16:30	MTPConnect networking with San Diego Entrepreneurs Program
Saturday 1 June 17:00 – 19:00		Queensland Welcome Event
Sunday 2 June 17:00 – 19:00		Australian Global VIP Networking & Business Reception
Monday 3 June	9:30	Team Australia booth photograph
	13:00 – 15:00	Australian Women in Life Sciences Leadership Forum
Tuesday 4 June	14:00 – 15:00	Korea – Australian Open Innovation Seminar #BIO2024
	15:00 – 17:00	Australia Wine Event
Wednesday 5 June 08:00 – 10:00		Queensland Investment Roundtable Breakfast

## BIO events

Review your tickets before you go to ensure that you can access the after hours events hosted by BIO. [Receptions – BIO International Convention 2024.](#)

BIO organisers have a schedule of shuttle buses to hotels that are within the approved pool.

## BIO Affiliate events

BIO members have a listing of events that you may wish to consider. Review and RSVP via this link: [Affiliate Events – BIO International Convention 2024.](#)

## Limited invitation Queensland and Australia events

In 2023, 400 Australian delegates attended BIO with 110 Queensland delegates. There is expected to be a large delegation in 2024, with not all events being open or having capacity requirements. This mission booklet outlines further details on these events.

## Familiarise yourself with San Diego

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.

BIO International  
June 3-6, 2024 | San Diego Convention Center

HOTELS	DISTANCE
1 Andaz San Diego	0.7
2 Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp Convention Center	0.2
3 Embassy Suites San Diego Bay	0.4
4 Four Points by Sheraton San Diego Downtown / Little Italy	1.3
5 Grand Hyatt San Diego	0.2
6 Hard Rock Hotel San Diego	0.1
7 Hilton San Diego Bayfront	0.1
8 Hilton San Diego Gaslamp	0.1
9 Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	0.5
10 Hotel Republic	1.2
11 InterContinental San Diego	1.2
12 Marriott Marquis	0.1
13 Margaritaville-formerly Solamar San Diego	0.2
14 Moxy San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter	0.7
15 Omni San Diego	0.1
16 Pendry San Diego	0.2
17 Porto Vista	1.9
18 Residence Inn San Diego Downtown / Gaslamp Quarter	0.2
19 San Diego Marriott Gaslamp	0.2
20 SpringHill Suites San Diego Downtown/ Bayfront	1.2
21 Staypineapple, Hotel Z, Gaslamp Quarter	0.2
22 US Grant, The	0.9
23 Westgate Hotel	0.9
24 Westin Bayview	0.9
25 Westin Gaslamp Quarter	0.8





# Let's promote Queensland!

A range of information has been prepared to promote Australia, Queensland, and our delegates to assist in profiling our capabilities and assist with referrals to other delegates.

## Social media

Use these hashtags with your content for BIO2024:

- #QLD25thBIO
- #QLDLifesciences
- #QLDclinicaltrials
- #InvestinQld
- #TeamQLDBIO

## Websites

Websites are the best tool to provide more specific information about capabilities and refer to contacts within the Queensland delegation.

This website has been developed and contains detailed information on:

- Pitching Queensland overall as a destination for biomed
- Clinical trials specific information
- Promotable stories
- Delegate specific information that you have submitted to us
- Team Queensland/bio webpage [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/teamqldbio](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/teamqldbio)
- Biomedical | State Development and Infrastructure:
  - <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/industry/critical-industry-support/biomedical>
- TIQ – Health and biomedical – your investment opportunity
  - <https://www.tiq.qld.gov.au/international-business/invest-in-queensland/industry-opportunities/health-and-biomedical>

## Team Australia

The Access Australia website contains information about all the Australian delegates but also information about the R&D tax offset and other policies, incentives and processes that may assist in your discussions.

Service providers that may be able to assist with these discussions are also included in the Access Australia website.

The website is at: <https://accessaustralia-bio2024.com>.

To promote Queensland at BIO2024, the following tools are available to promote Queensland and assist referring contacts to other Queensland delegates. Refer to Let's Promote Queensland section.

# SAN DIEGO ARRIVAL

Please find below some indicative information that may help you when you first get to San Diego.

## Transport

Taxicab stands are located at the airport, many hotels, attractions, and shopping centres. Base fare and rates are displayed on the meter and include a flag drop charge plus a per-mile and/or a per-hour charge. If you are travelling from the airport, they will also add \$2.00 to your final total. Lyft and Uber are also well-established in San Diego and can service San Diego’s airport.

San Diego shuttle services are a convenient way to navigate the city and are ideal for airport pick-ups and drop-offs, as well as going to and from the convention centre and cruise ship terminal. There are also local shuttle companies that offer sightseeing tours, daily excursions, and transportation for weddings and private parties.

## From San Diego airport

Shuttle service is available from the Transportation Plazas across from San Diego Airport Terminals 1 and 2.<sup>2</sup>

To get to Downtown San Diego from the Airport

<b>Bus</b> <b>Cost:</b> \$2.50 <b>Time:</b> 10-15 minutes	<b>Taxi</b> <b>Cost:</b> \$15 <b>Time:</b> 10-15 minutes	<b>Rideshare</b> <b>Cost:</b> \$10 <b>Time:</b> 10-15 minutes
San Diego Yellow Cab Download the app at <a href="https://driveu.com">https://driveu.com</a> Call 619-444-4444	Chula Vista Taxi Call 619-944-9128	

## Public transport – Pronto Fare System

There’s a whole new way to get everywhere you need to go around the San Diego region: The PRONTO card and app. PRONTO (which replaces the old Compass Card system) lets you get a move on faster and easier anytime you want to ride the San Diego Trolley, a bus or the Coaster train. The cloud-based system allows users to add funds instantly, and then buy a ticket when needed with a simple tap of the card or phone at a station kiosk.

One-way fares are valid for unlimited transfers within two hours of activation, and PRONTO also lets you earn as you go toward a day or month pass on the Trolley or buses. Download the PRONTO app at the Apple or Google Play stores, or pick up a card at retail outlets, the MTS Transit Store (at 12<sup>th</sup> and Imperial avenues), NCTD customer service centres or ticket vending machines. For more information on PRONTO visit [www.sdmts.com/fares/pronto](http://www.sdmts.com/fares/pronto)

<sup>2</sup> [Taxis & Shuttles Services in San Diego, California](#)

# PRE-BIO EVENTS

## MTPConnect's BIO2024 Top Level Visit Program

MTPConnect are pleased to be able to organise site tours for Australian delegates. This program has sold out.

### *Details*

Please refer to details and logistics for site tours that were provided by MTPConnect.

### *Contact*

Tamlyn O'Connor: refer to Onsite contacts details.

## Australian and US Workforce Capability RoundTable

Join Australia's MTPConnect for a roundtable with US and Australian experts on the challenges and solutions for building workforce skills capability in the biotech sector.

The discussion will open up to our international audience for a Q&A on the issues and to hear how different companies are tackling these challenges, sharing results and suggested interventions. With a Chatham House rules approach, this will be a lively and informative discussion where we can be inspired and bounce ideas off each other. For company leaders, HR executives and education and training experts.

### *Details*

Date: 31 May

Time: 2 pm – 4 pm

Venue: San Diego Marriott La Jolla, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego

### *Contact:*

Tamlyn O'Connor

## MTPConnect Networking & Drinks

After the Australian and US Workforce Capability roundtable, catch-up with roundtable participants, MTPConnect Visit Program participants and San Diego Entrepreneurs Exchange for some informal networking and drinks.

### *Details*

Date: 31 May

Time: From 4:30 pm

Venue: Embolden Beer Company, 8655 Production Avenue South San Diego

## Queensland Welcome Event

Celebrate 25 years of Queensland at BIO with Trade and Investment Queensland.

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, 1 June
- Time: 17:00 – 19:00
- Venue: Techo Beso - 743 Fifth Ave, San Diego. Located on the Rooftop of the AC Hotel Downtown Gaslamp Quarter
- Google Maps Directions – [Google Maps Directions](#)
- Transport is not provided to or from this location.
- This venue is open for dinner and drinks after the conclusion of our event – please feel free to stay on at your own expense.

### *Contact*

Alita Singer

## Australian Global VIP Networking & Business Reception – Sunday 2 June

The Queensland Government has contributed to the Australian Global VIP Networking & Business Reception.

The event is to showcase Australian capabilities and will include a mix of Australian delegates with international investors, researchers, and collaborators.

This event is limited invitation and whilst we have made our best efforts to include all Queensland delegates, not all have received an invitation. The invitation has been sent from MTPConnect.

### *Details*

- Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Venue: Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado.
- Transport is not provided to or from this location.

### *Contact*

Sign up to the WhatsApp group to be informed if more invitations become available closer to the event.

Tickets are limited. If your circumstances change and you are unable to attend, please contact Tamlyn O'Connor.

# AT BIO2024

BIO2024 organisers have put together a range of information and support to assist your trip to San Diego. Read more about the venue here: [BIO 2024 | San Diego | June 3-6](#)

## Transport to and from conference

BIO organisers provide transport to selected events and from conference pool hotels. Examples are below, please refer to the BIO website for up-to-date details.



**San Diego, CA**  
**June 3-6, 2024**

HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE SCHEDULE		
Routes 1 - 4		
	Service to SDCC Departing Official Hotels Every 5 - 20 Minutes	Service to Official Routes Departing SDCC Every 5 - 20 Minutes
Monday, June 3	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 5	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 6	6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Special Event Service Schedule	
<b>Welcome Reception</b> <b>The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park</b> Inbound service will be provided to The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park from designated BIO shuttle locations 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.	<b>Monday, June 3</b> <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Networking Reception</b> <b>Gaslamp District</b> Inbound service will be provided to the Gaslamp District Block Party from designated BIO shuttle locations and the San Diego Convention Center 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.	<b>Wednesday, June 5</b> <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>



**San Diego, CA**  
**June 3-6, 2024**

Official BIO Convention Hotels	Route	Boarding Location
Andaz San Diego 600 F St.	3	At Moxy San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter, Front Entrance
Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp Convention Center 453 6th Ave.	1	Walking Distance to SDCC
Embassy Suites San Diego Bay 601 Pacific Hwy.	1	Curbside on Pacific Hwy.
Four Points by Sheraton San Diego Downtown/Little Italy 1617 1st Ave.	4	Curbside on 1st Ave.
Hard Rock Hotel San Diego 207 Fifth Ave.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC
Hilton San Diego Bayfront 1 Park Blvd.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC
Hilton San Diego Gaslamp 401 K St.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC
Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter 509 9th St.	3	Front Entrance
Hotel Republic 421 W B St.	2	At Westin San Diego, Broadway Entrance
InterContinental San Diego 901 Bayfront Ct.	1	Curbside on Pacific Hwy.
Margaritaville San Diego Gaslamp Quarter 435 6th Ave.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego 1 Market Pl.	1	Curbside on Harbor Dr.
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina 333 W Harbor Dr.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC
Moxy San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter 831 6th Ave.	3	Front Entrance
Omni San Diego Hotel 675 L St.	WD	Walking Distance to SDCC

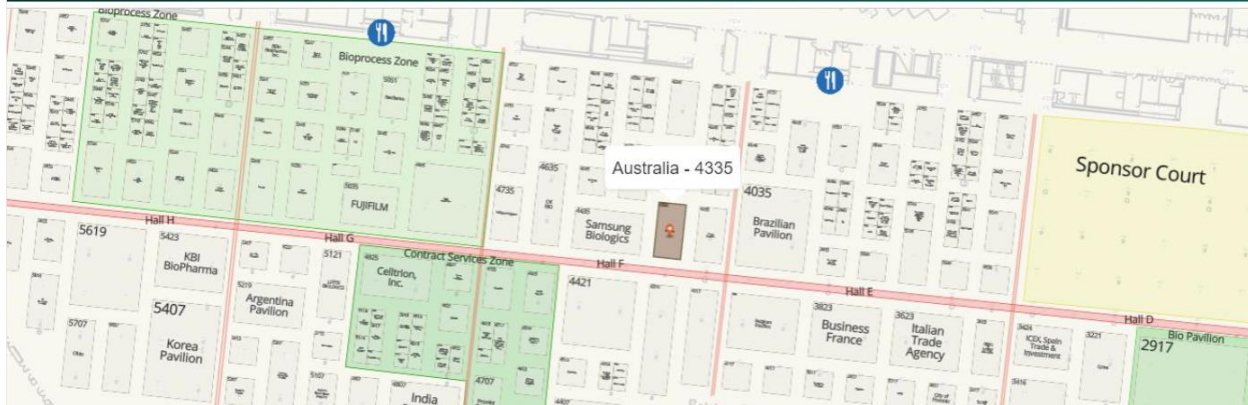
## Australia Booth

Exhibition Hours:

- Monday 3 June – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday 4 June – 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Wednesday 5 June – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Thursday 6 June – 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The booth is located in Hall F #4335.

## Australian Pavilion Floor Plan- Hall F - #4335



## Booth operation and delegate responsibilities

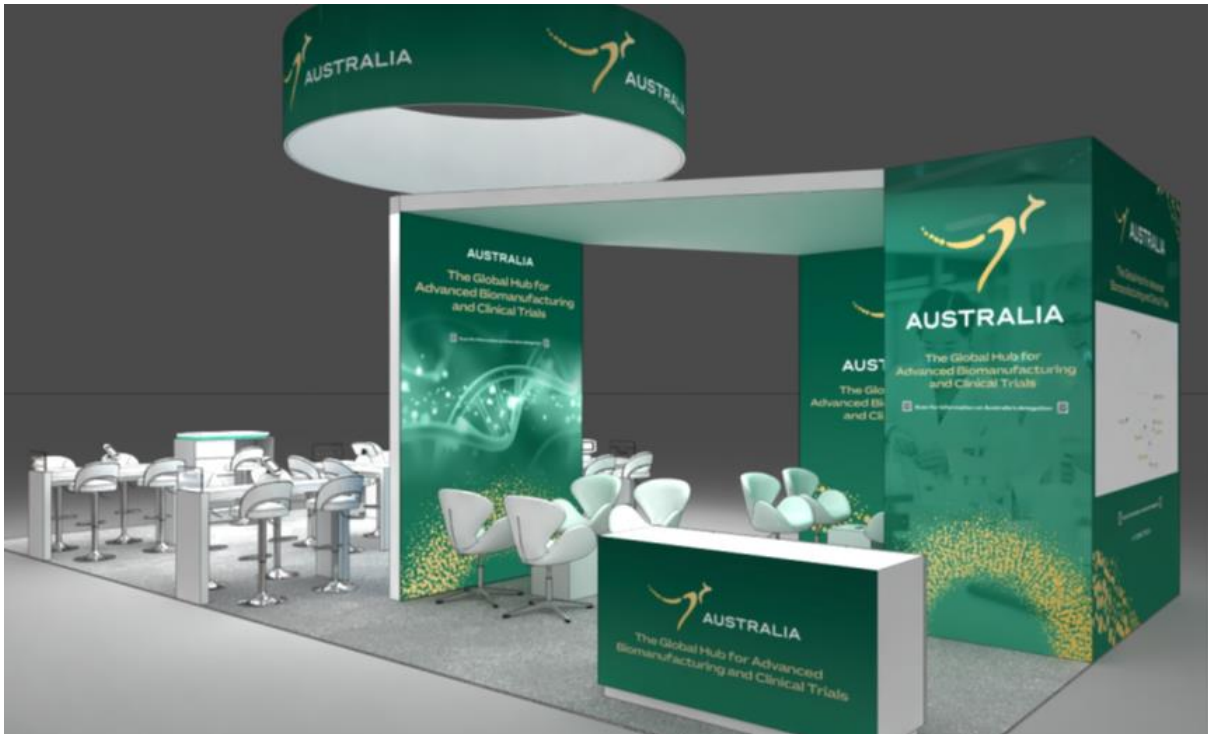
The booth has been designed to maximise functionality for official meetings and to direct enquiries and showcase Australian capabilities. It is expected that the booth will be attended by officials from the commonwealth and state government(s).

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.

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.





## In booth events and activations

### Coffee cart

You are welcome to make use of the coffee cart, however, please keep in mind that we are likely to have a maximum number of coffees that can be served daily and/or during the conference period. We would like to ensure we can offer coffee to guests that are taking meetings on the stand or to generate leads from delegates that are interested in understanding more about Team Australia.

### Team Australia Delegation Photo – Monday 3 June

MTPConnect has organised a photographer to take a delegate photo 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 3 June at 9:30 AM. The assembly place and location is at the F1 door to the exhibit floor.

We will request photographs be made available to the Queensland delegation.

### Australian Wine Networking Event – Tuesday 4 June

The Australian Pavilion has again been afforded the opportunity to be the first booth to host a networking reception on 4 June.

Details

- Time: 15:00pm – 17:00pm
- Venue: Australia booth

Please diarise for yourself to be available if you wish to attend this event. A meeting invitation or reminder will not be sent.

## Queensland Investment Roundtable

Trade and Investment Queensland will be facilitating an investment roundtable breakfast on Wednesday 5 June where selected Queensland companies will pitch to targeted investors and strategic partners.

Pitching companies are:

- Fovero Therapeutics
- OncoStrike Biopharma
- Servatus Biopharmaceuticals
- Kimaritec Pty Ltd
- Micromune Therapeutics
- Liperate Therapeutics Pty Ltd
- Gelomics Pty Ltd
- SAMVax, Institute for Glycomics, Griffith University

This roundtable is closed with details being provided to pitching companies and associated institutes by Alita Singer.

## POST BIO2024

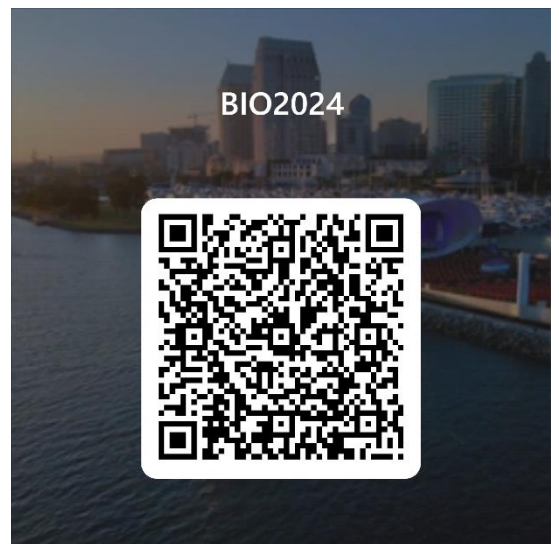
We hope that your BIO2024 experience will be a success.

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 30 June 2024.

It is not anticipated we will deliver a post BIO2024 event.





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