

Welcome to Business Innovation and Incubation Australia

BIIA NATIONAL FORUM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

THEME: BUILDING TECH, INNOVATION & ECONOMIC NETWORKS

This year's forum will be hosted by our very successful member Canberra Business Research and Innovation Network.

The Canberra Business Research and Innovation Network (CBRIN) was launched in November 2014 and to date houses and collaborates with 12 programs, has had more than 24,000 visitors, and helped more than 800 budding entrepreneurs and SMEs through its lean innovation focused education.

The forum dates are:

Commencing **Wednesday 1st August** with a Welcome Event as part of a CBRIN's First Wednesday (Canberra Business) Connect series.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of August will be a deeper more comprehensive program covering best in class incubation management strategies, technology, ideas for small innovation programs and new networking experiences.

The Annual BIIA Awards and a networking dinner will be a highlight (applications close 20 July 2018, so download your application now!)

Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/biia-national-forum-2018-tickets-46602740050>:
Forum delegates fee \$330 (includes the Awards Dinner)

Book your accommodation here <https://www.mantrahotels.com/> a packaged rate has been negotiated by BIIA. Prices start from \$403.20 per 2 night stay. Be quick to book, rooms are limited. Once details are entered, choose **change search** to enter promo code **BIIA** to receive your discount. An extension of the discount has been arranged by Peppers hotel to cover 01/08/18-05/08/18 should delegates wish to extend their stay.

Wednesday 1 August

3pm Registration and BIIA AGM at Peppers Gallery Hotel

5.30pm CBRIN network event and 3 min welcome to delegates from Petr and Lyn

7pm Informal network dinner at the Trattoria, Peppers Gallery Hotel

Thursday 2 August

8.30 Registration, Coffee and Networking

Presentations and sessions with Q&A and discussion.

- Best practice business innovation programs, both planned and operating in regional and metropolitan Australia.
- Finding the best fit for existing incubation programs in the technology/digital space.
- Meeting senior government officials and the regional facilitators now rolling out the Incubator Support Program.

9.00-10.30 Learn from work recently commissioned by the World Bank about best in class incubation management practices:

Where are trends heading? What do we need to do differently to impact our communities and achieve financial sustainability?

Julian Webb, Managing Director, CREEDA Projects / Consultant to the World Bank.

10.30-11.00 Break:

11.00-11.45 National Incubator Support Program:

A new approach from 2018 emphasizing the importance of regional Australia. Role of the regional facilitators and opportunities for established and new regional and metro incubators.

Senior personnel and Regional Facilitators, Department of Industry

11.45-12.30 An interview with Matt Bullock: Former Managing Director of start up company, E-Way.

What role did the CBRIN incubator play in his development? How is he still engaged with the incubator's programs? Has his \$50M company exit sale bought him happiness? What's next?

Petr Adamek CEO, CBRIN and Matt Bullock.

Break: Lunch

1.30-2.15 The 2017 National BIIA Award Winner:

Business Station in WA is building a reputation nationally for expanding and integrating their incubator programs to form an innovative network. Diversifying the business model and established fruitful relationships with governments and universities is beginning to pay dividends. Business Station also won the 2018-21 ASBAS Digital Solutions contract for WA/NT and QLD.

Kim Charles, CEO

2.15-3.00pm Travel to the Robotics Lab at the University of Canberra

3.15-4.45pm Tour and showcase experience for fun and interaction:

The future collaborative relationships between incubators/industry/technology

5pm Return to hotel

6.30pm Depart for Awards Dinner venue

For members to celebrate achievements of the awards finalists and the winner and network in a wonderful environment with good food and wine!

Dress code: Smart casual

11.00-30pm Return to hotel

Friday 3 August

9.30-10.30 A panel discussion with the CBRIN program managers:

Your Incubator: Dispensable or Indispensable?

CBRIN is one of Australia's most successful regional networks, illustrating how incubators can be embedded and connected to other programs to build relevance and attract funding from multiple sources to benefit the community

CBRIN Managers

Break

11.00-11.45 Discussion about key issues in business innovation and incubation in Australia:

- Opportunities and Threats: Solutions and Strategies
- Members professional development needs 2019
- Feedback about this Forum

12.00 Close