

inspiring innovation

impact report

Inspiring Innovation veski's vision is to foster an innovation economy. Our mission is to connect, support and inspire the people and organisations needed to grow Australia's innovation culture.



From health to the environment, **veski** is helping solve some of the world's biggest issues by continuing to attract globally competitive researchers and innovators, engaging global innovation communities, and building knowledge and capacity through skills, training and education.

With a solid reputation for fostering innovation, **veski** has been instrumental in building Australia's intellectual capital and innovation capabilities over the past 15 years.

Through its fellowships, awards and talent attraction programs, **veski** continues to make an impact in areas including medical technology and pharmaceuticals, ag-tech, new energy technologies, environment, and advanced materials with countless examples of **veski** fellowships building Australia's intellectual capital.



individuals reached through veski masterclasses, seminars & workshops

Masters, PhD and early-career researchers engaging with industry at veski kickstarts

members of the community informed about Victorian innovation at veski fast smarts

Recognising challenges faced by the global innovation community, **veski** sees them as opportunities to deliver new programs.

Programs include identifying and attracting leading innovators to Australia, delivering skills, training and education to support future industries, developing diversity and inclusion programs, ensuring intellectual capital is directed towards solving industry's greatest challenges, and delivering a Local Interface Pilot to connect industry to knowledge institutions at scale.



veski innovation fellow Professor Mark Dawson has attracted more. than \$18 million in research income, representing a return on investment of a factor of 110.

15 years of inspiring





CANCER 'SWITCH' PAVES WAY FOR NEW DRUGS

MELBOURNE scientists have made a discovery in the fight against cancer which paves the way for the development of new drugs.

27 **veski** innovation fellows 4 **veski** sustainable agriculture fellows 6 **veski** inspiring women fellows

A/Prof Roger Pocock - Monash University Dr Kristv DiGiacomo - University of Melbourne Prof Kenneth Crozier - University of Melbourne Prof Andrew Holmes - University of Melbourne Adi A/Prof Gareth Forde - OUT Prof Colby Zaph - Monash University Prof Colette McKay - The Bionics Institute A/Prof Emily Nicholson - Deakin University Prof Richard Sandberg - University of Melbourne A/Prof Matthew Call - WFHI Prof Benjamin Marsland - Monash University A/Prof Natalie Hannan - University of Melbourne Prof Marcus Pandy - University of Melbourne A/Prof Alyssa Barry - WEHI Prof Michael Cowley - Monash University Prof Sarah Hosking - National Breast Cancer Fdn. Prof Yoal Haupt - Peter MacCallum A/Prof Ross Dickins - Monash University Prof Mark Shackleton - Monash University

Prof Edwin van Leeuwen - Norilsk Nickel Prof Christopher McNeill - Monash University A/Prof Seth Masters - WEHI Prof Tiffany Walsh - Deakin University Prof Cameron Simmons - Monash University Prof Mark Dawson - Peter MacCallum Dr Luke Connal - Australia National University Dr Ethan Goddard-Borger - WEHI Prof N. Jon Shah - Monash University Dr Vihandha Wickramasinghe - Peter MacCallum Prof Pierluigi Mancarella - University of Melbourne A/Prof Catherine Satzke - MCRI Dr Maria Liaskos - La Trobe University Dr Cara Doherty - CSIRO A/Prof Emma Sciberras - Deakin University Dr Pangzhen Zhang - University of Melbourne Prof Luca Correlli Grappadelli - Bologna University Dr Terry Griffin - Kansas State University









Fellowships support women leaders to further their research and attract global funding.

veski inspiring women fellow Associate Professor Emma Sciberras is advancing her investigations into developing evidence-based sleep interventions for children with Attention-Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).



And the impact continues around the world through a series of highly engaged collaborations with organisations and individuals in the UK, USA, Europe and Asia Pacific, including a collaboration with Italian researcher Professor Luca Corelli Grappadelli who has found new ways to improve fruit quality and is collaborating with Australian researchers from his base in Bologna.





Through a series of unique skills, training and education programs, including the successful **veski** inspiring women STEM sidebyside program.



people build knowledge and capacity with help from veski



And through this work and with the support of the growing **veski** connected community, **veski** ensures long-term economic and social outcomes for Australia by enabling real world impacts, job creation, investment, skills capabilities, diversity and inclusion, and inspiring the next generation.



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1020+

empowered women through **veski's** diversity & inclusion program



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