

## Facilitated networking

During the **veski** kickstart session students will have the opportunity to network with industry representatives across: Big Pharma, Medical Technologies & Devices, Engineering, Government Policy, Professional Services, IT and Telcos.

Mr Bill Hill, Hydrix and AIRG

Dr Sonal Josan, Siemens

Ms Sophie Krantz  
and Mr Larry Howard, BlueScope

Dr Brenda Lee, Ernst & Young

Dr Phil Marley, DEDJTR

Mr Paul McDonald, Pfizer

Tracey Mele, Pfizer

Dr Jane Ryan, Sementis

Ms Julie Stevens, Monash University

Mrs Siân Slade, Bristol-Myers Squibb

Dr Mike Shackleton, ARRB

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**veski** kickstart is a program of activities designed to inspire students to engage and network with experienced leaders and discover career opportunities that go beyond the lab.

Every **veski** kickstart activity will be tailored to suit the specific needs of the audience with industry leaders sharing their experiences, panels of specialists providing unique insights, and facilitated networking sessions.

[veski.org.au/veski-kickstart](http://veski.org.au/veski-kickstart)



**veski kickstart**  
event program

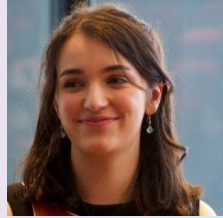
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**Insights from academia  
to industry – supporting  
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TAXI Riverside, Fed Square  
Friday, 24 March 2017

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master of ceremonies



**Laura Wilson**

Laura is a graduate from Monash University, with a major in Zoology, transitioning into science education for her honours year. Laura has become involved in education management through an internship with the STEM education start-up BrainSTEM and ad-hoc involvement with event management at veski. Laura is now working at Monash University as a Project Officer in the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) office. Laura is passionate about strengthening the Australian workforce through diversification and creating more opportunities for students from a variety of backgrounds.

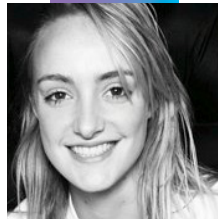
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speakers & panelists



**Dr Jordan Thurgood**  
Monash University

Jordan has a background in mechanical engineering and undertook a PhD in the area of diagnostic medical imaging. During his PhD Jordan was an inventor on numerous patent applications and, driven by a strong interest in business and commercialisation, completed a Graduate Certificate in Commercialising Research. Jordan then went on to co-founded a start-up company working on innovative imaging based solutions for the assessment of lung health. After a successful exit from the company in 2015, Jordan moved to Monash University to provide assistance in the commercialisation of other technologies from the Faculty of Engineering and IT.



**Ms Grace Lethlean**  
ANDHealth

Grace Lethlean is Program Director at ANDHealth, Australia's national digital health commercialisation initiative. Grace has a proven track record in project management, clinical validation and commercialisation within the medtech and digital health sectors including roles at CSL Group and technology commercialisation firm Grey Innovation. Grace is a co-inventor of an ASX listed digital health technology to assist children with attentional disorders such as autism. With degrees in both Chemical Engineering and Immunology, Grace is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Monash University, an NHMRC reviewer and a member of the Victorian Government Advanced Manufacturing Council.



**Mr Mark Cassar**  
Founder, Bluedoor Technologies

Mr Mark Cassar has had executive roles spanning the Information Technology and Finance sectors for over 25 years. In 2004 he founded a technology start-up which became Bluedoor Technologies in 2005. Its flagship product Weath.net was the first of its kind to fully integrate Imaging, Intelligent Character Recognition, Workflow, Reporting with Wealth Management administration. It was also the first system to provide a fully online transactional capability to the Wealth Management market in Australia. In 2015 Bluedoor employed over 600 staff in Melbourne, Hyderabad and the UK.

panelists

**Ms Jo Cuttler**  
CH2M

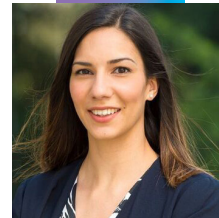
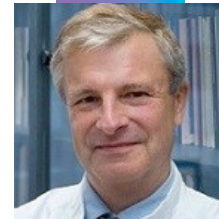
Jo Cuttler graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Science and co-majors in Chemistry and Biochemistry and honours research in organic chemistry. Jo commenced her career as a research and development chemist with Mobil Oil Australia, developing environmentally friendly products. Her career spans 14 years in the petrochemical industry and 10 years in consulting. Jo is currently CH2M's Regional Business Group Manager for its environmental and nuclear services business. In this executive role, Jo manages business performance, key client relationships, provides technical direction and she manages a talented team of engineers and scientists nationally.

**Prof Andrew Maas**  
CENTER-TBI

Professor Andrew Maas is a neurosurgeon who has dedicated his career to improving knowledge and treatments of Traumatic Brain Injury and neuro-intensive care. Maas is professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Antwerp, Co-Chairs the European Brain Injury Consortium and is Chairman of the Neurotraumatology Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. He is also Project Coordinator of CENTER-TBI, a collaboration of 44 scientific institutes across Europe, North America, New Zealand, China and Australia, and includes an observational study in 68 sites from 20 European countries and Israel.

**Dr Hannah Kirk**  
Avexa Ltd

Dr Kirk is a developmental neuroscientist who completed her PhD at Monash University in the Institute of Cognitive and Clinical Neurosciences. Her research focuses on understanding and improving cognitive, behavioural and academic skills in children with and without neurodevelopmental disorders. She is the inventor of TALI Train™; a touchscreen game-based early intervention proven to improve attention and numeracy in young children. TALI Train™ was one of five finalists in the 2015 Australian Innovation Challenge, received a special commendation in the 2016 BHERT Awards, featured on the Channel 9 news and was presented to Malcolm Turnbull as a leading example of successful research and industry collaboration.



Panel host



**Professor Ian Smith** - veski director

Ian is the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Infrastructure) at Monash University. His research is internationally recognised and he has published more than 170 papers. He has collaborated with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, has filed seven patents and is a co-founder of the proteomics-based, publicly listed, biotechnology company, Cryptome Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd, a non-executive director of Auspex Pty Ltd, and a consultant to Mayne Pharma. Ian was appointed to the veski board in 2011.

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