

- 61* companies active in CBRIN Level 5 Coworking with 117 members
- 13 companies active in the CBRIN Level 4 ScaleUp and SME Hub with 99 members
- 81% occupancy in the ScaleUp and SME Hub
- 216 active members across the 2 floors
- 53 full-time memberships (dedicated desks), 64 part-time and casual memberships
- Female members: 99 (46%)
- Non-Binary members: 2 (1%)
- CALD members: 68 (31%)

**Note: part of the drop in number of companies compared to Q3 is due to removing casuals who haven't attended this quarter. The number is at end of quarter (there were more companies in during the quarter).*

Companies working the CBRIN ScaleUp Hub this Quarter

Company	Capacity	Description
Modern42 / Apporetum	24	Modern42 provide cyber security services for organisations across Federal, State and Local Government and private organisations. Modern42 specialise in Identity and Access Management (IAM), Privileged Access Management (PAM), Cloud Engineering, and Cloud Infrastructure. Apporetum is an Identity and Access Management Product developed by Modern42's founders.
AI CoLab	18	The AI CoLab Alliance comprise of purpose-driven allies from governments, nonprofits, industry and academia, combining strengths to advance inclusive, impactful uses of AI. (3 offices)
MCI Carbon	7	MCI Carbon have developed capture technology that safely captures and converts industrial CO2 emissions into solid bulk materials used in new low-carbon products for construction, manufacturing and consumer markets - enabling a circular economy
GPN Vaccines	7	GPN Vaccines are a clinical-stage company focused on creating innovative vaccines that offer robust protection against the world's most important bacterial pathogens.
Bluebird Advisory	10	Bluebird provide innovative solutions in digital transformations, data analytics, cyber security, project delivery, change management, and financial optimisation.
Redacted	4	Redacted Information Security provides strategic level systems security planning, IRAP assessments, security training, and consulting.
What Works	10	What Works provide tailored brand, product, and growth services to business with an innovation focus.

Company	Capacity	Description
RD	27	RD is a creative communication agency focused on cutting-edge tech, digital innovation (2 offices)
Mesh Cyber	8	Mesh Cyber are a specialist cyber security company currently working in Federal Government and Critical Infrastructure space, building an automated assessment tool.
ACTivate Capital	4	ACTivate Capital, backed by the ACT Government and our local universities, is a Canberra focused investment fund, working closely with the Territory's research institutions to help transform new ideas into investable opportunities, strengthening connections between academia and industry
Dentroid	5	Dentroid is an Australian startup company pioneering a paradigm shift in dental treatment making it more precise, pain-free and convenient for patients and dental practitioners.
Yellow Hat	6	Yellow Hat supports executives to drive change through co-design and change services.
QX Tech	7	QX Tech provide outsourced IT services, industry-specific software, and innovative business platforms.
Total	137	13 companies in 16 offices

Note: 13 tenants in 16 out of 21 offices (76%) with capacity of 137 out of 169 available (81% occupancy rate) taken as of 30 June 2025. Capacity = number of desks in an office that the resident company occupies.

Companies working in the CBRIN Coworking Space (Level 5) this Quarter

Adaectiv	EVER Change and Communication	Shoelace Creative
Adriana Voegeli	Future Swirl	Siemens Mobility
ADS Solar	Gridsight	Stand Out From The Pack
Agape	Grow Right Digital	Terria Pty Ltd
Angel Hellyer	Haast	The Business Body
Aratherm	High-E Photonics	The Health Horizon
Bakesale	HMMG Pty Ltd	The Zero Planet
Blueegg	Humaneer.app	Think Boldly
Blue Sky Digital	Jay Siyani	Traceably
Brain Changer	Joyful Frugalista	Veritas Group
Capyble	Lucy Pedley Bookkeeping	VenuBooka
Campus Plus	Mia Swainson Consulting	Venture Crowd
Canberra Cyber Hub	MIIROKO	Vibe Dynamics
Colin Tseng	Mude	Wait Once
Cosive	My Green Butler	WOTLink
Cybercy	NW Technology	XtreamCompute
Dentroid	Nurture Culture	Your Season
Disaster Science	Oscillo Labs	
Drenlo	Overflow Solutions	
Dsq studio	Polygon Energy	
Eldane	Safe Synergy	
Ereflect	ShanRen Writes	
Evalue8 Sustainability	She Shapes History	
Evee		

NB: Companies sponsored to use the Coworking space are in 'italics.' Sponsoring relates to GRIFFIN Accelerator companies, winners of competitions, or companies that create special value for the ecosystem.

Coworking Network Connections

CBRIN builds friendly connections to other Coworking spaces in Canberra and nationally. Local Community Managers stay connected through the Canberra Region Coworking Network online, and with regular in person catch ups. CBRIN is a member of Flexible Workspace Australia (FWA) and uses the FWA network to connect to community builders nationally, and to access resources, training and FWA member discounts. Candace Rhind is the FWA Social Director for ACT.

Community Engagement and Communication

CBRIN uses Slack, a channel-based messaging platform, to communicate information and engage with residents of the Coworking space. The CBRIN Slack workspace has 616 members and 20 channels, including channels dedicated to Growth Programs, resources, and inspirational stories.

The CBRIN team regularly posts events and announcements, and members engage in discussions, share wins, receive help and advice, and socialise.

CBRIN emails a monthly newsletter to all coworkers, with a wrap up of the month just gone, news, and upcoming events. The coworking newsletter has 181 active subscribers with an average open rate of 46.2%.

Coworker Engagement with other CBRIN Programs

Being in the Coworking Space gives members privileged access to the CBRIN team, leading to Founder Conversations, referrals, and connections. Coworkers are actively encouraged to take part in CBRIN's Growth Programs, networking events and collaborative events.

This quarter:

- The Growth Team had 14 Founder Conversations with coworkers
- 4 coworkers pitched at First Wednesday Connect
- 5 coworkers attended a Scale Up Leaders session
- 2 coworkers received ICON Grants
- 4 coworkers were mentors at the Female Founders Mentor Roundtable event
- 12 coworking companies presented at the Investor Showcase

Community Events

Community Events are a great way for coworkers to build relationships with other innovators in the space, and an important benefit of working in a coworking space.

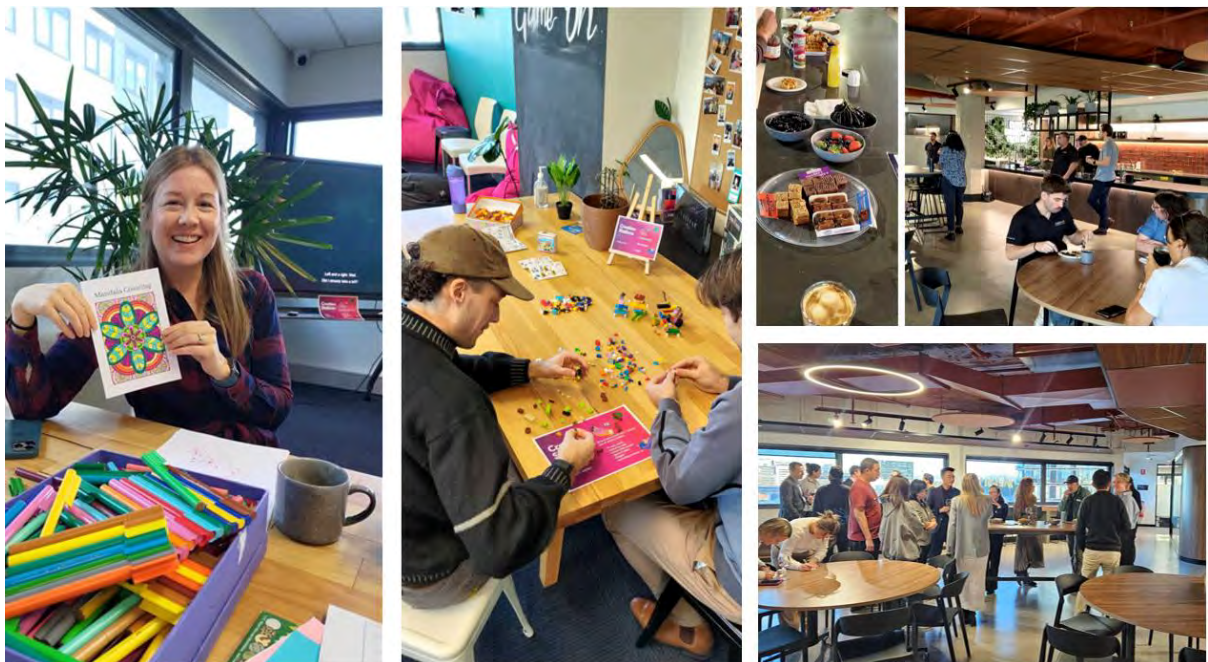


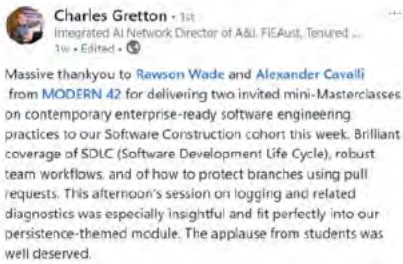
Image: photo collage from Coworking Events

Date	Event	Participants
29 April 2025	Community Morning Tea	33
6 May 2025	Book Club	5
20 May 2025	Community Morning Tea	29
28 May 2025	National Burger Day Lunch	17
3 June 2025	Book club	6
19 June 2025	Creation Stations Lunch Session	8
24 June 2025	Community Morning Tea	37
26 June 2025	Meet your Neighbour Drinks	25

Coworker Wins

The CBRIN Coworking residents are doing amazing things, and we celebrate and share their wins, big and small. We also celebrate when they connect in an exciting way.

- [Gridsight raised \\$7.5 million in Series A funding to support the growth of its AI-powered platform](#)
- [Shoelace Creative founder, Ty Ridgeway, was featured on The Canberra Business Podcast, episode: "Mastering Digital Marketing: A Creative Agency's Guide to Content"](#)
- [She Shapes History founder Sita Sargeant launched her book "She Shapes History"](#)
- [Capyble selected for the Polished Innovators Pilot Accelerator](#)
- [Modern42 team members delivered two mini-Masterclasses on contemporary enterprise-ready software engineering practices to ANU's Software Construction cohort](#)
- [HAAST raised \\$6M in seed funding and will be expanding in the US](#)



Haast raises \$6 million to transform compliance with AI automation



CAPITAL BRIEF



Image: collage of coworker wins

UNSW Canberra Launch on Northbourne

Launch on Northbourne is an initiative created by UNSW Canberra. The precinct is a proof-of-concept for a larger innovation precinct currently in development. As such, it provides three floors of collaborative workspace that brings together industry, government and academia to grow innovation and capability in the specific areas of defence and security.

CBRIN assists UNSW Canberra Launch with curating events throughout the year for the collaborators at Launch and creates opportunities for UNSW researchers to connect with the companies at Launch.

Key Achievements & Activities this Quarter

- 245 attendees participated in 6 Launch Community events this quarter
- There were 36 people with a UNSW Canberra or ADFA email address registered to attend CBRIN events
- Launch on Northbourne hosted a Partnerships of Innovation Series event for Canberra Cyber Hub which attracted 25 participants.

UNSW Launch Collaborators this Quarter:

Collaborator	Company Description
Ascent	Ascent have a multitude of capabilities including Management Consultancy, Program Management, Engineering & Technical Advice, Flight Test Planning, Quality Management, Acquisition & Sustainment and Authoring & Writing.

Collaborator	Company Description
Cognitive Advantage	Cognitive Advantage is a digital technology business founded in late 2017 with a vision to harness emerging technologies in the Internet of Things, 5G telecommunications and artificial intelligence for the defence and security of Australia. Having foreseen the geopolitical tensions in our region the team decided to get a head-start on solving some big challenges for the Australian Defence Force.
DEWC Services	DEWC Services is an Australian owned and operated company focused on growing and developing critical sovereign capability in command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare
Elysium EPL	Elysium EPL is an Australian professional services firm. While based in Canberra and Sydney they work across all capital cities in Australia. Our consultants provide practical, long-term solutions for our clients in a broad range of areas including Strategic Procurement & Commercial Management, Organisational Design & Implementation, Transformation Engagement and Communication, Sensitive Services, Capability Development, Critical Asset & Infrastructure, Collaborative Working, Training and Education and Protective Security and Business Resilience.
Fifth Domain	Fifth Domain specialises in building, hosting and delivering flexible cyber training and education technologies to a diverse range of customers. Fifth Domain's technologies support educators and trainers and save them time and effort setting up learning environments. They also support students by providing stable and reliable virtualised real-world environments to test existing skills or learn new ones.
FuturifAI	FuturifAI uses lean, trusted AI to simplify space mission operations, enabling satellite operators to handle more complex missions, make space more sustainable, and deliver more to customers on the ground.
Infinity Avionics	Infinity Avionics is an Australian space avionics design and manufacturing company founded in 2020 as a UNSW Canberra Space spin-off. The company was founded to commercialise various intellectual property developed over the years at UNSW Canberra Space. Our reconfigurable FPGA SoC based flight computers are unique in the nano-satellite market in terms of their customisability and form factor.
Kestra (formerly K3partners)	Kestra is a Canberra based software engineering company focussed on designing state of the art data analytics systems utilising Search Engines, Information Retrieval, Natural

Collaborator	Company Description
	Language Processing and Machine Learning specifically for government customers.
Ocula	Ocula is a cabling specialist offering design, manufacturing and integration of fibre optic and copper communication and data solutions. Passionate about technology, we constantly strive to deliver a technological edge to our customers, with improved reliability and performance through ongoing innovation of cabling technology.
PentenAmio	PentenAmio is an Australian-based cyber technology company focused on innovation in secure mobility, applied AI (artificial intelligence) and tactical communications security. Founded in 2014, Penten is a multi-award-winning cyber security company. They are Launch on Northbourne's anchor tenant, occupying levels 1 and 2.
Point River Networks	Point River Networks provide consulting, recruiting, unified communications and networking.
Skykraft	Skykraft is an Australian space services company that specialises in the design, manufacture and operations of satellite constellations in the delivery of global services. Skykraft was established in 2017 as a spin off from space the capabilities incubator UNSW Canberra Space.

NB: Collaborators in **Bold Italic** work from Launch at UNSW Canberra City

Collaborator Wins

The Collaborators at Launch are doing amazing things, and we celebrate and share their wins, big and small. We also celebrate when they connect in an exciting way.

- Ascent attended DSEI in Japan with Austrade as part of the Team Defence Australia group.
- Ascent attended the Special Operations Forces convention in Florida as part of the Defence Australia team.
- DEWC Services has been named as a finalist in the in the Australian Defence Industry Awards for Veteran Owned Business of the Year. This marks the sixth time they've been nominated.
- DEWC Services received formal recognition from the United States Department of Defence for their assistance enabling a critical system to reach Full operational Capability.
- Fifth Domain CEO Matt Wilcox presented a three-minute pitch at the Australian Cyber Exchange challenging the industry to stop relying on outdated views of Cyber industry talent
- Infinity Avionics has announced a collaboration with the Romanian Space Initiative to provide cameras to support ROSPIN's upcoming cubesat mission.
- Infinity Avionics celebrated a major milestone having delivered their 100th product having shipped products to Asian, Europe and domestically.

- Penten merged with Amiosec a British firm to form the new company PentenAmio
- PentenAmio was selected to showcase at the inaugural Australian Cyber Exchange with Chairman Matthew Wilson speaking at the event.
- PentenAmio and CSIRO's collaborative innovation MIKA has been selected as an ACT Finalist in the Government and Public Sector category of the 2025 iAwards.
- Skykraft CEO Michael Frater participated in a panel at the Airspace World convention in Lisbon
- Skykraft's satellites successful completed final testing and integration in the United States marking an important step in the plan for their next launch in Jul.

Monthly Community Newsletter

Stats	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
Open Rate	31.7%	37.3%	31.4%
Click-through Rate	7.2%	15.3%	3.5%

Community Events

Community Events are a great way for Collaborators to build relationships with other innovators at Launch and is an important benefit of working from the space. This quarter there were approximately 245 attendances at Launch community events.

	Events	Estimated Participants
April 2025	2	85
May 2025	2	115
June 2025	2	45

- April Lunch and Learn Defence Export Controls - 03 April
- Anzac Day Breakfast - 24 April
- May Taco Truck - 20 May
- May Lunch Monthly Connect hosted by FuturifAI - 29 May
- June Lunch and Learn UNSW Founders - 05 June
- June Launch monthly Connect hosted by Ascent - 26 June



Image: Photo collage of Launch Community events April – June 2025

Foundation Member & Partner Engagement

- Monthly CBRIN Extended Team Meeting held either online or in person at CBRIN with representatives from ANU, UC, UNSW, CSIRO, and CIT
- This quarter - CBRIN team had fortnightly meetings with UNSW Canberra Launch team
- This quarter - CBRIN employed three current ANU students to intern 2 days per week each to assist Growth Team, with Chi Chi Zhao joining 26 May 2025.
- This quarter - CBRIN team met monthly with Danielle Neale, ANU Head of Commercialisation and IP
- This quarter - The Prototyping Voucher Pilot Steering Committee met monthly with representatives from CBRIN, ANU, CIT, UC, and UNSW Canberra
- 1 April 2025 - CBRIN ran a market stall at the ANU Women in STEM* Leadership Conference market day to promote innovation and entrepreneurship pathways to undergraduate women*
- 9 April 2025 - CBRIN hosted a stall for the ANU HDR Induction
- 16 April 2025 - CBRIN attended NFP Innovation Forum planning meeting with ACT Government and others partners to explore a collaborative event
- 28 April 2025 - CBRIN participated in Pathways with Technology for Women planning meeting with Rachel Heng-Walters and Vi Nguyen from UC
- 1 May 2025 CBRIN hosted CSIRO's ON Prime Showcase and Petr Adamek was a speaker
- 16 June 2025 - CBRIN participated in NFP Innovation Forum planning meeting with ACT Government and Millhouse partners to develop event themes and format
- 16 June 2025 - CBRIN hosted a Research to Value workshop in collaboration with CSIRO with participants from ANU (16), UC (6), UNSW Canberra (7), CSIRO (1)
- 17 June 2025 - CBRIN participated in a leadership strategic workshop with UC leaders
- 18 June 2025 - CBRIN participated in ACT Government Business and Economic Development Consultative Forum
- 19 June 2025 - CBRIN hosted a Shark Tank pitching workshop with UC Researcher Development
- 19 June 2025 - CBRIN hosted Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting #28 with partner representatives from the ANU and Canberra Airport Group
- 23 June 2025 - CBRIN presented to the EIF Grant Board for the Accelerating Canberra's Energy Transition (ACET) shortlist interview at ACT Government Office, Dickson
- 24 June 2025 - CBRIN co-hosted a workshop with Canberra Cyber Hub and UNSW Launch on Northbourne
- 24 June 2025 - CBRIN facilitated the final CIT Link collaboration lab with CIT leadership team, concluding the 18-month innovation culture development partnership program
- Early stage researcher & deep tech engagement:
 - ANU
 - o Mikhail Kruger
 - o Sophie Zhao
 - University of Canberra

- o Ali Foroutannia
- UNSW Canberra
- o James Morrison



Image: Foundation and Board Member Dinner 14 May 2025

Methodology

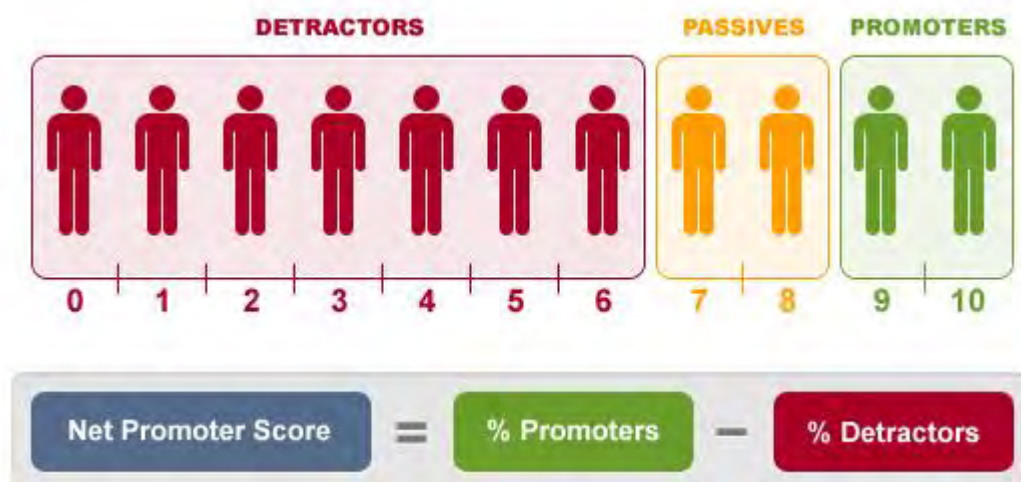
Participant Feedback

Wherever practical, the Canberra Innovation Network team seeks feedback from all program and event participants using a standard form. Questions include their rating of the event, what testimonial they would give and what aspect of the workshop or event they enjoyed the most. We report data and selected comments from responses received.

Net Promoter Score

For selected events CBRIN seeks to identify Net Promoter Score. The Net Promoter Score (NPS) method is used to measure participant satisfaction. NPS is a harsh measure, with scores ranging from -100% to +100%.

Each participant is asked how likely they are to recommend this to someone else on a scale of 1 to 10. The NPS is then calculated based on the percentage of promoters minus the percentage of detractors as shown in the graphic.



Registration and Attendance

Registration and attendance are measured for all programs and events that CBRIN runs. Event registration is taken through platforms like Eventbrite, while program registration (e.g., for Idea to Impact, hackathons) can sometimes be taken through Podio.

Attendance is reported based on a count made by CBRIN staff during the event or program. We take care to provide accurate numbers.



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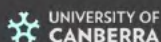
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Quarterly Report Q1 2025-2026

Coworking



91 companies in CBRIN coworking
78 on Level 5 plus 13 on Level 4
78% Occupancy in the L4 ScaleUp Hub
256 active members, of which
104 Female members (41%)
2 Non-Binary members (1%)
84 CALD members (33%)

Events & Collaboration



98 events held this quarter
3,059 participants in those events,
of which
6 Collaborative innovation events
227 Participants in collab events
15 Sectors engaged through
collaborative innovation

Growth Programs



99 Intro Meetings
54 Total Ventures Assisted
33 of which beyond startup stage
306 Founder Sessions
306 Pipeline Event participants
51 Mentors active this quarter
184 InnovationACT participants

Ecosystem highlights



**Over \$40 Million raised by
companies in the Canberra
Innovation Ecosystem this
quarter**

**Four out of the 2025 Tech23
companies were from Canberra
and all had female founders!**

MAJOR FUNDER, FOUNDATION MEMBERS, EDUCATION AND GOLD PARTNERS



ACT
GOVERNMENT



Australian
National
University



UNIVERSITY OF
CANBERRA



UNSW



CIT



ACU



CANBERRA
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NETWORK



OPTUS



KPMG



PwC

"I found this particularly helpful for networking opportunities. It's inspiring to meet other small business owners who are facing similar challenges or have successfully navigated them, and are now looking for ways to elevate their operations. The SME breakfast for early-CBRNs birds does help reinforce the feeling that you are not alone in your entrepreneurial journey." – TJ Callas (SME breakfast participant)

"The SME breakfast is the perfect opportunity to connect with other business peers in a low pressure, delicious environment. I made useful connections, discussed some big topics and was given some good wisdom from my table group. The more the merrier!" – Leah Collins (SME breakfast participant)

"Event was well facilitated, and the facilitators created a relaxed environment for participants. [They] were very professional and friendly which created a conducive environment for discussions. The purpose of the event was clear, structured to be interactive and provided a variety of activities. I enjoyed the session where we role played stakeholders perspectives. This is very relevant for our current operating environment and to consider our unique proposition. I really enjoyed the facilitation." – Anonymous (ACTNRM collab lab participant)

"I had a great time at the Canberra Innovation Network SME breakfast. These kinds of networking events can sometimes be awkward or confronting, but I found this one to be anything but. The staff were welcoming, approachable and helpful and everyone I met was friendly and engaging. I found like-minded, driven and creative people who were interested in collaborating and exploring ideas. I wish I had more time to meet more people!" – Greg (SME breakfast participant)

"I have already suggested a fellow entrepreneur/innovator get in contact with the network team. James provided invaluable assistance and I am looking forward to working with CBRIN." – Kim Lowrie (intro meeting feedback)

"James was excellent; his time was incredibly valuable. It was a great opportunity to reflect on our project and get valuable feedback on how to tailor information about our idea into a concise pitch. I have quoted my conversation with James multiple times since. Thank you" – Brendan Paliaga (intro meeting feedback)

"Thanks for making it so easy to book and speak candidly about my idea! Very clear on next steps and actionable takeaways from the initial consult. Very practical and tangible." – Katey Battenally (intro meeting feedback)

"Great to know there is a space for aspiring entrepreneurs in the Canberra environment to be helped"
– Intro meeting participant feedback

"My interaction with CBRIN team has been amazing. James is an approachable connector and very helpful." – Nana Sashiwa (intro meeting feedback)

WORKPLAN 2025-26

Implementing the 2023-2028 Strategic Directions

Together with our clients, partners and supporters, we connect, promote and grow the ACT innovation ecosystem. In doing so, we engage with entrepreneurs and innovators, startups, SMEs and established businesses, researchers, youth and students, governments and NGOs, higher education and research institutions, corporates as well as with the general public.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

DIRECTION 1: INNOVATION CAPACITY



Build capability in segments of the community that do not identify as entrepreneurs to drive more innovation, collaboration and job creating entrepreneurship.

DIRECTION 2: ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY



Grow the entrepreneurial capacity of our innovation ecosystem by developing, delivering and linking programs and resources that support growth of ambitious innovation and technology companies.

DIRECTION 3: ECOSYSTEM PLACEMAKING



Operate ACT's central innovation hub with active linkages to a connected network of innovation precincts that work together to grow new industries and solve complex problems by leveraging science, innovation and entrepreneurship.

1.1 INNOVATION SKILLS

Objective Deliver and collaborate on events, initiatives and programs that introduce and enhance innovation capability and skills in the broader community.

Activities Innovation-focused educational, networking and introductory events

KPIs
12 outreach events
1 InnovationACT (all city competition)
400 participants

2.1 ENTREPRENEUR PIPELINE

Objective Build a strong pipeline of entrepreneurs and innovators and triage them into programs and services that support their progress, link them to funding, entrepreneur education and mentoring.

Activities Intro meetings, Innovation Connect Grants, education and networking events

KPIs 200+ participants, 150 intro meetings, 2 grant ICON funding rounds with \$400k+ deployed to 14+ ventures

3.1 ECOSYSTEM ENGAGEMENT

Objective Collaborate to design and deliver a comprehensive set of engagement activities that connect, grow and diversify our innovation ecosystem and support delivery of this workplan through effective communication and marketing.

Activities Marketing, outreach, PR, events, partner & external engagement

KPIs 150 events, 5,000 participants, 20 stories, 4 events for under-represented, 1 showcase, 15 external engagements (reg., nat., int.)

1.2 COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

Objective Design, deliver and partner on collaborative events that activate partnerships, support growth of key sectors and help academia, government, corporates and community address problems through collaboration & innovation.

Activities Collaborative innovation events, hackathons and competitions, and a series of systemic collaborations

KPIs
12 events, 300 participations, 5 sectors

2.2 GROWTH PROGRAMS

Objective Coordinate and deliver programs and services that contribute to growth of innovative ventures, including deep-tech, social enterprises, startups, scaleups and SMEs.

Activities Mill House support, Griffin Accelerator, Scale Up & SME Program, Mentor & investor network and targeted founder conversations

KPIs 40 ventures assisted p.a., 90 founder sessions p.a., 30 mentors engaged p.q.

3.2 INNOVATION HUB(S)

Objective Deliver and grow coworking in the central innovation hub, work with others to connect their hubs into a network offering for entrepreneurs & innovators in Canberra and beyond.

Activities central hub operation and improvements, Launch operation, events, coordination w other hubs

KPIs
170+ co-workers in 50+ companies
20 connected events at hubs

CBRIN IMPACT REPORT

What is the economic impact and ROI in CBRIN?

This report was prepared by PwC Australia, it estimates CBRIN's economic impact and can be downloaded at www.cbrin.com.au/impact.

Stakeholder reported benefits

Increased skills & capacity

86%

Businesses realising at least 1 identified outcome

92%

CBRIN's impact was high/critical in achieving outcomes

53%

CBRIN's contribution to business outcomes

Validate & progress new ideas

Think more commercially

Establish connections

Ambition, purpose & vision

Manage a business

\$1 of ACT Government funding (cash) directly supported

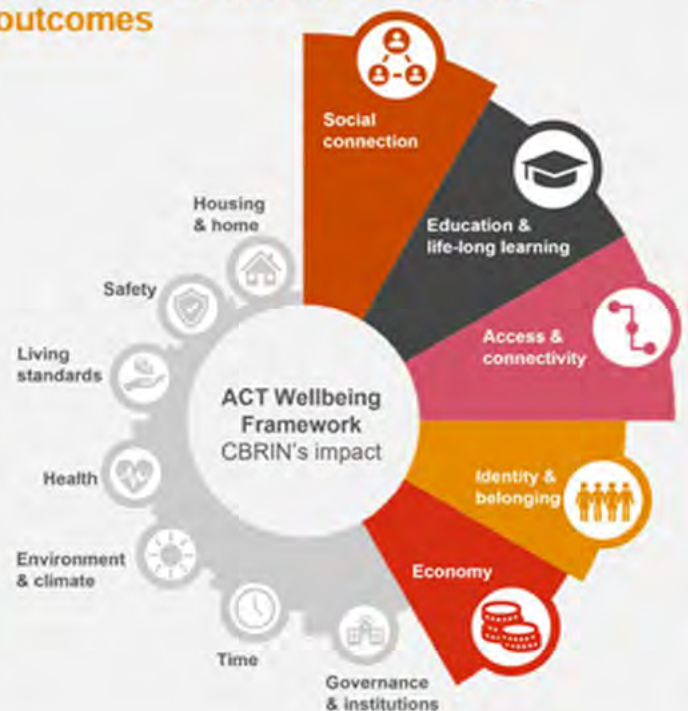
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of *direct* GSP over 2022-2024

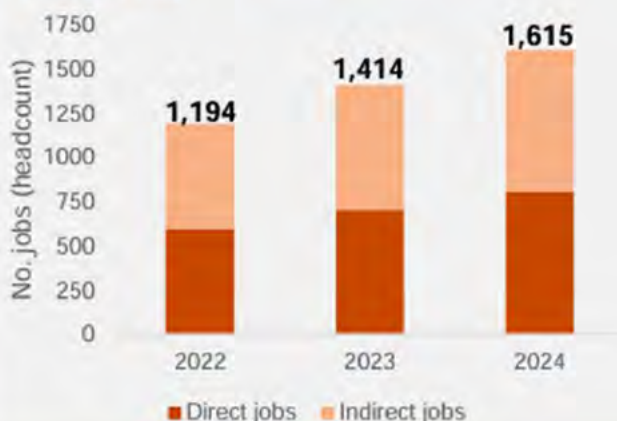
equivalent to

\$320m

CBRIN's contribution to wellbeing outcomes



Employment impact by component (headcount)



GSP impact by component (\$2024, million)



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INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report presents the activities, achievements, and details relevant to the Canberra Innovation Network's approved 2023-2028 Strategic Directions and 2025-26 Workplan. The structure of the document introduces highlights and current testimonials that demonstrate the experience our target audiences have with our programs and activities. It then introduces key goals, objectives, principles, and components of the Canberra Innovation Network (CBRIN) Strategy and Workplan, as well as its KPIs. In each section we present activities that contribute to the direction. The introduction includes the CEO commentary (executive summary) on performance in the current reporting period.

CBRIN's mission is to empower entrepreneurs to make an impact and change the world. Together with our Foundation Members, partners, clients, the innovation community, and fuelled by the foundational support from the ACT Government, we are positioning Canberra as a clever, connected and creative city where entrepreneurs and businesses build on our excellence in research and innovation to create social and economic benefits for all (CBRIN's vision).

We are a not-for-profit collaboration of the leading higher education and research institutions in the ACT, the ACT Government and private sector partners who work together to coordinate, connect, promote, and grow the region's innovation ecosystem.

Our Strategic Directions and Workplan guide CBRIN to engage with a broad variety of audiences. These include:

People

- General Public
- Youth / Students
- Researchers / Innovators
- Entrepreneurs Building Startups

Organisations

- Government / Community
- Corporates
- Higher Education and Research
- SMEs / Businesses

The Workplan that we report on here supports the role of the innovation network as a key mechanism where world-class research and educational institutions partner with a proactive government and the innovation community to drive a vibrant ecosystem. This attracts, supports, and empowers creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial people as well as organisations to generate social and economic wealth, enabling impact on local, national, and global levels.

Q1 2025-26 Performance: Executive Summary

This reporting period covers the quarter starting 1 July 2025 and ending 30 September 2025. The Canberra Innovation Network (CBRIN) commenced the 2025-26 financial year with strong momentum across all strategic directions. Program activity, participation, and impact indicators tracked toward annual targets, reflecting the health and growth of the ACT our ecosystem.

Direction 1: Innovation Skills and Collaboration

CBRIN delivered **13 collaborative and skills-building engagements** with **821 participants** across higher education, government, community organisations and business. The quarter saw the **largest-ever InnovationACT** competition with **184 registrations in 51 teams**, including strong growth of registrations from University of Canberra and Canberra Institute of Technology. Other key engagements included the **Collaborative Innovation Lab focusing on improving outcomes in rehydration in land management**, **UC Industry Roundtable on Future Skills Gaps**, and the **CBRIN Innovation Forum**, focused on ecosystem mapping and strategic alignment across Foundation Members and broader ecosystem contributors.

Through the **Prototyping Voucher Pilot**, CBRIN deepened collaboration of research and higher education institutions with startups and SMEs in prototyping. In September CBRIN entered Deed of Grant with ACT Government to deliver the **Accelerating Canberra's Energy Transition** program to activate the energy innovation ecosystem in the ACT throughout 2026.

Direction 2: Entrepreneur Pipeline and Growth

CBRIN held over **306 founder sessions**, including 99 intro meetings. A total of **54 ventures were directly assisted**, 61% of which are beyond startup stage and 26% classified as deep tech. The **GRIFFIN Accelerator** received a record **49 applications**, with **8 teams** selected—half of them led by women. In the long term, 49% of Griffin Accelerator teams have a female co-founder and the entire portfolio is valued above \$70M.

Ecosystem companies that we tracked this quarter collectively **raised over \$40 million**, including **\$19 million by Acorn** and **\$11 million from the MRead-NextOre merger** forming MagnaTerra, valued at \$150 million.

CBRIN's **mentor network** had **51 mentors active** this quarter, with high engagement across founder and investor activities. **The Mill House Ventures** delivered the ACT Social

Enterprise Grant program (25 enterprises supported across two years) and launched **GRIST25** and **Scale for Impact25**.

Direction 3: Ecosystem Engagement and placemaking

CBRIN hosted or supported **98 events** engaging **over 3,100 participants**, including the **Female Founders** and **SME Breakfast**. Feedback remained consistently high, testimonials highlight the quality of facilitation, practical relevance, and the sense of belonging provided by these events to participants from within Canberra's innovation community.

As of 30 September 2025, CBRIN managed coworking for **257 members** in **91 companies** across two floors, including **13 companies** in the Level 4 ScaleUp and SME Hub, which achieved **78% occupancy**. Female participation stands at **40%**, with **33% CALD representation**, demonstrating our progress towards a more diverse on site community. Sixteen internal events across 2 innovation hubs strengthened collaboration across levels and programs.

During the quarter CBRIN engaged across **15 sectors** and recorded 25 engagements with impacts outside the ACT strengthening our connections through collaborations such as the **Defence Trailblazer Entrepreneurial Foundations** networking event and hosting **AASAM South Asia and Mongolia Delegation**. International links were reinforced through collaboration with global partners and participation in the **ACEEU Triple E Awards in Prague**, where CBRIN was recognised as **Runner-Up** in the **Global Innovation Ecosystem of the Year category**.

CBRIN continues to deliver high-impact programs, connecting a variety of sectors, and catalysing entrepreneurial growth across the ACT. Activity levels exceed expectations, we are achieving good diversity across programs, and collaboration between universities, government, and business continues to deepen. The network's unique neutral platform continues to help translate Canberra's research excellence and civic ambition into tangible social and economic outcomes. With strong early performance in Q1 we are well positioned to deliver another record year of impact in 2025-26

Dashboard 2025-26

Theme	Unit	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Target
INNOVAT - SKILLS	1.1 Events	7				7	12
	1.1 Participants	594				594	400
	1.1 InnovationACT	1				1	1
COLLABORATION	1.2 Events	6				6	12
	1.2 Participants	227				227	300
	1.2 Sectors engaged	16				16	5**
PIPELINE	2.1 Participants	306				306	200
	2.1 Intro Meetings	99				99	150
	2.1 ICON Rounds	0				0	2
	2.1 ICON Funds Deployed (\$)	0				0	\$400k
	2.1 ICON Grantees	0				0	14
GROWTH	2.2 Ventures Assisted	54				54	40
	2.2 Founder Sessions	142				142	90
	2.2 Engaged Mentors	51				51	30
ENGAGEMENT	3.1 Events	98				98	150
	3.1 Participants	3,059				3,059	5,000
	3.1 Stories	12				12	20
	3.1 Events for under-represented	2				2	4
	3.1 Showcase	0				0	1
	3.1 External engagement	25				25	15
INNOVATION HUBS	3.2 Coworkers	256				256*	170
	3.2 Companies	91				91*	50
	3.2 Events at innovation hubs	16				16	20

*Highest quarterly number, not cumulative data. Note coworkers are over capacity because not all coworkers are using the facilities full-time, some are one, two or three days / week. ** Unique total per year.

DIRECTION 1 INNOVATION CAPACITY BUILDING

Goal: Build capability in segments of the community that do not identify as entrepreneurs with the aim to drive more innovation, collaboration and job creating entrepreneurship.

The core activities CBRIN focuses on under this direction include (1) the development and delivery of events that introduce innovation and entrepreneurship to the community through outreach, (2) facilitation of collaborative innovation engagements, (3) partnering with educational institutions, industry, government and non-government partners for industry and community-focused innovation and entrepreneurship activity.

Theme 1.1 Innovation Skills

Objective: Deliver and collaborate on events, initiatives and programs that introduce and enhance innovation capability and skills in the broader community.

CBRIN works with Foundation Members and partners to participate in and co-deliver innovation and entrepreneurship events and activations with the aim to reach more broadly into the community and make innovation more accessible and relatable.

This involves events for people who don't identify as entrepreneurs, including from under-represented groups. The activity formats include introductory innovation skill workshops and outreach presentations, drop-in sessions on campuses or partner sites and contributions to and support of programs delivered by others.

The activities are designed to stimulate interest of the participants in innovation and entrepreneurship, especially in groups not yet deeply involved in the ecosystem. Students, researchers and staff of academic institutions and government agencies but also corporates, industry associations, schools and community organisations are targeted through these activities to introduce innovation more broadly.

Outcomes: Enhanced innovation skills and better awareness of the ACT innovation ecosystem in the community and within FMs, more researchers and students engaging with entrepreneurship & innovation.

Overview

In Q1 2025/26 CBRIN delivered a range of activities to help promote innovation and enhance development of innovation skills in the community as summarised below.

Event	Date	Attendance/Engagement
University of Canberra 3MT Pitching Workshop	17 July	7
University of Canberra Market Day	22 July	75
ANU Market Day	23 July	150
CIT Market Day	31 July	35
UC ITS Capstone Guest Lecture	4 August	100
Innovation ACT	6 Aug - 28 Aug	184

IPAA Spirit of Service Pitch Workshop	7 Aug	43
TOTAL	7 events	594 participants

Selected Highlights of Outreach Events

University of Canberra 3 Minute Thesis Pitching Workshop

17 July, University of Canberra

CBRIN was invited to deliver a pitching workshop for researchers looking to compete in the 3 Minute Thesis competition. The researchers ranged from mental health practices in the arts industry, novel health and nutrition practices as well as environmental rehabilitation initiatives.

InnovationACT Pitch for Students at ANU

23 July, 30-31 July 2025, ANU

As a part of InnovationACT marketing, Chi Chi Zhao, growth team intern at CBRIN delivered 3 presentations introducing Innovation ACT and CBRIN to over 200 business and entrepreneurship students at the ANU. Students expressed interest and engagement in learning more about CBRIN, with multiple student teams for InnovationACT being formed as an outcome of these presentations.

University of Canberra ITS Capstone Guest Lecture

4 August, 100 students, University of Canberra

CBRIN was invited to deliver an Introduction to Lean Innovation guest lecture to about 100 students in the ITS Capstone unit for Semester 2. This workshop introduces students to concepts in innovation and entrepreneurship before they start working on their industry projects.



Image: ITS Capstone students

InnovationACT

11 August - 28 August 2025, 51 teams, 184 registrations, Canberra Innovation Network L5

The annual InnovationACT competition was held this quarter, being the largest yet with 184 participant registrations across 51 teams competing for a prize pool of \$10,000. Participants from foundation members were represented through ANU (94 participants), UC (48), UNSW Canberra (9), CIT (10), CSIRO (1), other (22). There was a significant improvement in obtaining a more equal representation across all foundation members, with UC

participation being notably increased (from 22 last year to 48 this year), as well as CIT (from 2 last year to 10 this year).

After the 4 workshops hosted across the two weeks 16 teams were shortlisted by the judging panel for Pitch Day on 28 August 2025.

Shortlisted Teams

1. **Neylo (ANU)** - AI-powered sports-based social media platform with a revolutionary twist to users.
2. **Eko (ANU)** - A pair of smart glasses designed for children with speech disabilities, giving them a way to signal distress when they cannot speak for themselves.
3. **Pookie Platforms (ANU)** - AI-powered Personalised Career Companion, built to help job seekers gain confidence and find suitable opportunities
4. **Tutoring Tree (ANU)** - A unified adaptive learning platform designed for students, teachers, and educational institutions.
5. **Phytofix (ANU)** - A sustainable crop protection solution designed to stop the spread of dieback disease in avocado trees, caused by *Phytophthora cinnamomi*.
6. **XDrones Civil Solutions (ANU)** - A turnkey, drone-powered bushfire prevention and rapid-response network for the ACT.
7. **Alluvio.ai (Highschool and ANU)** - AI-powered education ecosystem designed to make world-class learning more accessible.
8. **Cross Brothers (UNSW Canberra)** - Drone propeller attached to two compounded and orthogonal axis of rotation in order to achieve total omnidirectional thrust for each individual propeller.
9. **Explorer (ANU)** - Splash-Free Urinal, a novel design grounded in fluid dynamics and validated by peer-reviewed research.
10. **Cox Coach (ANU)** - Interactive education platform for coxswains, offering tailored modules for individuals and schools.
11. **OpenSI (University of Canberra)** - Building domain-specific AI experts using open-source models and specialised architectures that outperform larger general-purpose systems while maintaining complete data sovereignty
12. **PepTalkers (ANU)** - An AI-driven, peptide- based dengue vaccine platform that identifies conserved epitopes and validates candidates in the lab for safe, cross-serotype protection.
13. **BKY (ANU)** - JustMe, an emotional journaling app designed to make mental health support simple, private, and engaging for young people.
14. **DriveAwareAI (University of Canberra)** - Combines IoT tyre sensors, live internet data sources, and AI to provide real time warnings and information of road and vehicle factors that may be reducing available grip
15. **Hive Biosciences (ANU)** - A business-to-business (B2B) technology platform that unlocks commercial-scale production for novel proteins.
16. **Burg men+ (ANU and CIT)** - Invisible Buddy is a private AI companion mobile app that gives kids a safe space to share without judgment, while analysing patterns of distress and providing parents and schools with early warning summaries insights.

Winning Teams

This year, the judges decided to split the \$10,000 of funding across 7 winning teams.

Major Prize (\$2000): Explorer, Cox Coach, Hive Biosciences

Commendation Prize (\$1000): Neylo, Burg men+, Tutoring Tree, Eko



Image: Collage of InnovationACT Workshops

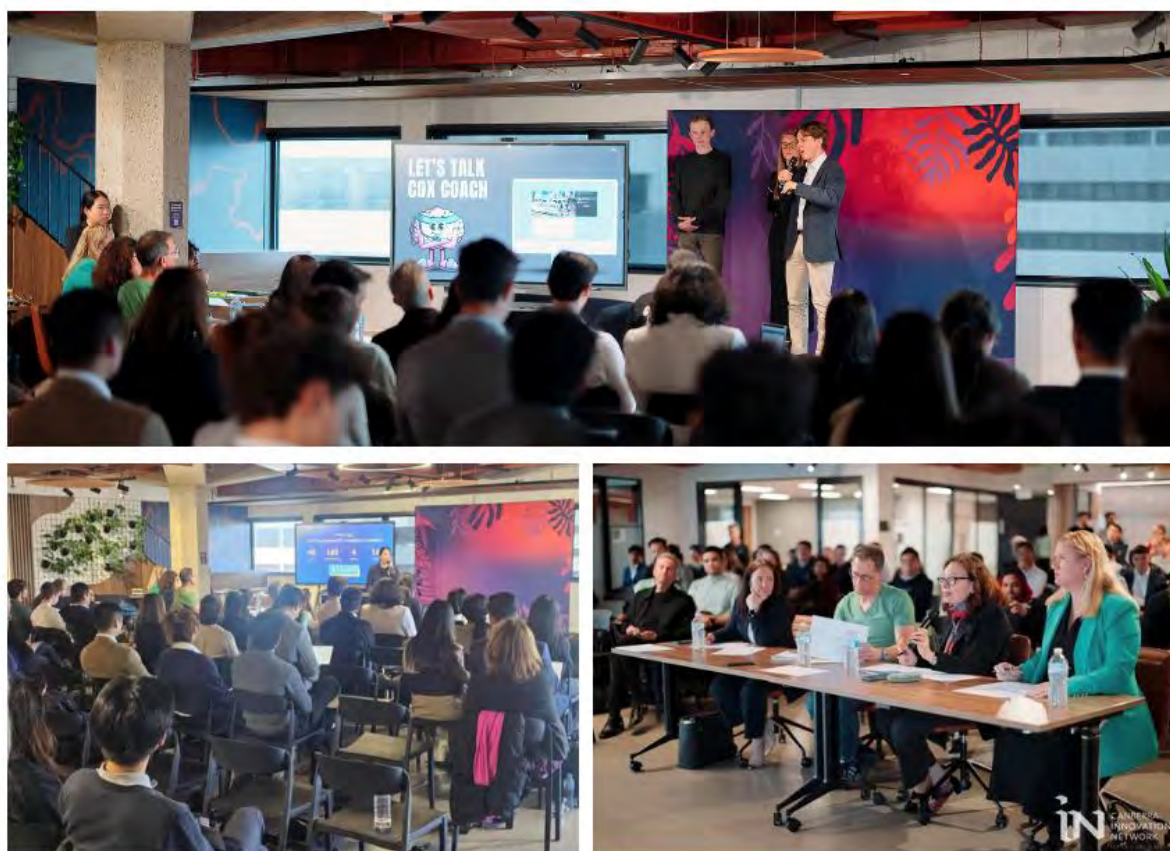


Image: Collage of Photographs from IACT Pitch Day, Level 4 CBRIN, attendance 75



Image: Winning Teams from InnovationACT 2025

InnovationACT Anonymous Testimonials

"I learnt so much from this workshop, the advice and tips are really useful for any student wanting to start their entrepreneurial journey."

"This program gives me a practical experience, skill and confidence that's I can directly apply to my work. The trainers were supportive, this sessions were engaging and the resources were top notch.so overall it's a great workshop."

"Very practical and great opportunity to see how other people receive your service."

Market Days

The CBRIN team attended several Semester 2 Market Days in this quarter including:

- UC Market Day (22 July)
- ANU Bush Week Market Day (23 July)
- CIT Bruce Market Day (31 July)

The purpose of these events is to promote entrepreneurship and innovation programs/events to students and researchers in these communities, as well as inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs. There was a focus on InnovationACT promotion and encouraging students to sign up and participate in the program.



Image: Collage of Market Day events attended by CBRIN

IPAA Spirit of Service Pitch Workshop

7 August, 43 participants, Online

CBRIN delivered an online pitching workshop to finalists of the IPAA Spirit of Service Awards ahead of pitch video submissions. The award categories included Learning, Collaboration, Breakthrough and Community Engagement. The collaboration with Institute for Public Administration Australia (IPAA) enables us to promote the culture of innovation into the Australian public service and to get the message out there about the opportunities in the ACT innovation ecosystem. In addition, since this training had a national focus with attendees from anywhere in Australia, this engagement enabled national promotion of the ACT innovation ecosystem.

Theme 1.2 Collaborative Innovation

Objective: Design and deliver collaborative events, challenges and hackathons that activate partnerships, support growth of key sectors and help academia, government, corporates, and community address problems through collaboration & innovation.

CBRIN works with its Foundation Members and other education and research providers, government, corporates, industry, non-government organisations and industry associations to initiate and support customised open and collaborative innovation events and programs that leverage modern innovation methods and strengthen triple helix linkages and collaboration. This includes a structured peer support groups and events, such as meetups, collab-labs, co-design sessions, hackathons, innovation challenges, prototyping support, competitions and activations helping people, organisations and entire sectors address key challenges through collaborative innovation, engaging our innovation sector capabilities, generating a pipeline for other programs and building connections and momentum within ACT key sectors. The activity will include development of an innovation ecosystem map to identify elements and visualise support networks.

Horizontally, under this objective, CBRIN also supports, initiates, hosts and co-delivers events and engagements that contribute to collaborations and solutions that target any of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Outcomes: More collaborative activities in sectors that matter to Canberra's economic, social and environmental wellbeing.

Overview - Collaborative engagements

In Q1 2025-26 CBRIN delivered a range of collaborative innovation activities.

Collaborative engagements	Date	Attendance
Industrial Design & PVP Info Session	1 July	45
ACTNRM Rehydration Collab Lab	3 July	25
UC Industry Roundtable: Bridging the Skills Gap	10 July	48
ACTNRM Planning Day	15 August	22
AASAM 3-Country Delegation	20 August	53
CBRIN Innovation Forum	24 September	34
Total	6 events	227

Sectors engaged: 7 (advanced manufacturing, industrial design, natural resource management, education, international development, public policy, innovation intermediaries)

Industrial Design & PVP Info Session

1 July 2025, 45 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4 Events Room

CBRIN partnered with industrial design company Formswell to deliver 'Bringing Ideas to Life: Industrial Design and Prototyping Info Session' for entrepreneurs, designers, and

innovators interested in developing physical products. The session introduced participants to the Prototyping Voucher Pilot (PVP) while exploring industrial design processes that help move concepts and ideas to prototypes of real-world applications.

Formswell presented on keeping end users and business cases central during design phases, followed by a panel from PVP partner institutions (ANU, CIT, UC, and UNSW Canberra), which outlined their unique prototyping facilities and answered questions from attendees. The collaborative format demonstrated how shared prototyping infrastructure can accelerate product development by connecting entrepreneurs with university fabrication resources and technical expertise. It also showed that a diverse cross-section of the community is interested in learning more about the industrial design and fabrication process.



Image: PVP info-session participants listening to the Formswell presentation

Testimonials:

"Brilliant CBRIN, so much value from the event and the networking chats, thank you!" – Keith Rosario

"Main speaker excellent and realistic with useful industry advice." – Mark Gleeson

"Speakers were great." – Andrew Edwards

"Event was run very smoothly, Formswell gave a great talk and the discussion session at the end was super valuable. Jack was also a great host." – Ben Claase

ACTNRM Rehydration Collab Lab

3 July 2025, 25 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4 Events Room

CBRIN facilitated a Landscape Rehydration Collaboration Lab for ACT Natural Resource Management (ACTNRM), bringing together ACT land managers, researchers, and policy experts to discuss challenges and opportunities in landscape rehydration as part of the Australian Government's National Soils Action Plan.

Participants examined seven key landscape rehydration techniques across a range of contexts throughout the workshop, sharing their experiences and building a group understanding of the high-level issues that need to be addressed. Key insights included the

importance of site-specific diagnostics, long-term maintenance planning, community engagement, and a whole-of-government approach to avoid siloed work within the sector. The collaborative approach generated momentum for cross-sector partnerships and laid the foundation to create a future working group and ongoing activities to leverage shared expertise across agencies.



Image: Participants evaluating rehydration techniques and solutions

Testimonials:

"Highly professional, engaging and thought-provoking facilitation" - Aaron Fahey, ACTNRM

"I really enjoyed the event. Thanks for providing networking time too." - Anonymous

"Facilitation was excellent and I particularly liked the reflections provided. I liked the reflective circle at the end as it provided a great summary of the event and left us feeling positive and hopeful rather than potentially dwelling on some of the challenges identified during the course of the event." - Anonymous

"It was a good opportunity for networking and learning from others what they had tried, what had worked and what hadn't." - Anonymous

"Good group of practitioners with common interests and desire to improve on-ground practice and outcomes." - John Franklin

"Very good, well run. Some of the other participants mentioned interesting topics that never would've come up in my regular line of work." - Anonymous

UC Industry Roundtable: Bridging the Skills Gap

10 July 2025, 48 Participants, University of Canberra: Ann Harding Conference Centre

CBRIN facilitated an industry roundtable with the University of Canberra, Faculty of Science and Technology, addressing skills gaps between higher education outcomes and evolving industry needs. The collaborative session brought together representatives from industry,

government, academia, and the innovation ecosystem to co-design solutions for better preparing graduates for evolving workplace demands.

Participants identified that while technical proficiency remains essential, employers increasingly seek graduates with communication skills, ethical reasoning, and cross-disciplinary collaboration capabilities. The session enabled direct dialogue between educators and employers, resulting in practical recommendations for course development models where industry, government, and universities all contribute to talent development.



Image: Participant presenting their group's findings to the room

ACTNRM Planning Day

15 August 2025, 22 Participants, Yarramundi Cultural Centre, Canberra

CBRIN facilitated ACTNRM's annual planning day, bringing together team members from five sub-teams to strengthen their group identity and articulate their value proposition during government restructuring discussions. The collaborative session used Simon Sinek's Golden Circle framework and stakeholder role-playing to explore ACTNRM's core purpose, approach, and deliverables through cross-team activities.



Image: ACTNRM team member presenting to the group

The group identified their unique position as 'neutral coordinators who work across agency boundaries without specific land tenure responsibilities, enabling strategic oversight and federal funding coordination'. The session reinforced collaborative innovation principles by helping the team move from individual team perspectives to system-wide thinking about environmental challenges and partnership opportunities for their organisation to focus on.

Testimonials:

"Overall, it went very well. The team was engaged, the flow worked, and good outcomes were achieved. The team was less conscious of the criticism we face than I realised. This is useful as they need to understand the issues before we can fix them." - Anonymous

"Facilitators were great, I think it was a hard exercise you were asked to deliver." - Anonymous

"Highly productive and entertaining event. Seamless facilitation and presentations. Speakers were of high professional standard. Most interesting was the seamless integration of one activity to the next. So, an expertly designed day." - Gaz Dean

"Event was well curated, good range of topics covered and achievable goals. A well conducted session to help future planning." - Anonymous

"Event was well facilitated, and the facilitators created a relaxed environment for participants. [They] were very professional and friendly which created a conducive environment for discussions. The purpose of the event was clear, structured to be interactive and provided a variety of activities. I enjoyed the session where we role played stakeholders perspectives. This is very relevant for our current operating environment and to consider our unique proposition. I really enjoyed the facilitation." - Anonymous

AASAM 3-Country Delegation

20 August 2025, 53 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4

CBRIN hosted an evening networking event for the Australia Awards South Asia and Mongolia Executive Leadership Short Course, delivered by University of Queensland (UQ) and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG). The program brought together 28 senior public officials from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka with local stakeholders from Canberra's innovation ecosystem to explore collaborative approaches to public administration and developing innovation ecosystems.

GM of Growth Programs, Dr Craig Davis, delivered a keynote on CBRIN's role in government engagement in the innovation ecosystem, followed by three case studies showcasing companies that emerged from government-supported innovation initiatives, and a Q&A session. The knowledge exchange format demonstrated how innovation methods can be adapted across different governmental, cultural, and socioeconomic contexts, supporting the program's broader goals of developing ethical leadership and transforming public administration practices in South Asia.

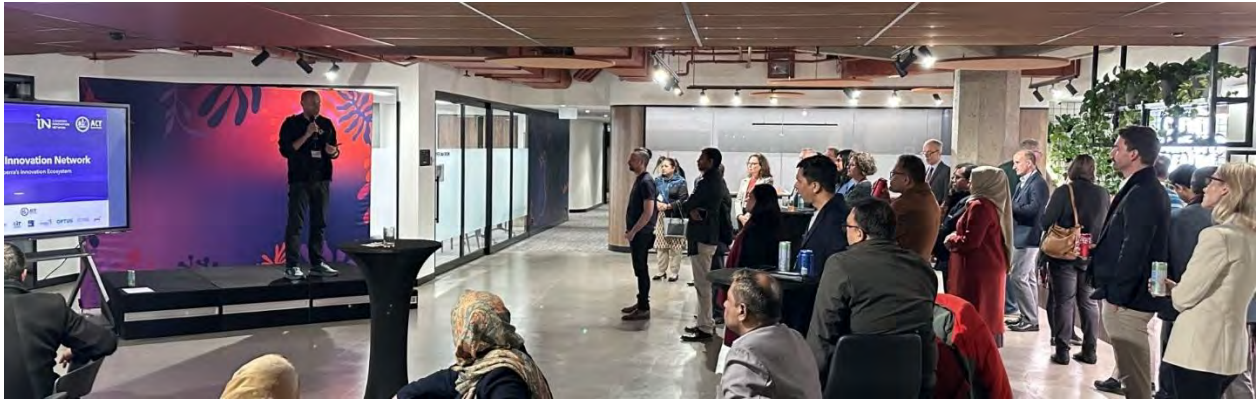


Image: International delegates listening to the CBRIN presentation

CBRIN Innovation Forum

24 September 2025, 34 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4

CBRIN hosted its annual Innovation Forum, focusing on ecosystem mapping and strengthening connections within the ACT innovation network. The event brought together 34 participants from Foundation Members, Gold Partners, ACT Government, and key ecosystem players. Petr Adámek opened with a presentation on CBRIN's Runner-Up recognition in the ACEEU Global Triple E Awards. ACT Government's Kareena Arthy, Deputy Director General at CMTEDD, then presented on economic development priorities, emphasising the government's role in maintaining and supporting activities at a systemic level.

Collaborative workshops identified ecosystem strengths, including CBRIN's neutral convening role and Canberra's accessible scale, while highlighting weaknesses around not having a cohesive 'Canberra story' and barriers to market entry. Participants noted gaps in engagement with diverse communities and established businesses outside traditional innovation circles. Priority actions focused on creating clearer ecosystem navigation pathways, strengthening broader business engagement, and developing consistent innovation branding. The forum reinforced aspirations for breakthrough collaborations that generate both global visibility and local impact.



Image: Innovation Forum participants sharing their group work with the room

Other Collaborative Engagements

In addition to collaborative innovation events delivered by CBRIN as described above, the CBRIN team engages in or supports other activities that utilise or benefit from collaborative innovation methods and contribute to Direction 1 helping build capability in segments of the community that do not identify as entrepreneurs with the aim to drive more innovation, collaboration and job creating entrepreneurship.

Other Collaborative Engagements	Date	Attendance
Milestone 3 and PVP Steering Committee Meetings	17 July, 14 August, 18 September	24
Monash Workshop on Creative Anticipatory Policymaking (CAMP)	24 July	17
Defence Trailblazer Entrepreneurial Foundations Networking Event	31 July	70
PVP Pitch Session #1	30 July	11
CBR Business Connect	25 August	~100
PVP Pitch Session #2	4 September	10
CBRIN Advisory Committee #29	25 September	10
Total*	9 events	242

Sectors engaged: 11 (advanced manufacturing, public policy, research, defence, business development, sustainability, agriculture, biotech, ICT, health technology, innovation ecosystem) *Event and participation numbers not counted under 1.2, only new sectors engaged

PVP Milestone 3 and Steering Committee Meetings

17 July, 14 August, 18 September 2025, 24 Participants Total, CBRIN: Level 5 & Virtual

The ACT Prototyping Voucher Pilot Steering Committee held three governance meetings to progress the pilot to Milestone 3 and oversee voucher allocation processes. Committee members from CBRIN and partners ANU, UC, UNSW Canberra, reviewed applications, refined evaluation criteria, and assessed the program's delivery speed and effectiveness.

The July meeting established evaluation frameworks for the first application round, while the August session reviewed how vouchers were allocated and introduced the pitch session format, where eligible applicants are invited to pitch their projects to the Committee. The September meeting assessed Milestone 3 progress and the progress of the pilot thus far.

The Committee's regular work together has built a deeper collective understanding of each institution's strengths and challenges, building foundations for stronger future partnerships that are adaptable to different contexts.

Monash Workshop on Creative Anticipatory Policymaking (CAMP)

24 July 2025, 17 Participants, Old Parliament House

CBRIN participated in a Monash University workshop exploring creative anticipatory policymaking (CAMP) methodologies. The session brought together policy researchers,

public servants, co-design practitioners, and innovation facilitators to examine how creative practices can enhance policy development processes. Participants experienced the camp-themed methodology firsthand before providing feedback to inform ongoing research that will refine the toolkit for future policymaking applications.

Participants explored scenario planning, speculative design, and participatory policymaking approaches that help government anticipate emerging challenges. The workshop highlighted cross-pollination opportunities between innovation facilitation practices and public policy design, with participants identifying ways to embed creative practices within government processes for long-term planning and community engagement.



Image: The camp-themed materials provided during the session

Defence Trailblazer Entrepreneurial Foundations Networking Event

31 July 2025, 70 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4

CBRIN hosted the networking component of the Defence Trailblazer Entrepreneurial Foundations program, bringing together researchers, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, and policy makers. The informal environment complemented formal training components, encouraging relationship building and knowledge exchange beyond structured program sessions.

Conversations spanned technology commercialisation challenges, industry collaboration opportunities, and policy implications for defence innovation. The event strengthened the national defence innovation ecosystem by enabling organic connections between early-stage researchers and experienced commercialisation practitioners, with participants identifying potential collaboration opportunities and mentorship relationships.



Image: The 2025 Defence Trailblazer Entrepreneurial Foundations [Cohort from LinkedIn]

PVP Pitch Session #1

30 July 2025, 11 Participants (4 Applicants + 7 Steering Committee), CBRIN: Level 5

The ACT Prototyping Voucher Pilot conducted its first formal pitch session, with four innovative projects presenting their prototyping needs to the Steering Committee. Projects included biosensors, indoor aquaponics components, agricultural AI sensor housing, and emergency radio communications technology, demonstrating demand for collaborative prototyping support across diverse innovation sectors.

The Steering Committee evaluated proposals based on innovation potential, feasibility, production-readiness, and alignment with program objectives. Three of the four projects were awarded vouchers. The session validated the collaborative model underpinning the pilot, with successful applicants gaining access to prototyping facilities, expertise, and network-building opportunities across multiple institutions.

CBR Business Connect

25 August 2025, ~100 Participants, ACT Government Offices: Dickson

CBRIN supported CBR Business Connect, the first in a series of events organised by ACT Government's City and Environment Directorate (CED) to increase ACT businesses' awareness and engagement with the available resources. The drop-in event brought together partner organisations, including Industry Capability Network (ICN), UNSW Canberra, AusIndustry, and various ACT Government services to provide an information day on tailored support for start-ups, SMEs, and established businesses.

CBRIN operated an information stall and gave a presentation to 60 people on CBRIN's background and offerings, Canberra's innovation ecosystem, and business development resources. The team connected with over 100 attendees over the day-long event, including both existing network contacts and new businesses discovering CBRIN's services for the first time. The collaborative format enabled participants to familiarise themselves with multiple support services in one location while building connections across the business support ecosystem.



Image: CBRIN presenting at the CBR Business Connect

PVP Pitch Session #2

4 September 2025, 10 Participants (4 Applicants + 6 Steering Committee), CBRIN: Level 5

The second PVP pitch session continued the pilot's momentum with four additional innovation projects pitching for prototyping support. The session built on lessons learned from the first round, with improved scheduling, evaluation processes, and ample time for deliberation.

Projects included a novel research-based urinal design, digital microscopy solutions, environmental monitoring technology, and an innovative equestrian jump design – evidence for the cross-sector appeal of accessible prototyping facilities and expertise. Two of the four pitches were successful, gaining access to prototyping facilities at the nominated institutions. The pilot continues to provide learning opportunities about effective collaboration models between universities and innovators.

CBRIN Advisory Committee #29

25 September 2025, 10 Participants, CBRIN: Level 4

CBRIN's Advisory Committee met to provide strategic input on three key areas: improving innovation storytelling, increasing program participation, and developing shared ecosystem metrics. Committee members discussed ways to get innovation network content in front of different audiences by exploring new foundation member distribution channels and packaging existing newsletter content differently to appeal to diverse demographics.

Members also identified opportunities to improve the ecosystem's storytelling approaches, emphasising the need for more diverse, honest narratives that include failures and alternative definitions of success beyond traditional startup growth. The group explored creating shared metrics across foundation members to present collective ecosystem impact rather than siloed achievements. They agreed to pilot shared metrics with initial partners before the October Board strategic planning session.

Collaborative Innovation Pipeline

The following activities represent CBRIN's ongoing efforts to develop future collaborative innovation opportunities and secure funding for expanded programming that will strengthen the ACT's innovation ecosystem.

Collaborative Innovation Pipeline	Date	Attendance
EIF Grant Announcement: CBRIN's ACET	15 September	14
Not-For-Profit Innovation Forum Planning Discussion	24 September	10
PVP Project Coordinator Meetings	July - September	20 meetings
Total*	3 initiatives	44

Sectors engaged*: 6 (energy, sustainability, not-for-profit/wellbeing, community, advanced manufacturing, higher education) *not counted in 1.2 numbers

EIF Grant Announcement

15 September 2025, 14 Participants, New Frontiers Technology, Mt. Stromlo Observatory

CBRIN attended the Energy Innovation Fund grant announcement, where Minister Suzanne Orr announced CBRIN as a successful recipient of \$195,000 for the 'Accelerate Canberra's Energy Transition' (ACET) project.

ACET comprises four complementary activities: a series of academia & industry workshops focusing on key policy areas; a Zero-Emissions-Transport Hackathon for students; business support and coworking space for 3-5 selected ACT energy startups; and an energy innovation showcase connecting the ecosystem with investors and the broader community.

The project leverages CBRIN's established collaborative innovation methods to build connections between researchers, industry, startups, students, and investors while directly supporting government energy transition priorities. Currently in the planning stage, CBRIN aims to hold the first ACET activity in early 2026, culminating in the showcase in late 2026.



Photo: EIF award recipients with Minister Suzanne Orr

Not-For-Profit Innovation Forum Planning Discussion

24 September 2025, 10 Participants, Online

Planning continued for the Not-For-Profit (NFP) Innovation Forum, delivered by a partnership between CBRIN, Hands Across Canberra, Running for Resilience, Mill House Ventures, University of Canberra, Snow Foundation, ANU McCusker Institute, and Thomas Emerson MLA's office.

Scheduled for 2 December 2025 at UC's Ann Harding Conference Centre, the forum will bring together up to 120 participants from Canberra's NFP and wellbeing sector to identify practical ways to build sector capacity and more effectively address mental health and loneliness. Planning discussions focused on streamlining the agenda and establishing realistic timelines for the remaining preparation period.

PVP Project Coordinator Meetings

July - September 2025, 20 Meetings

CBRIN's PVP Project Coordinator conducted regular meetings with prospective applicants over the quarter. These coordination activities included application consultations, progress reviews with voucher recipients, and eligibility discussions.

There were 20 project coordinator meetings this quarter, with 13 of these resulting in applications for the voucher program. This demonstrates there is still strong demand for prototyping resources across a range of sectors. We expect to see an uptick in applications following the second PVP info-session, scheduled for mid-October 2025.

DIRECTION 2 ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Goal: Grow the entrepreneurial capacity of our innovation ecosystem by developing, delivering, and linking programs and resources that support growth of ambitious innovation and technology companies.

Our activities under this direction focus on active development and support of a strong pipeline of entrepreneurs and their innovation projects. They will also include development, delivery and evaluation of growth programs to companies from pre-startups, startups, scaleups to SMEs. More broadly CBRIN connects companies to funding, expertise, tools, resources and opportunities that enhance their capabilities and progress.

Theme 2.1 Entrepreneur Pipeline

Objective: Build a strong pipeline of entrepreneurs and innovators and triage them into programs and services that support their progress, link them to funding, entrepreneur education and mentoring.

Under this objective CBRIN collaborates on and delivers events and engagements that inspire entrepreneurs (including those in Foundation Member institutions). Specifically, we:

- deliver workshop programs that strengthen entrepreneurial skills and grow participants' capacity to build or contribute to innovation and high growth companies.
- conduct introductory meetings with entrepreneurs and triage them into other programs, connect them to mentors and sources of funding and support.
- attract a strong and diverse pool of applicants for INNOVATION CONNECT grants program in partnership with the ACT Government to provide matched funding to set innovation companies on their growth journeys.
- seek partnerships that can help activate and support a pipeline of innovations addressing any of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Outcomes: Strong and diverse dealflow of quality participants apply to growth stage initiatives in the ACT.

Events, Workshops and Programs Overview

CBRIN delivers events, webinars, panel discussions, and other engagements that inspire and inform entrepreneurs. The workshop program strengthens entrepreneurs' skills in key areas and strengthens their capacity to build high growth companies.

The table below summarises the activities completed under this theme. Note that Net Promoter Score is used to measure participant satisfaction and is a harsh measure with scores ranging from -100% to +100%. A full explanation of how this is calculated is provided at the end of this report.

Workshop / Event	Date	Attendance	Net Promoter Score
CSIRO ON Prime 17 Showcase	1/07/2025	27	-

Workshop / Event	Date	Attendance	Net Promoter Score
Billion Dollar Series: Fireside Chat with Nick McNaughton	22/07/2025	37	82
SME Breakfast	30/07/2025	37	25
CSIRO ON Prime 18 – Immersion & Session 2	3/09/2025	30	-
Female Founders	9/09/2025	81	33
Idea to Impact – Workshop 1	17/09/2025	36	50
Fix Before You Grow with Jarrod Deaton from Three Mills	23/09/2025	58	20
Total	7 events	306	42%

Note: NPS of 20 (which is the lowest recorded this quarter) can mean that the event received 2 times 10 out of 10 and 8 times 8 out of 10 (or similar). NPS does not indicate a percentage of people who were satisfied with the event. In fact, all of them could be satisfied. It indicates so called promotability (how likely are the attendees going to promote the event to others). The event testimonials provide a qualitative evaluation of the event from participants' perspectives. For more information, refer to the last page of this report for more information on how NPS is calculated.

Billion Dollar Series: Fireside Chat with Nick McNaughton

22 July 2025, 37 attendees, NPS 82%

This event featured prominent local entrepreneur, investor and mentor Nick McNaughton, where he spoke to his entrepreneurial journey and experiences through a fireside chat format. Nick spoke about his experiences building, mentoring and investing in unicorn companies (companies worth more than \$1 billion) and brought a unique perspective on what it takes to build, back and grow high-impact ventures. The session saw Nick sharing candid insights and the highs and lows of his entrepreneurial journey, with an engaged crowd asking questions throughout.



Image: Billion Dollar Series: Fireside Chat with Nick McNaughton 22 July 2025

Testimonials:

"An entertaining and informative discussion with many takeaways I'll be applying our current and future ventures". - David Tomlins

"As a founder, the journey can often feel overwhelming and isolating as you navigate the highs and lows of building a business. Opportunities to hear from accomplished entrepreneurs like Nick McNaughton offer valuable insight and encouragement, delivering an engaging perspective for those just starting out. Thank you to the CBRIN team for another amazing event!" - Anonymous

"I think I learned more about angel investing in 1 hour then I have learnt in the last few months! Very insightful session." - Anonymous

"The depth and quality of Nick's experience both working for and investing in tech startups is outstanding. His advice for founders is gold." - Anonymous

SME Breakfast

30 July 2025, 37 attendees, NPS 25%

The theme of this quarter's SME breakfast was 'Moving Fast' where we prompted participants to engage in focussed, small-group discussions about prioritising growth and adaptation in rapidly changing environments. Thematic prompts encouraged the participants to share their growth barriers and how they are thinking about unblocking those. Towards the end of the session CBRIN introduced the resources and support for SMEs in the ACT, including Canberra Business Advice and Support Services (CBASS), Canberra Business Chamber (CBC), NewAccess for Small Business Owners (NASBO), Department of Industry, Cyber Wardens, ACT Government Tradestart, UC Interns, ANU TechLauncher and the BADJI Program.



Image: Collage of photos from the SME Breakfast 30 July 2025

Testimonials:

"It is an ideal opportunity to meet aspiring SMEs, support organisations, and government representatives in a relaxed environment. I discovered Cyber Support, links to accessing support from local universities, information on grants, and some incredible SMEs in CBRIN. I cannot think of a similar meeting that offers so much." – Dominic Dolan, The Business Body

"The SME breakfast is the perfect opportunity to connect with other business peers in a low pressure, delicious environment. I made useful connections, discussed some big topics and was given some good wisdom from my table group." – Leah Collin, Paramount First Aid

"This morning was amazing; I actually met people that I can help, and they may be able to help me, I have set up two follow up meetings already." – Sarah Burrows, L3 Coaching

"My experience at the SME breakfast was fantastic. I had the opportunity to meet some truly lovely people and make connections across both similar and different industries"– Nana Sashiwa, Decarby Solar

"I found this particularly helpful for networking opportunities. It's inspiring to meet other small business owners who are facing similar challenges or have successfully navigated them, and are now looking for ways to elevate their operations. The SME breakfast for early-CBRNs birds does help reinforce the feeling that you are not alone in your entrepreneurial journey." TJ Callas, AML Accountability Coaching

Idea to Impact Workshop Series

Workshop 1: 17 September 2025, 36 participants, NPS 50%

The Idea to Impact Workshop Series kicked off a new cohort this quarter with refreshed content that appeals to a broader segment of entrepreneurs and innovators. This workshop focused on "Finding Market Need" where we worked with participants through lean startup methods to help them identify and test customer segments.



Image: Idea to Impact Workshop 1

A week following Workshop 1, CBRIN held an accountability session for participants of the program to reflect on the past week of progress, counting customer conversations, sharing

wins and challenges, and connecting with the rest of the cohort with any asks they may have.

Testimonials:

"Great workshop if you are starting your business or have your potential ideas ready to be tested" – Mariana Marcano Franco

"The idea to impact workshop exceeded my expectation. I took away valuable insight into defining the customer base and in brainstorming the problem a project needs to solve, for them." – Kane Dalton

"Participating in the CBRIN Idea to Impact workshop program provided me with valuable insights, strategy and tools supporting my entrepreneurial journey. The workshop presenters are highly knowledgeable and engaging, and other workshop participants highly motivated to share their experience which is greatly beneficial to everyone. I highly recommend the CBRIN Idea to Impact Workshop Program to all founders seeking success in their path to innovation." – Natalie Emmett

"The Idea to Impact Workshop 1 is a great opportunity to explore customer interaction strategies and test the need for your products, providing a real prompt to balance product development with customer engagement. I will use the practical tools to test and refine what I am developing." – Jack Archer

"A really great introductory session to realising big ideas no matter the field." – Thomas Laue

CSIRO ON Prime

In this quarter, ON Prime 17 was concluded with a Showcase on 1 July 2025, with the 27 participants across 7 teams, covering areas like AI in education and aviation, renewable energy, biofuels and sustainable building materials.

Testimonials (ON Prime 17)

"Gavin and Irene are both knowledgeable and supportive! Great to have them being our facilitator"

"The facilitators are amazing and are so helpful in providing constructive feedbacks and pointers."

"Can't put in words how great these facilitators work together to deliver the workshops effectively to us."

ON Prime 18

CBRIN was part of the facilitation team for ON Prime 18 which also kicked off this quarter, with a 2-day Immersion (3 & 4 September), Session 2 (18 September) and 2 facilitator coaching sessions delivered. The teams include 4 teams from Canberra (3 ANU & 1 UC), covering space instrumentation, AI small language models, novel energy production techniques and software-enabled systems thinking tools.



Image: ON Prime Kick-Off

Fix Before You Grow with Jarrod Deaton

23 September 2025, 122 registrations, 58 attendees, NPS 20%

Jarrod Deaton, founder of Three Mills Bakery, came in to speak to the audience about his journey growing and running Three Mills, showcasing the mistakes he made and the lessons he learned along the way. The session provided a very candid and transparent look into the pitfalls of small business and the risks of trying to outgrow the pains. The main theme was around fixing before you grow, where Jarrod spoke to the major decision points he and his team took in the last few years and how that not only saved the business but enabled them to stabilise and put them in a position where they can now look toward more sustainable growth opportunities in the future. The session was well attended, and many participants stayed back after the event to continue the conversation with Jarrod as well as with each other.



Image: Collage of Fix Before You Grow with Jarrod Deaton

Testimonials:

"A highly valuable event where we had the opportunity to understand the deep insights gained by founder Jarrod Deaton. He and his team at Three Mills Bakery drove rapid growth, faced complexity, and then undertook a significant reset to support future growth. These are

foundational learnings for any business entrepreneur, owner, or team member.” - Justin Stanic

“This style of presentation, true founder stories, are the most powerful form of learning and inspiration. A must-attend event for startup and scale-up founders.” - Harold Dimpel

“Super engaging and well run. Interactive Q&A and chance to network also. Highly recommended”. - Bernd Brademann

Female Founders

There have been 1,929 registrations for 34 Female Founders events since 24 March 2020.

Female Founders | Career Transitions for Women

9 September 2025, 81 registrations, 65 attendees, NPS 33%

This edition of Female Founders saw CBRIN partnering with Women With Altitude to host Anne Moore and Renee Beerworth, with Andrew Turner-Boys (founder of Women With Altitude) guiding conversation on the ups and downs of Career Transitions for Women. Anne and Renee shared their career journeys, giving honest perspectives on career reinvention, exploring career pivots, skill shifts and entrepreneurial jumps through practical strategies and real stories.



Image: Photo of the Female Founders | Career Transitions for Women

Testimonials:

“The speaker was fantastic. Very erudite, funny and authentic. Great engagement with the audience. It was my first FF event, it won't be my last.” - Felicity Brown

“A very insightful and well rounded forum that provides female entrepreneurs with a session covering the highs and lows of business and how to navigate that space.” - Malisa Lengyel

“Really great conversation about not allowing age or gender prevent you from moving forward and going for what you want. Thank you for the encouragement and platform to mentor and share ideas.” - Sonia Strickland

Intro Meetings

99 held this quarter, 100% NPS

The CBRIN Growth team regularly engages with new Canberra-based innovators and entrepreneurs in one-on-one meetings that can be booked via the CBRIN website. At these intro meetings we listen, ask questions, provide feedback and triage after we assess the relevance of the projects and level of progress into various programs; including Innovation Connect (ICON), SME Program, GRIFFIN Accelerator, The Mill House and Idea to Impact.

Intro Meetings aim to add value to entrepreneurs by asking thought-provoking questions as well as linking them to relevant support networks, or activities.

Testimonials:

"James Presneill was very attentive. He provided us with great advice and guidance and the session was extremely informative. James Presneill is absolutely brilliant and I can't speak of him highly enough." - Don Jokhan, Cyber Automation

"Great programs to take on board that I wasn't aware of." - Shavaya Huskinson, Mobile Dental Health Studio

"Great to know there is a space for aspiring entrepreneurs in the Canberra environment to be helped." - Ethan Berman, Neylo

"I found the call really informative and definitely gave me more clarity on next steps "- Adithya Arjun

Innovation Connect Grants

Innovation Connect (ICON) is a grant program that CBRIN delivers in partnership with the ACT Government since September 2018. ICON provides between \$10,000 and \$30,000 matched funded grants to support innovative projects towards developing a proof of concept or prototype and assist with the early stages of commercialisation.

Current ICON Grant Funding Round

ICON is currently open for expressions of interest and will close on 9 October 2025.

The round so far:

- The Independent Panel has been confirmed, consisting of:
 - o Belinda Newham, Founder of Decision Revolution, Partner at Parbery
 - o Tina McIntosh, Founder & Managing Director of BOOST Health Labs
 - o Colin Anstie, Mentor, Founder & CEO of RD Consulting
 - o Tim Matthis, Mentor, Investor, Co-Founder of AI in Australia
- On 30 September 2025 CBRIN held a panel alignment session for the Independent Panel to understand the purpose of the Grant, the application process and the eligibility requirements of the applications. Panel members Colin Anstie and Tim Matthis were unable to make this session and were sent recordings of the session. Tina McIntosh and Belinda Newham were present for the session.
- There is a planned Group Intro Meeting information session for the 2 October 2025 for those that were unable to book an intro meeting in time to apply before the cutoff date.

Grant acquittals this quarter

3 projects acquitted their ICON grants this quarter, demonstrating how they met the milestones in their agreements. Key achievements included progress with early sales and team growth.

Company	ICON Round	Highlights
Endless An innovative way to close the loop on small plastic waste by repurposing millions of plastic bottle lids into premium recycled and recyclable plastic products for the adrenaline sports industry - starting with skateboard decks.	October 2023	Completed significant testing and product development leading to a pivot in early sales - using the skate decks as ornamental display decks while continuing to work on the product development to make more suitable decks for elite level skateboarding.
WaitOnce A SaaS product that interfaces with an allied health provider's booking system to automate appointment rescheduling and waitlist management.	October 2024	Forty-six (46) providers have registered their interest in WaitOnce and asked to be contacted when WaitOnce is ready to trial. From this information they were able to verify our assumptions regarding the most popular practice management systems (PMS) used within allied health and rank the priority order for future PMS integrations. They now have targets for building the next 4 PMS integrations. WaitOnce welcomed another Angel Investor on board which will enable the above integrations to be built and fit-for-purpose.
Humaneer The world's first deep vertical HR AI application that combines global workplace legislation, expert HR advice, and internal organisational information.	October 2024	They have achieved +60% increase on net volume on sales in the past 4 weeks and have extended their go-to-market channels to include SME service businesses, Legal, Accounting and Recruitment agencies. Set up lead magnets, resources and nurture sequences which are now helping us book demos and acquire new customers.

ICON Testimonials:

"The ICON grant helped us prototype and mature our first product, high-performance crutches, which are made in Canberra! We've now tested these crutches with Canberra region users and gained invaluable feedback, which has led us to further refine and improve the product for volume production. In addition to the direct support to mature that product, it gave us more time than we otherwise would have with our customers. This led to wider conversations about other products and configurations, which has helped us diversify our range and ensured we're solving customer problems. Personally, and from a

business perspective, it has been transformative and has given us long-term value and greater networks, thank you.” – David Barbalet, Carbon Adaptive

“The ICON grant has enabled me to build my platform by encouraging me and the business model!” – Andrea McCarron-Benson, Bakesale

“The ICON grant has enabled us to fit out a workshop and acquire the machinery and tools necessary to develop and manufacture our first prototype skateboard decks. The grant funding was pivotal in giving us the head start we needed to undertake the necessary R&D and work through multiple proof of concepts, giving us confidence to move onto the next stage of our project.” – Matt Tomkins, Endless

“It helped us develop our MVP, business website, and conduct some market research. As a result, we found our first client and built a strong foundation to continue developing our sales pipeline.” – Phillip Vu, Blue Eagle Technologies

Theme 2.2 Growth Programs

Objective: Coordinate and deliver programs and services that contribute to growth of innovative ventures, including deep-tech, social enterprises, startups, scaleups and SMEs.

Under this theme / objective CBRIN supports the MILL HOUSE Ventures to deliver programs that grow innovative social enterprises (such as via their GRIST accelerator program). We also work with local mentors and investors to support a high-growth startup accelerator program for pre-investment startups (GRIFFIN Accelerator). In addition, CBRIN delivers a set of its own Growth Programs for scale ups, research-intensive spinouts and ambitious innovative SMEs and builds a network of mentors and investors to connect them to founders and innovative projects including through an annual investor showcase.

Outcomes: Significant achievements of local innovation companies, Investments in local innovation companies

Overview

CBRIN acceleration services are delivered to assist growth stage startups (>\$100k investment or revenue) and accelerator startups selected by mentors including research spinouts.

The SME program engages with established Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with innovation potential.

The incubation and scale up programs aim to deliver targeted, impactful engagement with projects that are innovation driven and report one or more of: significant capital raised, customer revenue or team expansion. Companies with substantial intellectual property assets are included where there are good prospects for commercialisation.

The above growth programs are delivered in a range of formats for specific groups:

- The Mill House Ventures – programs targeting social impact ventures through our supported partner the Mill House Ventures
- Founder Sessions – value add one-on-one engagement with entrepreneurs
- Mentor network activation

- Investor connections
- Growth labs - targeted, intensive workshops with companies
- SME Accelerator
- Scale Up Leaders Group - small-group facilitated peer-to-peer discussions for leaders of companies at the scale up stage
- Scaleup Masterclass - advanced workshop content for scaleup companies
- GRIFFIN Accelerator - mentor-led 3-month intensive program for startups selected by mentors
- External program referrals

This quarter 54 ventures were assisted by CBRIN growth programs. This includes the ICON Grant, GRIFFIN Accelerator, SME Accelerator, Scaleup Program, investor connections and founder conversations, feedback sessions, growth discussions and strategic discussions.

In addition 9 companies helped by Mill House (6 GRIST, 3 scale for impact) and 23 social enterprise consultations delivered.

Ventures assisted in these programs are well spread across startup, early growth, scale up and small business as shown in the table below.

Fourteen (26%) of the ventures currently engaged are in the "deep tech" category, with significant intellectual property from research. 33 (61%), out of the 54 assisted this quarter are ventures beyond startup stage.

Distribution of Active Companies (by Category)	#	%
Startups	21	39%
Early Growth: 100k to 1m raised, or 3+ FTE and innovation driven	18	33%
Small business 3 - 20 FTE and innovation potential	6	11%
Scaleup: Innovation-driven and >1m raised, or 20+ FTE employees	9	17%
Total ventures assisted this quarter	54	

The Mill House Ventures Limited

The Mill House Ventures plays a crucial role in nurturing and sustaining the social enterprise ecosystem in the Canberra region. As a social enterprise accelerator, business advisory and innovation hub, we provide the programs and activities, infrastructure, guidance, and networks necessary for mission-driven entrepreneurs to thrive.

The Mill House Ventures (TMHV) offers programs specifically catering to emerging and maturing social enterprises of our region. TMHV also provide work-integrated learning experience to University of Canberra students to provide them with exposure to this asset class and raise awareness of this way of trading.

Activities during Period

ACT Social Enterprise Grant

TMHV continues to administer the 2-year pilot ACT Social Enterprise Grant (ASEG) programs.

- For Year 1 - 12 of the 14 successful recipients have finalised their ASEG Agreement, completed the scheduled activities, submitted a Final Report and have been paid in full.
- For Year 2 - All 13 successful recipients have signed their ASEG Agreement and been paid the initial 50% milestone payment. 1 of the recipients has finalised their ASEG Agreement, completed the scheduled activities, submitted a Final Report and have been paid in full.
- The ACT Government announced in the 2025-26 Budget a further 1-year funding for ASEG. TMHV is in ongoing discussions to finalise these arrangements.

GRIST25 Program

GRIST is recognised as one of Australia's premier social enterprise accelerator programs offering early-stage and start-up Founders in the Canberra Region a proven three-month capability building and enterprise validation methodology.

- The program of workshop activities for the GRIST25 cohort has been completed with the GRIST25 Graduation & Impact Showcase to be scheduled at the Rex Hotel for the evening of 22 October 2025. 6 of the original participants will graduate on the night. 2 of the participants (People, Place, Play and Centre for Collective Leadership withdraw from the program prior to the completion of the workshop program)

Scale For Impact25

Now in the second year of the 2-year pilot funding provided by the ACT Government, the Scale For Impact is designed to provide tailored business support to create and explore pathways to connect developed social enterprises in Canberra to growth, sponsorship and philanthropic opportunities.

- For 2025, 5 Applications were received, and 3 Participants finalised ([Catalyst Living Skills](#), [TheStoryChapel](#) and [Adapt Homes / Adapt Impact](#)). Scale For Impact25 begins with a 2½ Day Retreat at Novotel Canberra 14-16 October. Following the retreat, each participant will receive specialised and tailored consulting support and progress through either a Scale & Growth or an Impact Investment Readiness Diagnostic activity and report.
- CEO participated in continuing discussions with Petr Adamek (CBRIN), Genevieve Jacobs (Hands Across Canberra), Meegan Fitzharris (UC) & other to develop a NFP Innovation Summit
- CEO delivering Semester 2 Social enterprise unit for UC Faculty of Business, Government and Law
- Programs Manager delivering INSPIRE25 with Galilee School cohort
- CEO hosted Business For Good Network (BFGN) Webinar with Alumni, Maria Jerez ([Accessilife](#)), Matt Tomkins ([The Endless Project](#)) and Ruth Oettle ([Allara Creative / Allara Drives](#)) - ""Purpose in Action: Stories from the GRIST Social Enterprise Program"
- CEO participated in ongoing ACT Government Business and Economic Development Consultative Forum headed by Kareena Arthy, Deputy Director General EDD, ACT Government
- CEO attended CBRIN 2025 Innovation Forum
- TMHV Board conducted regular meeting
- CEO participated in CBRIN FWC & Extended Team Monthly meetings

Key Activities

Total for Q1 (Jul - Sep)	Total
Social Enterprise Consultations	23



Image: The Mill House Ventures team and program participants at CBRIN's First Wednesday Connect, July 2025

Founder, Mentor and Outreach Conversations

One of the most important ways the growth programs add value to entrepreneurial ventures is through team members meeting directly with entrepreneurs and mentors.

Engagement	Numbers
Founder Conversations	142
Intro Meetings	99
Mentor / Expert / Investor Engagement (# of mentor conversations)	20
Feedback meetings	25
Coworker Engagement (subset of Founder Conversations)	36
Deep tech company engagement (subset of founder conversations)	26

SME meetings (subset of founder conversations)	38
Entrepreneur in Residence Sessions	8
Total Meetings	306*

* Note total meetings is less than sum of the listed meetings as some meetings serve a dual purpose e.g. feedback + founder conversation or SME meeting + founder conversation.

Intro Meetings are early contact with entrepreneurs – see section 2.1

Founder Conversations with entrepreneurs focus on discussing business challenges or opportunities and coaching participants.

Mentor / Expert / Investor Engagement conversations enable the team to better understand the skills and interests of mentors, experts, and investors.

Feedback meetings refer to meetings specifically booked and held with participants who were unsuccessful in program applications and were interested to understand the feedback from selection panel or CBRIN.

Coworker Engagement are Founder conversation with coworkers and are also tracked to support coworking – section 3.2

Testimonials:

"Thanks again for your time yesterday. Super valuable and such a blessing to me and my company." – Carlos Aguilera



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We are so proud to be included in the finalists for the Chief Minister's Export Awards this year. As a sovereign Australian SME, securing the UK Ministry of Defence as an enterprise client is an incredible proof point, not just of the tech but of the whole team. We are so grateful to have had the support of Austrade, CBRIN, the Defence Export Office, the ACT Government Defence Industry Catalogue, the Canberra Cyber Hub, and more. We have an incredible community back home in Canberra, and an incredible ecosystem!

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Image: post from LinkedIn from Castlepoint founder Rachael Greaves

Mentor Network Activation

A key element of CBRIN's mission is to connect a wide range of mentors (including investors and experts) with relevant experience to entrepreneurs with the goal of empowering those entrepreneurs to have more impact. Mentors engage through showcase events, small networking sessions, individual meetings, and a mentor newsletter. Recent activity includes but is not limited to:

- 51 mentors engaged or active
- 47 external connections tracked (referrals between entrepreneurs, mentors and investors)
- 2 mentor/investor events (hosted or attended by CBRIN)
- 17 mentors engaged in Griffin Accelerator
- 161 current subscribers of the Mentor Newsletter

Entrepreneur in Residence

The Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) program connects founders with experienced entrepreneurs. This program is complementary to the broader mentor network and our other programs. The goal is to offer fresh input from highly experienced advisors, as well as help founders identify the key challenges and opportunities to improve their business.

Ken Kroeger delivered 6 sessions.

We onboarded Nick McNaughton as a new EIR toward the end of the quarter, he has delivered 2 sessions, and we expect that number to increase in the future.

Mentor and Investor Events

As part of the Mentor Network, CBRIN organises and participates in events. This quarter, CBRIN hosted and participated in two mentor / investor events:

- Female Investors Lunch 29 July 2025
CBRIN hosted a Female Investors Lunch to more intentionally build the community of female investors and mentors through sharing opportunities and knowledge.
- Griffin Accelerator pitch/selection day 22 August 2025 – see description in Griffin Accelerator section below.

Mentor Highlights

Doug Stuart, cofounder of Instacluster and active mentor, joined local scaleup Acorn as Chair of the board and helped them close a \$19M capital raise.

GRIFFIN Accelerator

The GRIFFIN Accelerator is a three-month intensive program run by a group of seasoned Canberra entrepreneurs who invest in, host, coach and mentor selected startups to create successful high-growth businesses. At the conclusion of the program, teams pitch to the mentors to raise capital for their startups.

The Current Program

A total of 17 mentors with extensive experience across various industries have agreed to take part in both mentoring the teams throughout the program and investing in the trust. This includes 3 new mentors.

Applications for GRIFFIN 12 cohort closed on 28 July 2025. A total of 49 applications were received, up from 41 in 2024 and 33 in 2023. 13 teams were shortlisted by the mentors (one team unable to pitch) and invited to present a 3-minute pitch with up to 5 minutes Q&A. Pitch practice sessions were facilitated by CBRIN to help entrepreneurs prepare for the pitch day.

GRIFFIN Accelerator Shortlist Pitch Day

26 August 2025, 12 pitches, 11 mentors (2 online), Canberra Innovation Network

A total of 12 teams pitched to the mentors. Prior to final program offers, mentors met directly with founders to discuss their projects in more detail.



Image: Photo from the GRIFFIN Accelerator Shortlist Pitch Day, 28 August 2025

GRIFFIN 12 Cohort

8 teams were selected by the mentors for the program, 4 projects are female lead:

- **ACTS Education** - ACTS Education develops AI avatar conversational training simulations for innovative learning within schools, universities and training institutions.
- **Clubland Australia** - Clubland transforms static sporting club websites into dynamic digital clubhouses that automatically integrate with competition systems to reduce volunteer workload while strengthening community engagement.
- **Cypher Brewing** - Cypher Brewing Co delivers great drinks, service, and a relaxed vibe, co-designing beer, food, music, and events with the community to unlock the secrets to greatness and inspire creativity across Canberra. They are working with local elders to bring-to-market a new line of Native Bush drinks
- **Dapple by Social Creatures** - We tackle loneliness through ✨Dapple✨: an ethically designed, socially intelligent app that helps people expand social circles in real life and supports businesses in fostering community and belonging.
- **Mojo Dojo HQ** - MojoDojo is the all-in-one mobile app for music teachers to manage their business, engage students, and turn practice into play with gamified tools.
- **Pawl** - A preventative health app for pets, designed by veterinarians, Pawl is your pet's co-pilot in life, helping pets live long, healthy and happy lives.
- **TaperMate** - We help people who feel trapped on medications that they no longer need, to avoid withdrawal symptoms by providing practical tools to guide them

through the complex process of hyperbolic tapering via our mobile app - TaperMate.

- **You.InControl** - You.InControl is company that has developed and sells a long-range wireless home control and automation system for lighting, electrical, irrigation, doors and more - it's easy to use, affordable, and highly secure.

Program Content

In addition to teams meeting regularly with the mentors, the cohort meets for weekly Monday sessions to engage with relevant content, business discussions and accountability check-ins.

- 8 September - Program kick-off with goal setting and program onboarding
- 15 September - Startup essentials and metrics workshop facilitated by Craig Davis
- 22 September - Mentor and accountability session.
- 29 September - Investor Pitching workshop, facilitated by Craig Davis (1 mentor visit)

GRIFFIN teams have been committed to dialling in to participate when they were unable to attend in person. This has included teams dialling in from a car driving back from Melbourne, or even as far away as Stradbroke island and Tokyo. This shows the value that teams place on the program content.

Scaleup Program

Scaleup Leaders Sessions

Scaleup leaders' sessions are facilitated high-value group conversations between leaders of ambitious technology companies at the growth stage. Specifically, the companies are:

- Raising significant capital, typically Series A+
- Commercialising substantial IP or competitive advantage
- Rapidly growing their team or sales.

CBRIN holds two types of session as part of Scale Up Leaders program:

- Inner Circle sessions: an experienced facilitator enables discussions between the business leader peers about relevant challenges they are experiencing or likely to experience soon, reflecting on progress and success in a high-trust confidential peer group conversation.
- Deep Dive sessions: we invite a guest to share beyond the general on a particular experience or topic.

Session	Topic	Participants
2 July 2025	Inner Circle - featured Sophie Wade (Modern42) and Shooby Kandel (What Works) on their experiences on co-founder splits.	15

23 September 2025	Deep Dive - how to Make BIG decisions on future product, with tools to help make those product decisions, rating opportunities, clarifying business growth roadmap, what their big focus should be and product development vs R&D work.	13
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Image: Photo of Scaleup Leaders 2 July 2025

Growth Lab - MCI Carbon

12 August 2025, 13 participants, CBRIN Level 4 ScaleUp and SME Hub, River Oak Room

MCI Carbon engaged CBRIN growth team to facilitate a strategy session around clarifying and aligning the executive team on MCI’s vision and direction, with key decision points to be made around how to pitch this narrative to stakeholders. The group then focused on understanding the value exchange in the ecosystem in which MCI plays in, which unearthed key questions around what is the value proposition that MCI can offer and in what sort of business model. This led to some options analysis around different models and actions that need to be taken to further test these models.



Image: MCI Growth Lab

Growth Lab - MagnaTerra

19 August 2025, 9 participants, CBRIN Level 4 ScaleUp and SME Hub, River Oak Room

MagnaTerra engaged the CBRIN Growth Team to facilitate strategy session following the merger of MRead and NextOre. The activities focussed on goal setting and team alignment, we used the growth roadmap tool and led in depth collaborative discussions where participants were split into three sub-groups as well as whole group recaps and sharing.

Selected ecosystem company updates

Canberra innovation companies raised more than \$40 Million in Q1 2025-26

This figure includes capital raised from venture capital, angel investors and grant funding announced during the quarter. This figure reflects transactions that have been announced, noting the amount may be higher, in some cases raises are not publicly announced for various commercial reasons. The figure this quarter includes Syenta 8.8M, MagnaTerra \$11M, Liquid Instruments 4.8M IGP grant, GPN \$18M (announced last quarter but not recognised in last quarter's report).

The table below summarises alumni companies highlights this quarter. This includes significant progress updates and highlights for those companies that have benefited from CBRIN's assistance or have been an active part of our ecosystem.

Key:

- Griffin Accelerator = GA
- Scaleup Leaders Group = SLG
- SME Accelerator = SME
- Investor Showcase = IS
- Growth Lab = GL
- Founder Conversations = FC
- Coworking and incubation space = CW
- ICON Grant Recipient = ICON

Company, description, update	Engagement (alumni)
Accessilife - an online system to support people living with a disability, illness or medical condition Update: Accepted into the AMP Tomorrow Makers IGNITE Program	FC
Acorn - corporate learning and performance technology Update: Raised \$12.3M USD in funding	D Stuart, co-founder of Instacluster is the Chair
Capyble - HR compliance software Update: Selected for Polished Innovators Pilot Accelerator	FC, CW

Company, description, update	Engagement (alumni)
Castlepoint Update: Won tender to deliver data leak prevention AI service for UK Ministry of Defence.	SLG, FC, IS, ICON
Heaps Normal Update: Secures Robbie Williams for UK launch	CW, ICON
Syenta Update: announced 8.8M capital raise	GA, FC, SLG, IS
Yarn - an early intervention speech pathology app Update: Finalist for Best New Founder in Startup Daily's best in tech awards	FC, CW, ICON
Nourish innovationaus awards finalist	
Liquid Instruments innovationaus awards finalist, Export awards winner \$4.8M IGP grant	FC
Cogito innovationaus awards finalist, Export awards category winner	FC
PPB innovationaus awards finalist, Export awards category winner	FC, GA, SLG, ICON
Samsara Eco Opens major enzymatic recycling facility in Jerrabomberra	
Dentroid Wins emerging exporter category of ACT export awards	FC, GA, SLG, IS, CW
Ardexa Sustainability category in ACT export awards	
Multiforge Promising exporter category in ACT export awards	SME Acc
Aratherm EIF grant recipient - \$450k	ICON, SLG, CW
Learn2fly EIF grant recipient \$750k	FC
MagnaTerra	FC, GL, SLG

Company, description, update	Engagement (alumni)
Raised \$11M, merged Mread and NextOre valuing the company at \$150M. Canberra based CEO, CSIRO tech.	
GPN Vaccines Update: Raised \$18M series B1 round	CW, IS, FC
Seitec Won Defence Innovator of the Year – Company Award	GA, FC, SLG, IS
MRead Merger with other company to create company value of \$150 million	SLG, FC, GL

DIRECTION 3 PLACEMAKING

Goal: Strengthen the role of CBRIN as the ACT's central innovation hub with active linkages to a powerful network of innovation precincts that work together to grow new industries and solve complex problems by leveraging science, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Activities under this direction include:

- Designing and delivering engagement, marketing and promotional activities and events that showcase success stories and facilitate access to opportunities.
- Managing and enhancing the physical infrastructure of the central innovation hub in the ACT.
- Building and nurturing partnerships that connect other innovation hubs and grow vibrancy, diversity and connectivity of the ecosystem.

Theme 3.1 Ecosystem Engagement

Objective: Collaborate to design and deliver a comprehensive set of engagement activities and events that connect, empower and diversify our innovation ecosystem and support delivery of this workplan through effective communication and marketing.

Our Engagement and Marketing Initiatives under this Theme and Objective include:

- marketing and events to connect people to programs and initiatives of the ACT innovation ecosystem,
- profiling of and strengthening engagement with entrepreneurs and under-represented groups,
- public relations and related activities to tell the stories of Canberra-born innovation and entrepreneurship and to position Canberra as the place where science and research meets innovation and entrepreneurship,
- activities to strengthen engagement with Foundation Members, Partners, innovation precincts, key sectors, other connected innovation hubs and initiatives, and the broader region (additional and complementary to activities in Direction 1)
- target relevant regional, national or international events and engagements (such as inbound and outbound visits and delegations) to promote the Canberra innovation ecosystem,
- marketing campaigns to promote Canberra as a city of innovation.
- connecting key CBRIN events like innovation showcase, female founders, First Wednesday, Billion Dollar Panel into an innovation festival-like offering.

Outcome: Canberra innovation ecosystem breadth, connectivity, diversity, and brand reputation strengthened.

Overview

The CBRIN marketing and events team delivered strong results this quarter through targeted campaigns across digital platforms and community engagement. Our efforts

directly supported high attendance numbers and strengthened connections within the innovation ecosystem.

Summary: This quarter CBRIN held or hosted 98 events, all promoted to our community, and attracting a total of 3,059 participants. These numbers include all events mentioned elsewhere in this report plus events that CBRIN hosted for the innovation community members that were delivered by other parties (i.e. coworkers) that are not specifically mentioned in this report due to their indirect contribution to our goals and objectives within the approved strategic directions. For understanding the overall impact of the space we track and report here on all events (one to many, not individual company meetings) and attendee numbers for events held in the space.

A large proportion of the total registration numbers is contributed by three events that CBRIN holds monthly - the First Wednesday Connects. CBRIN held 3 First Wednesday Connect events this quarter - July: 458, August: 245, and September: 182. Average: 295 registrations. We also held one Female Founders Series in September with strong participation.

Marketing Efforts: The marketing team-maintained momentum through strategic content creation and community storytelling. We developed campaigns across Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn that kept our innovation community connected and informed.

The engagement team ran social media campaigns throughout July, August and September, featuring success stories from CBRIN participants. This approach demonstrated the real benefits of staying involved in our network and inspired both new and returning community members.

Our team promoted Level 4 and Level 5 coworking spaces through Google Ads and social media campaigns. The messaging focused on collaborative workspace environments and flexible arrangements for both casual and full-time members. We showcased genuine coworking environments and accessible pricing. We also filmed a new promotional video that will feature in campaigns this quarter and more. The community atmosphere attracted entrepreneurs and small businesses seeking meaningful connections. Coworking drove this increase, creating a hub where more members gathered daily to collaborate and build relationships.

CBRIN maintained strong media presence with coverage in major publications and strategic partnerships. Our Innovation Station blog published 12 articles profiling entrepreneurs, innovators and community achievements. Paid advertising campaigns achieved cost-per-click rates between \$0.31 and \$0.63, with the Female Founders Career event delivering the strongest performance at \$0.31.

The team will continue building on these results with focused campaigns to grow event participation and coworking membership across the ACT region.

Media & PR

- [Liquid Instruments named ACT Exporter of the Year](#) | 9 September 2025
- [Cyber Security TAFE Centre of Excellence opens](#) | 16 September 2025
- [Meet our 2025 finalists: InnovationAus Awards for Excellence](#) | 2 September 2025

- [The best serviced offices & coworking spaces in Canberra](#) | 3 October 2025
- [Andrew Barr post on ACT Exporter of the Year - 2025](#)
- [ANU College of Science and Medicine post on IACT participants](#)
- [Cicada x Tech23 Terria presentation mentions CBRIN](#)
- [Electric planes could make Sydney-Canberra flights almost as cheap as the bus](#) | 17 September (CBRIN mentioned in context of our funded energy transition program)
- [Liquid Instruments awarded a \\$4.8m grant through the Industry Growth Program](#)
- [Craig Davis speaking at Curious About AI "Responsible, Strategic AI for Growth"](#) hosted by CBRIN and delivered by Bluebird and AI Colab
- [Griffin Team Clubland mentioned in Canberra Times](#)

Video, Photo, Web & Design

- First Wednesday Connect July @ ACT Gov Building
- First Wednesday Connect August @ CBRIN L4
- IACT Pitch Day 28 August @ CBRIN
- First Wednesday Connect September @ AIE
- Female Founders Career Transitions 9 September

Region Media Engagement Metrics

- Published 2 articles that delivered 1,250 readers
- Articles were shared through our email distributions and delivered 28,331 views and 264 clicks
- Best in Canberra articles received 110 views
- Social media posts delivered a reach of 2.3k and 43 engagements

Innovation Station

CBRIN's regular blogging platform engages with the innovation community, profiles entrepreneurs, innovators, and businesses, and shares industry news and CBRIN highlights. Articles are shared on owned-and-operated channels.

Topics for this quarter included:

- [First Wednesday Connect Pitch List July 2025](#) | 3 July 2025
- [Dr Craig Davis, Physicist turned Entrepreneur on Move Fast Break Things](#) | 7 July 2025
- [ACT Winners of iAwards25: Australia's longest running innovation recognition program](#) | 10 July 2025
- [Chelle Melbourne on Move Fast Break Things: Building Global Tech from Canberra](#) | 11 July 2025
- [Dr Daniel Shaddock - NASA Scientist Explains Why Having His Tech 'Stolen' Was a Good Thing](#) | 28 July 2025
- [Coworking at CBRIN and raising capital: some success stories](#) | 30 July 2025
- [First Wednesday Connect Pitch List August 2025](#) | 7 August 2025
- [10 Innovative Canberra Businesses Awarded \\$276,500 through the Innovation Connect Grant Program](#) | 13 August 2025
- [Claire Manning - Women in Innovation](#) | 20 August 2025

- [Foremind: Putting Mental Health Support in Every Worker's Pocket](#) | 1 September 2025
- [First Wednesday Connect Pitch List September 2025](#) | 8 September 2025
- [CBRIN Update: Awards and Coworking Recognition](#) | 29 September 2025

Stories promoting success of Canberra entrepreneurs, innovators or significant ecosystem contributors: 8

Paid Advertisement Insights

To expand our reach, CBRIN executed multiple advertising campaigns during the quarter to promote various events and programs. Campaign objectives ranged from driving link clicks to building general brand awareness.

CBRIN targeting approach focused geographically on Canberra residents and those within a 100km radius, encompassing regional centres such as Yass, Goulburn, and Braidwood, without specific gender or age restrictions. Behavioural and psychographic targeting was tailored to individuals with interests in entrepreneurship, innovation, Canberra small business, and related business topics, with specific parameters adjusted according to each advertisement's focus.

Campaign name	Reach	Impressions	Link clicks	CPC*
Coworking	3799	7486	45	\$0.62
Billion Dollar Panel 2025 Nick McNaughton	10169	14236	183	\$0.44
SME Breakfast July 2025	13412	21896	218	\$0.46
FWC Coworking	5992	9903	65	\$0.61
IACT Post Boost	3949	8656	109	\$0.55
Coworking open day	4170	7125	118	\$0.34
Female Founders Career	7109	12440	212	\$0.31
FWC AIE	13457	16100	134	\$0.48
Jarrold Deaton Events	6245	13206	107	\$0.61
FWC UC	5778	8507	64	\$0.63
Showcasemain2025	9269	18562	178	\$0.44

*Cost Per link Click

Social media insights

	Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn
Reach	147,700 1.6%	11,100 200.5%	24,234 47.4%
Profile visits	3,500 4.8%	589 30.9%	1265 21.1%
Followers	5,826	2,804	8026
New followers	76 7.3%	137 31.7%	274 52.2%
Post engagement	314 52.4%	189 31.4%	576 178.3%

Top Performing Organic Posts

Facebook

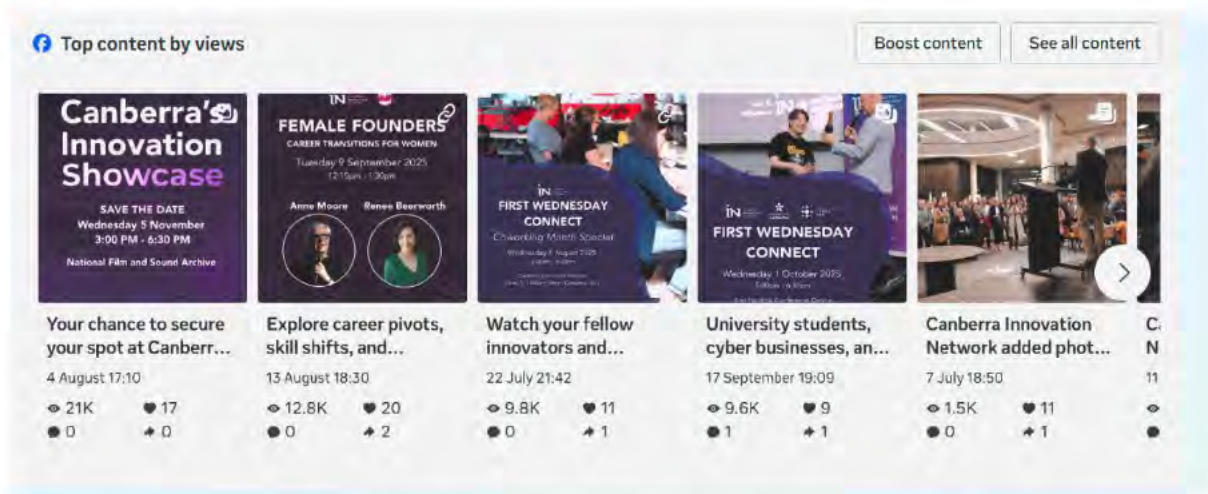


Image: Facebook top performing posts

Instagram

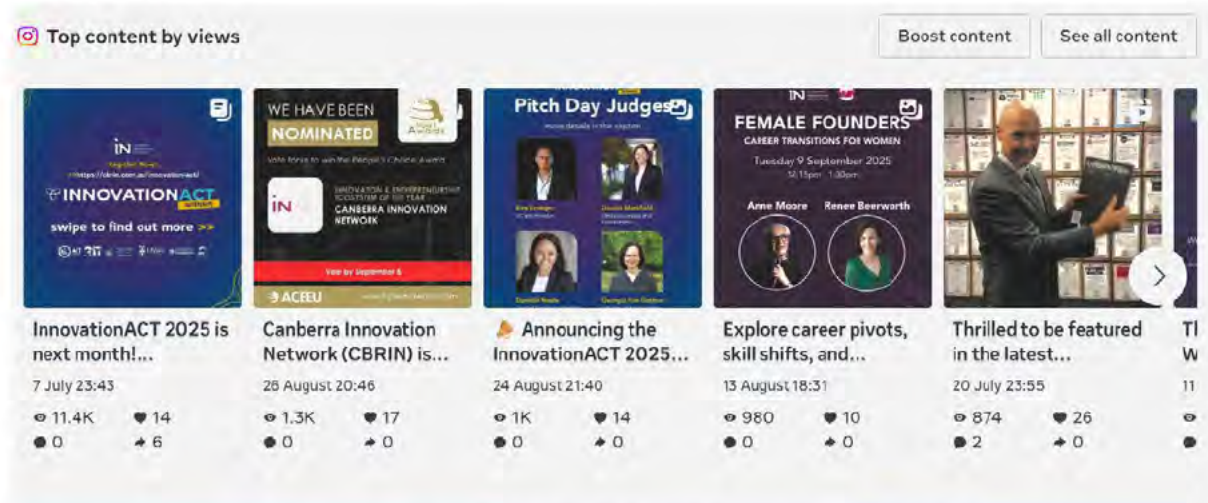


Image: screenshots of reach breakdown for Instagram and Facebook

Weekly Newsletter Statistics

10,999 (156 new) contacts, 6,341 subscribers (11 new) (41.0% female)

Table: Weekly Newsletter Click rates

Stats	1 July	8 July	15 July	22 July	29 July	5 Aug	12 Aug	19 Aug	26 Aug	2 Sep	9 Sep	16 Sep	23 Sep
Av. Open Rate	33.2%	34%	32.2%	32.6%	32.8%	31.8%	32.8%	33.0%	32.1%	31.3%	30.8%	43.2%	27.8%

Av. Click Rate	2.3%	2%	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.9%	1.9%
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Website performance



Image: Website performance statistics

The site recorded 6,403 sessions with users spending an average of 1.4 minutes per visit and viewing 1.70 pages per session.

- **Total Sessions:** 6,403
- **Average Session Duration:** 1.4 minutes
- **Average Pages per Session:** 1.70
- **Scroll Depth:** 51.04% average

User Breakdown:

- **Unique Users:** 4,251 total visitors
- **New Users:** 74.86% (4,792 sessions)
- **Returning Users:** 25.16% (1,611 sessions)

Top Traffic Sources:

- cbrin.com.au: 1,795 sessions
- google.com: 1,734 sessions
- bing.com: 161 sessions

User Behaviour:

- **Dead Clicks:** 5.79% (371 sessions)
- **Quick Backs:** 7.25% (464 sessions)

Events & Engagement

This quarter: CBRIN registered 98 events held with 3,159 participants

Year-to-date: 3,059 participants for 98 events

	Events	Participants
July 2025	31	1099
August 2025	40	1123
September 2025	27	837

Regular Recurring Events: CBRIN Extended Team Meeting, First Wednesday Connect (monthly with exception of January), Female Founders (bi-monthly), Stakeholder Advisory Committee (quarterly)

First Wednesday Connect

Overall, as at the end of the quarter, CBRIN has had 12,098 unique registrations for 113 First Wednesday Connects and Innovation Showcase events since 1 July 2015.

First Wednesday Connect 5 July 2025

ACT Gov Building

458 registrations: 33% new participants

Audience: 29% entrepreneurs, 12% students, 15% Corporate, 9% public servants, 5% creatives, 6% SME, 6% researchers, 2% investors and 15% other

Speakers:

- Ashley Marsh-Croft | Industrial Design
- Karma Dorji | [Navitas Skilled Futures](#)
- Thomas Amann | [IP Australia](#)
- Alex Northey | [Waste Check Technologies](#)
- Zoe Mylordis | [Envizia](#)
- Kim Roberts-Salee | [Cyber Wardens](#)
- James Wilmot | [opendata.studio](#)
- Craig Davis | [CBRIN Events](#)
- Monisha Sami | [StoryCloud](#)
- Serina Bird | [Female Investors](#)
- Joel Madden | [Almbience](#)
- [Blog Post](#)



Image: Collage from FWC July 2025

First Wednesday Connect 7 August 2025

At CBRIN

245 registrations: 48% new participants

Audience: 29% entrepreneurs, 23% students, 7% Corporate, 4% public servants, 9% creatives, 9% SME, 6% researchers, 2% investors and 11% other

Speakers:

- James Morrison | [Knowledge Commercialisation Australasia \(KCA\)](#)
- Candace Rhind | Coworking (for national coworking day)
- Nathan Brysland | [XtreamCompute](#)
- Mei Brough-Smyth | [Meos Workbench](#)
- Shrey Dawda | [InnovationACT](#)
- Claire Manning | [Taxing Times Project](#)
- Karen Schilling | [Cyber Hub Directory](#)
- Robin Fieldhouse | [Industry Growth Program](#)
- Madeline Bonfini | [RD Consulting](#)
- Pernille Aggerholm | [ThinkBoldly](#)
- [Blog Post](#)



Image: collage from FWC August 2025

First Wednesday Connect 4 September 2025

A/E

182 registrations: 49% new participants

Audience: 33% entrepreneurs, 12% students, 7% Corporate, 6% public servants, 10% creatives, 11% SME, 4% researchers, 4% investors and 13% other

Speakers:

- **Lauren Mowan** [Clubland](#)
- **Karen Li** [Dapple](#)
- **Anneysha Sarkar, Wei Lerr Wong** [EKO](#)
- **Mehnsaik Chan** [Oasis Racquet Club](#)
- **Ryan Tan** [Pookie](#)
- **Jorjia Fletcher** [Yeah!Nah! Film Festival](#)

- Leah Rose King [Blue Feather Games](#)
- [Blog Post](#)



Image: Collage from FWC September 2025

Testimonials:

"Great networking opportunity and everyone is up for a chat about what they are working on, so you get to meet a range of interesting people. The pitches show a variety of projects and there are some gems in there too!" - Andrew Dawkins

"Always a very informal casual business ecosystem network gathering that I find very important for me and my participants." - Malcolm Towney

"I enjoy coming to the First Wednesday events, (even though I don't know many people) and listening to people as they talk about their ventures. I come away inspired and motivated."

"My 'How are you going survey' found that the people who attend are inspired, motivated, confident and happy." - John Miller

"A well run and well-attended event as usual! it was great to see so many diverse businesses offering their pitch." - Megan Collins Quinlan

Regional, National and International Engagement

In this reporting period CBRIN tracked the following 25 engagements with reach outside of the ACT. Specifically, 5 can be characterised as regional (impact in Canberra region beyond ACT), 7 national, and 13 as international engagement.

- 15 July 2025: The Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Ecuador in Australia, Manuela Fernandez De Cordova, visited CBRIN for a tour and meeting with Petr Adamek
- 21 July 2025: Petr Adamek attended the Embassy of Japan's "Strategic Synergy: Partnerships Across Every Frontier" event
- 29 July 2025: Petr Adamek attended the Tech Council of Australia's Parliamentary Innovation Showcase 2025.

- 29 July 2025: Hala Batainah, CBRIN Chair, participated in Parliamentary Roundtable held by Katy Gallagher and other ACT legislators in the Parliament House to provide the government with insights into the productivity agenda.
- 30-31 July 2025: CBRIN hosted the UNSW and Uni of Adelaide “Entrepreneurial Foundations for Defence 2025 Participants: Defence Trailblazer” workshops and networking event and attended the Showcase on 1 August 2025
- 1 August 2025: Sharyn Smith was a speaker at YWCA’s She Leads Conference 2025
- 5 August 2025: CBRIN partnered with OPTUS to co-host networking drinks as part of the Strategic Technology Forum. Held at the Australian War Memorial, the event was attended by Chief Minister Andrew Barr, representatives from local government and education institutions, national and international leaders in innovation, and Canberran business founders
- 7 August 2025: CBRIN hosted the AIDN ACT Information Session with AIDN CEO Mike Johnson and the Assistant Secretary of Defence Industry Security Integration Kate Dunn
- 9 August 2025: Petr Adamek attended the Academy of Science and EU Delegation: Connecting Continents event at ANU
- 13 August 2025: Alliance Group met with United Nations Development Programme from Suva and ACT Office of International Engagement in the ScaleUp Hub to discuss collaborating on initiatives in the Pacific, particularly Fiji. The delegates were introduced to the CBRIN team.
- 13 August 2025: CBRIN team attended the Tech in Gov Expo, with Petr Adamek judging the Startup Pitch Fest. The Pitch competition was won by 2024 Griffin Accelerator graduate Scott Obara from Traceably.
- The event was held in Canberra, but many attendees and exhibitors were national and international tech companies.
- 20 August 2025: CBRIN hosted the ANZSOG and University of Queensland 3 country delegation networking event, with senior policymakers from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Dr Craig Davis delivered a presentation and hosted a Q&A.
- 26 August 2025: CBRIN hosted a delegation from Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group
- 27 August 2025: Sharyn Smith presented to Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) and the Ministry of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia (Bappenas)
- 28 August 2025: CBRIN Chair Hala Batainah attended the Engineers Australia STEM Roundtable at University of Canberra
- 1 September 2025: CBRIN team met with James Robinson (CSIRO) to discuss future work with InvestHK, a Hong Kong Government Dept. that supports the growth of their innovation ecosystem, and startups from incubation to growth stage
- 10 September 2025: CBRIN team attended an event hosted by Canberra Cyber Hub with leaders from Indonesia with good follow up connections made

- 10-11 September 2025: Sharyn Smith and Irene Zhen attended Cicada x Tech23 conference in Sydney, connecting with Canberra teams at this national event
- 10-12 September 2025: Petr Adamek attended the ACEEU Conference and Triple E Awards in Prague, Czechia, and accepted the "Innovation Ecosystem: Runner Up" award on behalf of CBRIN. Petr Adamek also gave a presentation on the Canberra Innovation Network and the Canberra innovation ecosystem to the conference attendees.
- 11 September 2025: Craig Davis judged Bluebell Sustainability Awards
- 23 September 2025: Jack Cassidy met with InvestHK to discuss each groups priorities and sector focuses and see how we can collaborate in the future, CBRIN planning to host a delegation from InvestHK early 2026
- 30 September 2025: CBRIN hosted the Sri Lankan High Commissioner
- Conducted meetings with the Embassy of Switzerland in Canberra, preparing for two hackathons scheduled for late 2025 and 2026
- Petr Adamek was the ACT Survey Coordinator for the national Startup Muster 2025
- Extended reach to communities within 100km radius of Canberra, including Yass, Goulburn and Braidwood through targeted advertising campaigns



Image: Meeting with Canberra teams at Cicada x Tech23 in Sydney



Image: LinkedIn Post from Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ecuador, about her visit to CBRIN



Image: Optus STF networking drinks



Image: AIDN Event

Other Event Support & Engagement

Events held in the CBRIN space:

- **AI Colab** - 357 attendees (16 sessions covering career development, policy, copyright/IP, innovation, government AI applications, and industry collaborations)
- **Defence Trailblazer** - 181 attendees (3 sessions including board meeting, presentations, and networking drinks)
- **IACT** - 203 attendees (4 sessions)
- **RD Consulting** - 100 attendees (7 sessions including Cal Bruton, Cam Sulling, Sports, and Damiel Oystein workshops)
- **Future of Work Collaborative** - 425 attendees (2 sessions at CBRIN)
- **Yellow Hat** - 33 attendees (2 sessions)
- **Magnaterra** - 20 attendees (2 sessions)
- **MIIRIKO** - 14 attendees (2 sessions)
- **MCI Carbon Growth Lab** - 24 attendees (2 sessions)
- **Terria Con** - 10 attendees
- **ANZSOG** - 53 attendees
- **AIDN** - 50 attendees
- **Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)** - 80 attendees
- **BADJI** - Business Eco-System workshop



Image: Jarrod Deaton panel event on growth, held in CBRIN Event Space

Theme 3.2 Innovation Hub(s)

Objective: Deliver and grow coworking in the central innovation hub, work with others to connect their hubs into a network offering for entrepreneurs & innovators in Canberra and beyond.

Under this Theme / Objective CBRIN will:

- Deliver entrepreneur-focused subsidised coworking and office space for scale ups and SMEs, including community building activities as a fundamental building block of the Innovation Hub at Level 5, 1 Moore St, Canberra.
- Work with the ACT Government to grow availability of space within the 1 Moore Street and work with operators of other innovation hubs and precincts across in Canberra, including Foundation Members, to coordinate a connected offering for innovative entrepreneurs.

Outcome: Capacity and interactivity of diverse offerings that accommodate innovative companies in Canberra grows.

Coworking at Canberra Innovation Network

CBRIN's Coworking space is a thriving community of entrepreneurs, startups, researchers, innovators, scaleups, and SMEs. Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, spanning two floors, CBRIN Coworking is dedicated to connecting and energising the innovation community.

CBRIN Coworking incorporates an open-plan coworking space on Level 5, with 112 full time desks and 26 community desks, and a ScaleUp and SME Hub on Level 4, with 21 furnished offices ranging in size from 4-person to 24-person capacity.

Offering “more than just a place to work”, CBRIN coworking residents have access to mentors, experts and events tailored to their needs. Coworking events are designed to activate and encourage the collaborative community across the 2 floors.

With access to meeting rooms, breakout spaces, shared kitchens and dining spaces, end-of-trip facilities, high speed internet with Wi-Fi coverage, printing facilities, as well as access to private mentorship, we aspire to create the perfect place to launch and grow an innovative business in Canberra.

Coworking is an integral part of the CBRIN pipeline, with coworking residents frequently participating in growth programs, events, and collaborative events as attendees, panel members, and mentors.

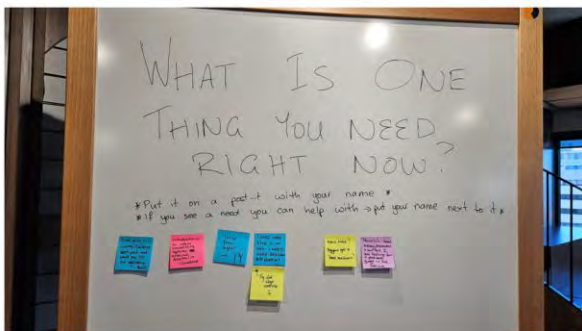


Image: CBRIN Breakfast Club

Key Achievements & Activities this Quarter

- 27 new companies / teams joined the CBRIN Coworking Space, including 7 companies taking part in the GRIFFIN Accelerator Program
- 9 events held for the community to encourage networking and collaboration, and connecting the communities on Levels 4 and 5
- The coworking newsletter has 347 subscribers with an average open rate of 45.9%.
- As of 30 September 2025 there were:
 - o 78* companies active in CBRIN Level 5 Coworking with 148 members
 - o 13 companies active in the CBRIN Level 4 ScaleUp and SME Hub with 108 members
 - o 78% occupancy in the ScaleUp and SME Hub
 - o 256 active members across the 2 floors

- o 76 full-time memberships (dedicated desks), 72 part-time and casual memberships
- o Female members: 104 (41%)
- o Non-Binary members: 2 (1%)
- o CALD members: 84 (33%)

**Note: The number is at end of quarter - some companies working in the space during the quarter ended their membership before 30 September 2025. On the following pages we provide a full list of companies that were in the coworking space during the quarter.*

Companies working the CBRIN ScaleUp Hub (Level 4) this Quarter

Company	Capacity	Industry (ANZSIC code)	Growth Stage	Description
Modern42 / Apporetum	24	70021 - Computer Programming Services 70022 - Computer Consultancy Services	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	Modern42 provide cyber security services for organisations across Federal, State and Local Government and private organisations. Modern42 specialise in Identity and Access Management (IAM), Privileged Access Management (PAM), Cloud Engineering, and Cloud Infrastructure. Apporetum is an Identity and Access Management Product developed by Modern42's founders.
AI CoLab	18 (3 offices)	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training 69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	The AI CoLab Alliance comprise of purpose-driven allies from governments, nonprofits, industry and academia, combining strengths to advance inclusive, impactful uses of AI. (3 offices)
MCI Carbon	7	21229 - Other Basic Chemical Product Manufacturing 26900 - Other Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	Impact Company - high growth and 50+ FTE	MCI Carbon have developed capture technology that safely captures and converts industrial CO2 emissions into solid bulk materials used in new low-carbon products for construction, manufacturing and consumer markets - enabling a circular economy
GPN Vaccines	7	21000 - Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Product Manufacturing 85321 - Allied Health Services	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	GPN Vaccines are a clinical-stage company focused on creating innovative vaccines that offer robust protection against the world's most important bacterial pathogens.
Bluebird Advisory	10	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services 75111 - Central Government Administration	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	Bluebird provide innovative solutions in digital transformations, data analytics, cyber security, project delivery, change management, and financial optimisation.

Company	Capacity	Industry (ANZSIC code)	Growth Stage	Description
Redacted	4	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services 75111 - Central Government Administration	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	Redacted Information Security provides strategic level systems security planning, IRAP assessments, security training, and consulting.
What Works	10	54120 - Advertising Services 70021 - Computer Programming Services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	What Works provide tailored brand, product, and growth services to business with an innovation focus.
RD	17	54120 - Advertising Services 69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	RD is a creative communication agency focused on cutting-edge tech, digital innovation (2 offices)
Mesh Cyber	8	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services 75111 - Central Government Administration	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	Mesh Cyber are a specialist cyber security company currently working in Federal Government and Critical Infrastructure space, building an automated assessment tool.
ACTivate Capital	4	62300 - Fund Management Services	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	ACTivate Capital, backed by the ACT Government and our local universities, is a Canberra focused investment fund, working closely with the Territory's research institutions to help transform new ideas into investable opportunities, strengthening connections between academia and industry
Dentroid	5	37110 - Medical and Surgical Equipment Manufacturing	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	Dentroid is an Australian startup company pioneering a paradigm shift in dental treatment making it more precise, pain-free and convenient for patients and dental practitioners.

Company	Capacity	Industry (ANZSIC code)	Growth Stage	Description
		85311 - General Practice Medical Services		
Yellow Hat	11 (2 offices)	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	Yellow Hat supports executives to drive change through co-design and change services.
QX Tech	7	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services 70021 - Computer Programming Services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	QX Tech provide outsourced IT services, industry-specific software, and innovative business platforms.
Total	132			13 companies in 16 offices

Note: 13 tenants in 16 out of 21 offices (76% office occupancy) with capacity of 137 out of 169 available (78% capacity occupancy rate) taken as of 30 September 2025. Capacity = number of desks in an office that the resident company occupies.

Companies working in the CBRIN Coworking Space (Level 5) this Quarter

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
3DS Group	Engineering and drafting services specializing in 3D modelling.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69101 - Architectural Services	70021 - Computer Programming Services
Adaectiv	HR consulting targeting recruitment/executive placement	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	72111 - Employment Placement and Recruitment Services
ACTS Education	AI-powered avatar conversational training simulation software for educational institutions.	Startup idea	70021 - Computer or Programming Services	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training
ADS Solar Australia	Solar installation services targeting energy sector	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	42419 - Other Electrical Services	35112 - Electricity Generation

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Agape	Gaming/educational software for STEM education	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training
Angel Hellyer	Communication and marketing consultant and author	Startup or idea	54120 - Advertising Services	58111 - Book Publishing
Aratherm	Energy consulting for industrial clients	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	19121 - Oil and Gas Extraction Support Services
Bakesale	Marketplace platform for food retail	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	47114 - Online Retail Trade
Big Blue Dot / Centre for Earned Impact	Social impact consulting and advisory services with focus on entrepreneurs.	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	69109 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Blue Sky Digital	Digital signage services and network	Startup or idea	54120 - Advertising Services	33200 - Telecommunications Services
blueegg	UX design services for digital products	Medium Biz - 20+ FTE, innovation potential, not high-growth	69101 - Architectural Services	70021 - Computer Programming Services
BOOST Health Labs	Brain re-training gaming software for chronic pain	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	85321 - Allied Health Services
BU Partners	Business consulting and advisory services for companies exiting.	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	
Canberra Build Club	AI education and training and MeetUps.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training	
Campus Plus	Commercialisation consulting for universities	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	80102 - Higher Education
Capyble (OD-AI)	HR compliance software development	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Clubland Australia	Digital platform and app for community sporting clubs, providing websites, online booking, and engagement tools.	Startup or idea	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services	5921 - Internet Publishing and Broadcasting
Cosive	Cybersecurity consulting across sectors	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services	75111 - Central Government Administration
Counterpoint Law	Female-led legal services and advisory.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69101 - Legal Services	
Cybercy	Digital literacy training/consulting	Startup or idea	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services
Cypher Brewing Co	Craft brewery manufacturing and retail operations	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	12100 - Beer Manufacturing	47211 - Liquor Retailing
Dirt Maidens	Mountain bike skills coaching for women	Startup or Idea	95994 - Sports and Physical Recreation Instruction	-
Disaster Science	Emergency response technology (Bushfire.io platform)	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	75233 - Fire Protection and Emergency Services
Drenlo	Smart AI	Startup or idea	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services	
dsq studio / ShowUp	Venture studio/startup consulting with tech development	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	70021 - Computer Programming Services
Eldane	Architecture/interior design services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69101 - Architectural Services	32901 - Furniture Manufacturing
Epicorp	Venture capital/growth funding services	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	62300 - Fund Management Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
eReflect	Educational software development	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	70021 - Computer Programming Services	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training
Evalue8 Sustainability	Carbon accounting software for businesses	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services
Evee	Electric vehicle rental platform connecting car owners with renters across Australia.	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	6619 - Other Motor Vehicle and Transport Equipment Rental and Hiring	7220 - Internet Service Providers and Web Search Portals
EVER Change and Communication	Organizational change management consulting and leadership advisory services.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	-
Every Good Thing is Possible	Workplace support and consulting services for neurodivergent employees.	Startup or idea	6999 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services n.e.c.	80401 - Other Education and Training n.e.c.
FrontierSI	Spatial/space technology consulting	Medium Biz - 20+ FTE, innovation potential, not high-growth	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	69109 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
FUJIFILM Data Management	Data management software solutions	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	70021 - Computer Programming Services	58200 - Software Publishing
Future Swirl	Oat milk soft serve and ice cream products	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	11700 - Ice Cream Manufacturing	
Greenprint Nature	Environmental consulting and sustainability advisory services focused on nature-based solutions.	Startup or idea	6999 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services n.e.c.	69202 - Environmental Consulting Services
Gridsight	AI software for power network management	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	26100 - Electricity Supply
Grow Right Digital	AI recruitment software development	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	72111 - Employment Placement and Recruitment Services

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Haast	Marketing compliance software	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	54120 - Advertising Services
Head in the Clouds Creative	Bespoke technology & creative agency	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services
HMMG - Harry M Miller Group	High profile talent management and consulting.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting	90002 - Creative Artists, Musicians, Writers and Performers
Humaneer	HR software applications (Mak AI platform)	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services
Indigenaus Print Pty Ltd	Printing services with Indigenous cultural focus	Startup or Idea	16141 - Printing	54120 - Advertising Services
Integrated Management Solutions	AI safety software with safety consulting	Startup or Idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services
Jay Siyani	Freelance IT services.	Startup or Idea	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services	-
Lucy Pedley Bookkeeping	Bespoke bookkeeping services for startups and SMEs.	Startup or idea	69202 - Accounting Services	-
Majura Communications	Communications agency providing marketing and PR services.	Startup or Idea	54120 - Advertising Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services
Mia Swainson Consulting	Strategy and facilitation consulting	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	-
Miiroko	Organic home hair colour products	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	19950 - Personal Care Product Manufacturing	47591 - Retail Trade n.e.c.
Mindavation	Business analysis & project management training	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	80221 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
MojoDojo HQ	Mobile app for music teachers to help with admin, lesson planning.	Scale Up - innovation driven and >1M raised or 20+ FTE	90002 - Creative Artists, Musicians, Writers and Performers	
Mude	Full-service creative agency with video capabilities	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	54120 - Advertising Services	59111 - Motion Picture and Video Production
NW Technology Recruitment	Tech recruitment services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	72111 - Employment Placement and Recruitment Services	70000 - Computer System Design and Related Services
Opendata.studio	Data analytics software and open data platform development	Startup or Idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	69109 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Oscillolabs	Digital development studio for startups	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	70021 - Computer Programming Services	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services
OzRank	SEO and digital marketing agency	Startup or Idea	54120 - Advertising Services	-
Ozreps	Boutique training and mentoring services.	Startup or Idea	54120 - Advertising Services	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services
PaidX	Marketing and paid advertising services, managing digital advertising campaigns across platforms.	Startup or idea	6940 - Advertising Services	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services
Paper Assistant	SaaS AI-driven paper reading assistant designed to help academics comprehend research papers and find key details	Startup or Idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	80102 - Higher Education
Pawl	Veterinary technology platform providing online booking, pet portals, and digital management systems for veterinary clinics.	Startup or Idea	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services	67100 - Veterinary Services
Polygon Energy	Solar installation services targeting energy sector	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	42419 - Other Electrical Services	35112 - Electricity Generation

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Project North	Planning advisory for residential development	Startup or Idea	69101 - Architectural Services	68120 - Non-Residential Property Operators
ShanRen Writes	Journalism and content creation services for startups, focus on FinTech	Startup or idea	6921 - Newspaper and Book Publishing	5499 - Other Information Services n.e.c.
Shoelace Creative	Creative agency/content services	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	54120 - Advertising Services	59111 - Motion Picture and Video Production
Siemens Mobility	Rail technology and systems	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	30220 - Railway Rolling Stock Manufacturing	48210 - Rail Freight Transport
Social Creatures/ Dapple	Social media management software platform (Dapple product by Social Creatures company)	Startup or Idea	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services	5921 - Internet Publishing and Broadcasting
Spitfiredigital.ai	AI automation to help small business improve overall customer experience.	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	54120 - Advertising Services
Stand Out From The Pack	AI tools for business/marketing automation	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	54120 - Advertising Services
Tapermate	An app to help users safely stop or reduce prescribed medications that can cause withdrawal symptoms.	Startup or idea	85319 - Other Allied Health Services	7000 - Computer System Design and Related Services
Terria.io	Digital twin platform for government	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	75111 - Central Government Administration
Telus International	Digital customer support and IT services company.	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	70021 - Computer Programming Services	
The Health Horizon	B2B SaaS platform providing AI-powered analytics and tracking tools for the health innovation industry	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	70021 - Computer Programming Services	85321 - Allied Health Services
The Joyful Frugalista	Content creation/media services	Startup or Idea	59120 - Motion Picture and Video Activities	60100 - Radio Broadcasting

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Think Boldly!	Fractional CMO/marketing consulting	Startup or idea	69200 - Management Advice and Related Consulting Services	54120 - Advertising Services
Traceably	Digital project management solution.	Startup or idea	70021 - Computer Programming Services	-
Venture Crowd	Crowdfunding platform services	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	62300 - Fund Management Services	-
Venubooka	Venue booking platform software	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	77109 - Other Goods and Equipment Rental and Hiring
Veritas Group	Technology consulting for security compliance and identity verification.	Other - eg VC, grant org, large company, branch office here	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services	75111 - Central Government Administration
Vibe Dynamics	Healthcare services and devices facilitating sexual function rehabilitation for complex medical conditions.	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	85321 - Allied Health Services	37110 - Medical and Surgical Equipment Manufacturing
WaitOnce	Healthcare appointment management app	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	85321 - Allied Health Services
WOT-link	IT solutions for SMEs/charities	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	70022 - Computer Consultancy Services	-
XtreamCompute	XR/VR performance software	Early growth - 100k to 1M raised, or 3+ FTE	70021 - Computer Programming Services	95920 - Amusement and Recreation Activities n.e.c.
Your Season Co.	E-commerce platform for seasonal colour palette-based fashion retail, with colour consultation services.	Startup or idea	47591 - Retail Trade n.e.c.	69109 - Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

Company Name	Summary	Growth Stage	Primary ANZSIC Code	Secondary ANZSIC Code
Zephyria	Robotics and automation equipment manufacturer specializing in harsh environment solutions including UAVs, drones, autonomous robots for mining, defence, and agriculture.	Small Biz - 3-20 FTE with innovation potential	22929 - Other Electronic Equipment Manufacturing	01190 - Other Crop Growing

*NB: New companies joining this quarter are **bolded**. Companies sponsored to use the Coworking space are in 'italics.' Sponsoring relates to GRIFFIN Accelerator companies, winners of competitions, or companies that create special value for the ecosystem. Please note that there is more companies in this table than reported at the end of the quarter because while some of these companies were in the space during the quarter, they were not there at the end of the quarter.*

Coworking Network Connections

CBRIN builds friendly connections to other Coworking spaces in Canberra and nationally. Local Community Managers stay connected through the Canberra Region Coworking Network online, and with regular in person catch ups. CBRIN is a member of Flexible Workspace Australia (FWA) and uses the FWA network to connect to community builders nationally, and to access resources, training and FWA member discounts. Candace Rhind is the FWA Social Director for ACT.

This quarter, Candace Rhind met with the teams at Spacecubed, Federation University's Morwell Institute, and Wollongong University's iAccelerate. All teams have agreed to put reciprocal agreements in place to allow members of each space to utilise the other spaces and connect into those networks.

Community Engagement and Communication

CBRIN uses Slack, a channel-based messaging platform, to communicate information and engage with residents of the Coworking space. The CBRIN Slack workspace has over 20 channels, including channels dedicated to Growth Programs, resources, and inspirational stories.

The CBRIN team regularly posts events and announcements, and members engage in discussions, share wins, receive help and advice, and socialise.

CBRIN emails a monthly newsletter to all coworkers, with a wrap up of the month just gone, news, and upcoming events. The coworking newsletter has 347 subscribers with an average open rate of 45.9%.

Coworker Engagement with other CBRIN Programs

Being in the Coworking Space gives members privileged access to the CBRIN team, leading to Founder Conversations, referrals, and connections. Coworkers are actively encouraged to take part in CBRIN's Growth Programs, networking events and collaborative events.

This quarter:

- The Growth Team had 36* Founder Conversations with coworkers
- 6 coworkers pitched at First Wednesday Connect, and August First Wednesday Connect was "Coworking Themed" including an adjacent Coworking Showcase with 6 companies presenting
- 2 coworkers were speakers at a Scale Up Leaders session with 6 other coworkers attending the session
- 4 coworkers attended the SME Breakfast
- 3 coworkers participated in Idea to Impact

**note the total includes Founder Conversations with teams coworking as part of the GRIFFIN accelerator*



Image: Coworker engagement in other events; clockwise from top left: Coworkers on Product Tank panel; Coworkers on Scale Up Leaders panel; IP Australia lunch and learn; AEI Brokers lunch and learn

Community Events

Community Events are a great way for coworkers to build relationships with other innovators in the space, and an important benefit of working in a coworking space. This quarter included the ever-popular annual Christmas in July, as well as a reinstatement of Coworker Drinks. We introduced Breakfast Club, where coworkers come together before work for a to discuss their current challenges over croissants.

Date	Event	Participants
16 July 2025	Breakfast Club	31
16 July 2025	IP Australia Lunch and learn	9
24 July 2025	Christmas in July	27
13 July 2025	Coworking Open Day	20
22 August 2025	"Intro to Insurance for Startups" Lunch and Learn with AEI Brokers	24
26 August 2025	Community Morning Tea	11
4 September 2025	Coworker Drinks	12
10 September 2025	Breakfast Club	17
23 September 2025	Community Morning Tea	27
Total:	9 Events	



Image: photo collage from Christmas in July event

Coworking Open Day 13 August 2025

To celebrate National Coworking Day (held annually on 9 August) and drive coworking dealflow, CBRIN held a Coworking Open Day on Wednesday 13 August 2025. Attendees received a free day of coworking and the opportunity to book in a business chat with the Growth Team. There were 34 registrations, with 20 attendees on the day. 4 attendees subsequently applied for full-time and part-time coworking memberships, 2 attendees are now coworking as part of the GRIFFIN program, 2 attendees requested to be put on a waitlist for small offices with windows, and 3 attendees have coworked casually since the open day.

Coworker Wins

The CBRIN Coworking residents are doing amazing things, and we celebrate and share their wins, big and small. We also celebrate when they connect in an exciting way.

Below are a selection of coworker wins:

- [Aratherm](#) received a \$450,000 Energy Innovation Fund Grant for their 'Commercialising Electric Heat' initiative which is tackling industrial decarbonisation by making electric heating solutions more viable, helping manufacturers cut gas use and boost energy resilience.
- [Terria.io](#) [featured on Startup Daily](#) and co-founder Ana Belgun spoke on a panel at Tech23
- [Dentroid](#) won "Emerging Exporter" and [What Works](#) were a finalist at the ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards 2025

- **Dentroid** were featured on [Channel 7 News](#)
- **Sophie Wade** (founder, [Modern42](#)) and **Shooby Kandel** (founder, [What Works](#)) spoke at ScaleUp Leaders Group on exiting a business

UNSW Canberra Launch on Northbourne

Launch on Northbourne is an initiative created by UNSW Canberra. The precinct is a proof-of-concept for a larger innovation precinct currently in development. As such, it provides three floors of collaborative workspace that brings together industry, government and academia to grow innovation and capability in the specific areas of defence and security.

CBRIN assists UNSW Canberra Launch with curating events throughout the year for the collaborators at Launch and creates opportunities for UNSW researchers to connect with the companies at Launch.

Key Achievements & Activities this Quarter

- 280 attendees participated in 7 Launch Community events this quarter
- There were 56 people with a UNSW Canberra or ADFA email address registered to attend CBRIN events
- This quarter Northbourne hosted several UNSW and external events from Heads of School meetings to hackathons.

UNSW Launch Collaborators this Quarter:

Collaborator	Company Description
Ascent	Ascent have a multitude of capabilities including Management Consultancy, Program Management, Engineering & Technical Advice, Flight Test Planning, Quality Management, Acquisition & Sustainment and Authoring & Writing.
Cognitive Advantage	Cognitive Advantage is a digital technology business founded in late 2017 with a vision to harness emerging technologies in the Internet of Things, 5G telecommunications and artificial intelligence for the defence and security of Australia. Having foreseen the geopolitical tensions in our region the team decided to get a head-start on solving some big challenges for the Australian Defence Force.
DEWC Services	DEWC Services is an Australian owned and operated company focused on growing and developing critical sovereign capability in command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare
Elysium EPL	Elysium EPL is an Australian professional services firm. While based in Canberra and Sydney they work across all capital cities in Australia. Our consultants provide practical, long-term solutions for our clients in a broad range of areas including

Collaborator	Company Description
	Strategic Procurement & Commercial Management, Organisational Design & Implementation, Transformation Engagement and Communication, Sensitive Services, Capability Development, Critical Asset & Infrastructure, Collaborative Working, Training and Education and Protective Security and Business Resilience.
Fifth Domain	Fifth Domain specialises in building, hosting and delivering flexible cyber training and education technologies to a diverse range of customers. Fifth Domain's technologies support educators and trainers and save them time and effort setting up learning environments. They also support students by providing stable and reliable virtualised real-world environments to test existing skills or learn new ones.
FuturifAI	FuturifAI uses lean, trusted AI to simplify space mission operations, enabling satellite operators to handle more complex missions, make space more sustainable, and deliver more to customers on the ground.
Infinity Avionics	Infinity Avionics is an Australian space avionics design and manufacturing company founded in 2020 as a UNSW Canberra Space spin-off. The company was founded to commercialise various intellectual property developed over the years at UNSW Canberra Space. Our reconfigurable FPGA SoC based flight computers are unique in the nano-satellite market in terms of their customisability and form factor.
Intersoft Services	Intersoft Services provides services and consultancy for Radar and other CNS systems and ATM worldwide. In addition, Intersoft Services also supports the integration and project business of Intersoft Electronics within the local market.
Kestra (formerly K3partners)	Kestra is a Canberra based software engineering company focussed on designing state of the art data analytics systems utilising Search Engines, Information Retrieval, Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning specifically for government customers.
Ocula	Ocula is a cabling specialist offering design, manufacturing and integration of fibre optic and copper communication and data solutions. Passionate about technology, we constantly strive to deliver a technological edge to our customers, with improved reliability and performance through ongoing innovation of cabling technology.
PentenAmio	PentenAmio is an Australian-based cyber technology company focused on innovation in secure mobility, applied AI (artificial intelligence) and tactical communications security. Founded in 2014, Penten is a multi-award-winning cyber

Collaborator	Company Description
	security company. They are Launch on Northbourne's anchor tenant, occupying levels 1 and 2.
Point River Networks	Point River Networks provide consulting, recruiting, unified communications and networking.
Skykraft	Skykraft is an Australian space services company that specialises in the design, manufacture and operations of satellite constellations in the delivery of global services. Skykraft was established in 2017 as a spin off from space the capabilities incubator UNSW Canberra Space.

NB: Collaborators in **Bold Italic** work from Launch at UNSW Canberra City

Collaborator Wins

The Collaborators at Launch are doing amazing things, and we celebrate and share their wins, big and small. We also celebrate when they connect in an exciting way.

- Ascent has partnered with Hui Huliau Defence Systems - a US-based Super 8(a) Native Hawaiian Organization - to create a direct pathway to US Federal contract
- Ascent attended the Defence Connect: Australian Defence Industry Awards for 2025 where they Head of Aviation, Trent Simcock was a finalist for *Engineer of the Year 2025*
- Cognitive Advantage has partnered with Pivotal to launch a line of Starlink -powered portable connectivity solutions which will provide high-speed internet to teams in remote and regional environments.
- DEWC Services team members, Jesse Jones, was awarded the Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) *Young Achiever of the Year Award* for 2025.
- Team Blueprint, a collaboration between DEWC Services and SOCO secured first place at the Microsoft AI Hackathon for Public Sector and as a result were able to re-pitch their project DISruptor at Microsoft Defence Industry Symposium in Adelaide.
- Elysium ELP's Director Michael Mitchell was a finalist for Defence Connect Australian Defence Industry Executive of the Year Award
- PentenAmio and CSIRO's collaborative innovation MIKA won the Government & Public Sector Awards at the 2025 iAwards
- Two of PentenAmio's team members, Georgia Prout and Caitlin Worrall, were named finalists in this year's Australian Defence Magazine x Women in Defence Awards in Engineering and Project Management.
- The PentenAmio team has been named a finalist in two categories at the Australian AI Awards. Connor Brendish named a finalist in the for AI Software Engineer and for they work on TrapRadio the whole PentenAmio team were finalist for AI Innovator
- Skykraft had another successful launch, with the development and success of the Skykraft 4 they are now able to launch five spacecraft on a single rocket port.
- Skykraft attended this year's Space Forum where Craig Benson and Simon Barraclough were featured panellists

Monthly Community Newsletter

Stats	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
Open Rate	25.7%	36.7%	25.%
Click-through Rate	6.7%	7.2%	4.7%

Community Events

Community Events are a great way for Collaborators to build relationships with other innovators at Launch and is an important benefit of working from the space. This quarter there were approximately 280 attendances at Launch community events.

	Events	Estimated Participants
July 2025	2	110
August 2025	2	60
September 2025	3	110

- Winter Warmers Coffee Van - 08 July
- July Launch Monthly Connect Hosted by Elysium - 31 July
- August Lunch and Learn hosted by KWM - 14 August
- August Launch Monthly Connect hosted by Skykraft - 28 August
- September Coffee Van - 08 September
- September Lunch and Learn hosted by ClearPath Defence - 09 September
- September Launch Monthly Connect hosted by Fifth Domain - 25 September



Image: Photo collage of Launch Community events July - September 2025

Foundation Member & Partner Engagement

- Monthly CBRIN Extended Team Meeting held either online or in person with representatives from ANU, UC, UNSW, CSIRO, and CIT. On 1 August 2025 this meeting was held at CIT Woden.
- This quarter – CBRIN team had fortnightly meetings with UNSW Canberra Launch team
- This quarter – CBRIN Executive Team met fortnightly with ACT Government team
- This quarter – CBRIN employed 2 current ANU students to intern 2 days per week
- Petr Adamek met with CBRIN Board Members from ANU, UC, PWC, KWM, CHECK**
- CBRIN team attended UNSW Launch Monthly Connect events
- First Wednesday Connect was held at ACT Government building (July 2025) and at AIE (September 2025)
- CBRIN delivered Innovation ACT with strong student participation: ANU (94), UC (48), UNSW Canberra (9), CIT (10), CSIRO (1). UC and CIT numbers increased significantly from previous years.
- This quarter the team met with:
 - Erin Stacey – UC ICC, 3 July
 - Dina Titkova – UNSW Founders, 8 July
 - Deanna Barwick -ANU Commercialisation team, 10 July
 - Michelle Cheah – McCusker Institute – 14 July
 - Deborah Pino-Pasternak – Associate Dean of Research, Education Faculty, UC – 15 August
 - Sita Anggraini – UC Research – 26 September
 - met monthly with Danielle Neale, ANU Head of Commercialisation and IP
- 1 July 2025 – CBRIN hosted PVP info session featuring a panel of speakers from ANU, UC, UNSW Canberra, and CIT
- 2 July 2025 – ACU visited CBRIN
- 7 July 2025 – CBRIN participated in UC's Women in STEM event
- 7 July 2025 – CBRIN team ran a pitching workshop for UC's 3 Minute Pitches
- 8 July 2025 – CBRIN team met with UC to discuss the upcoming Industry Roundtable event
- 10 July 2025 – Petr Adamek and CBRIN team facilitated UC's "Bridging the Skills Gap: An Industry Roundtable"
- 16 July 2026 – CBRIN met with Navitas to discuss partnership and MoU signing
- 17 July 2025 – CBRIN ran the monthly PVP Steering Committee meeting, joined by members from ANU, UC, CIT, and UNSW Canberra
- 22 July 2025 – CBRIN had a stall at UC Market Day
- 23 July 2025 – CBRIN had a stall at ANU Market Day
- 23 July 2025 – CBRIN delivered a presentation to ANU first year economics students about InnovationACT and CBRIN
- 24 July 2025 – ACU visited CBRIN
- 24 July 2025 – CBRIN team attended Canberra Business Chamber's "Business After 5" at UC
- 24 July 2025 – CBRIN attended the ANU Collaborative Practices Salon #8
- 24 July 2025 – CBRIN hosted a NFP Innovation Forum planning meeting, attended by UC representatives

- 29 July 2025 - James Milligan MLA and Joshua Osbourne-Goldsbrough visited CBRIN
- 30 July 2025 - CBRIN conducted a PVP pitch session, featuring Steering Committee members from ANU, UC, UNSW Canberra, and CIT
- 30-31 July 2025 - CBRIN hosted UNSW's Defence Trailblazer workshops, hosted and attended the networking event on 31 July 2025, and attended the showcase on 1 August 2025
- 30-31 July 2025 - CBRIN delivered 2 presentations to undergraduate and postgraduate entrepreneurship students at the ANU about InnovationACT and CBRIN's role in the business ecosystem
- 31 July 2025 - CBRIN had a stall at CITSA market day
- 4 August 2025 - CBRIN presented a CIT ITS Capstone Lecture
- 5 August 2025 - CBRIN participated the making of in a commercialisation video series led by AFII
- 5 August 2025 - CBRIN hosted the ANU Collaborative Salon group for their annual planning day
- 6 August 2025 - CBRIN partnered with OPTUS to co-host networking drinks as part of the Strategic Technology Forum attended by representatives from ACT government and ANU
- 9 August 2025 - Petr Adamek attended the Academy of Science and EU Delegation: Connecting Continents event at ANU
- 12 August 2025 - CBRIN attended the UC ICC Winter Showcase
- 13 August 2025 - CBRIN team attended the Tech in Gov Expo, with Petr Adamek judging the Pitch Fest.
- 14 August 2025 - CBRIN ran the monthly PVP Steering Committee meeting, joined by members from ANU, UC, CIT, and UNSW Canberra
- 20 August 2025 - CBRIN hosted the ANZSOG and University of Queensland 3 country delegation networking event. Attendees included representatives from ANU, CIT, UC, and UNSW.
- 21 August 2025 - CBRIN team hosted AIE for foundation member outreach morning tea
- 25 August 2025 - CBRIN team ran a stall and presented at the ACT Government CED Business Connect Day
- 28 August 2025 - CBRIN Chair Hala Batainah attended the Engineers Australia STEM Roundtable at University of Canberra
- 21 August 2025 - CBRIN hosted a morning tea with key members of the AIE team
- 10-11 September 2025 - CBRIN attended Tech23, where 4 women-led startups from Canberra were represented in the 23 companies:
 - Membrane Transporter Engineers (ANU)
 - Sprout Materials (ANU)
 - Terria (CSIRO)
 - CatQ (ANU)
- 2 September 2025: CBRIN and PWC Strategy workshop