



Women in  
Leadership  
Awards 2022



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# Rewarding Excellence in Healthtech

The innovation and inspiration of three outstanding women in Victoria's healthtech industry have been recognised with BioMelbourne Network Women in Leadership Awards.

Their work has helped spark industry advancement and inspire others to follow their lead at a critical time in health. All took risks to pursue their goals and advance the sector.

The Hon. Jaala Pulford, Minister for Innovation, Medical Research, and the Digital Economy, presented the 2022 awards at a hybrid event that was held at the Investment Centre Victoria and live streamed.

BioMelbourne Network CEO Jeff Malone said this year's winners were helping to ensure that Victoria's healthtech industry continued to innovate and lead the way.

"BioMelbourne Network is honoured to celebrate three extraordinary leaders from across the healthtech industry," Mr Malone said.

"Their leadership journeys reflect their ability to have meaningful and lasting impact on the sector, while highlighting their strength and determination to overcome the many challenges presented over recent years."

### The 2022 Awardees are:

**Distinguished Leadership Award** – Dr Emma Ball, Head of Illumina for Startups Australia, Illumina

**Inspiring Leadership Award** – George Kenley, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Seer

**Emerging Leadership Award** – Associate Professor Lauren Ayton, NHMRC Emerging Leader Investigator and Driving Research Momentum Fellow, the University of Melbourne, and the Centre for Eye Research Australia

**Awardee Citations** – [view here](#).

More information about the awardees can be found at <https://biomelbourne.org/event/2022-women-in-leadership-awards-ceremony-thursday-5-may-2022/>

## **About BioMelbourne Network**

BioMelbourne Network's mission is to foster the development of an advanced, innovation driven and sustainable health industry. As a for-purpose, industry led membership association, we encompass biotechnology, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, and health innovation companies in the state of Victoria.

We connect business, research, finance, health, and government to support and promote the sector's growth and facilitate the development and commercialisation of new drugs, devices, diagnostics and digital health technologies in Victoria. Since 2001, we have championed an environment that enables Victorian organisations to innovate, commercialise and improve the future of healthcare locally and internationally.

## **About the Women in Leadership Awards**

The BioMelbourne Network Women in Leadership Awards were launched in 2015 to acknowledge and celebrate women who, at different stages of their careers, have made exceptional contributions to advancing the biotechnology, medical technology, and pharmaceutical sector. Their leadership and commitment to driving change and impact in the health industry make a real difference and inspire more women to pursue leadership roles.

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