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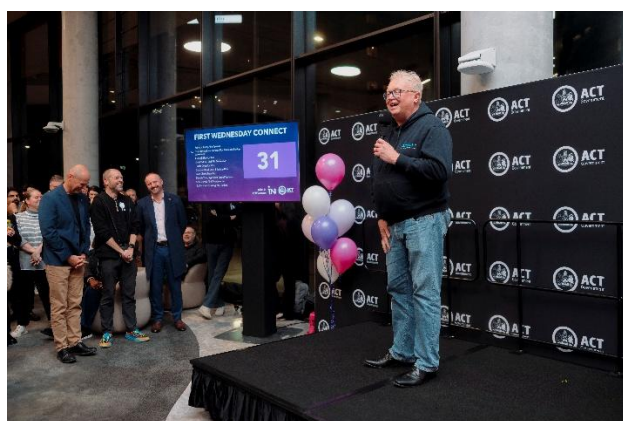
Canberra Innovation Network Packed Program of Events and Opportunities

Canberra, ACT – 15 July 2025 – The Canberra Innovation Network (CBRIN) is preparing for a busy period, with a strong line-up of programs, events, and funding opportunities designed to support entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses across the Canberra region.

From practical networking events to targeted support for early-stage ventures, here's what's coming up:

22 July 2025 – Billion Dollar Panel with Nick McNaughton

Join one of Canberra's most accomplished investors, Nick McNaughton, as he headlines the Billion Dollar Panel. Get insider insights into how high-growth ventures scale and what it really takes to build a billion-dollar company. Reserve your spot [here](#).



24 July 2025 – GRIFFIN Accelerator Applications Close

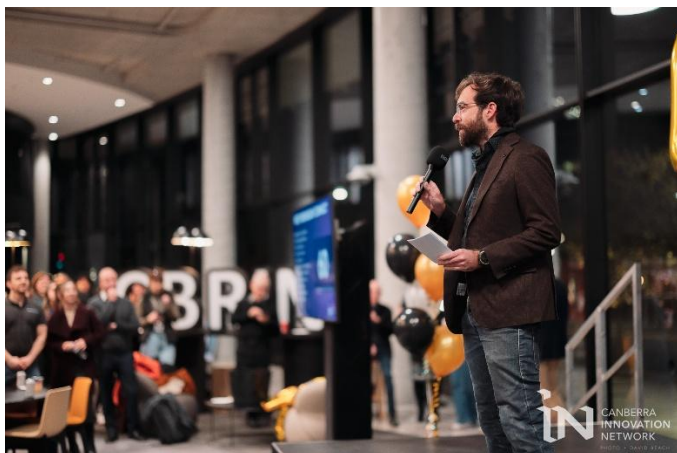
Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2025 cohort of the GRIFFIN Accelerator. This intensive 3-month program helps ambitious founders rapidly build and grow their ventures—with hands-on mentorship and investment. Apply by 24 July to fast-track your startup journey. Find out more & book a chat [here](#).

30 July 2025 – SME Breakfast

Connect with like-minded business leaders at our SME Breakfast. This morning meetup is all about knowledge-sharing, connections, and discovering how CBRIN can help SMEs innovate and grow in a changing economy. Reserve your spot [here](#).

6 August 2025 – First Wednesday Connect: Coworking Special

First Wednesday Connect returns to the Canberra Innovation Network's home, with a special focus on coworking. Discover Canberra's lively innovation community and explore how shared space can boost your business. Reserve your spot [here](#).



13 August 2025 – Coworking Open Day

Curious about coworking? This is your chance to experience the space and vibe of CBRIN's collaborative coworking hub. Explore our facilities, meet the community, and discover your new innovation hub. Register [here](#) for a complimentary day of coworking.

9 September 2025 – Female Founders

Join us for an evening of insight and inspiration, co-hosted by Women with Altitude. Hear from Anne Moore and Renee Beerworth as they join Andrea Turner-Boys in a panel conversation exploring career transition for women. Expect practical takeaways, honest stories, and valuable connections. Register here to be part of the conversation.



12 September 2025 – Idea to Impact Program Begins

CBRIN's *Idea to Impact* program kicks off this September—an 8-week, hands-on course for researchers and innovators looking to explore the commercial potential of their work. Designed to help participants build confidence, test assumptions, and take their ideas further, this program bridges the gap between research and real-world application.

NOW OPEN – Prototyping Voucher Program

Early-stage startups and researchers can now apply for up to \$10,000 in Prototyping Vouchers. Whether you're building a tech prototype or validating a product idea, this program provides vital funding to take your innovation to the next level.

NOW OPEN – Innovation ACT (IACT) Applications

Students, this one's for you. IACT is accepting applications for the August 2025 program! Compete for your share of \$10,000 in seed funding, sharpen your entrepreneurial skills, and launch your idea in a supportive, dynamic environment. Closing 8 August 2025.

NOW OPEN – Innovation Connect (ICON) Grant Program

The ICON Grant Program continues to support Canberra-based startups and entrepreneurs with early-stage funding. If you have a great idea and need help to get it off the ground, now's the time to apply. Closing 9 October 2025.

Canberra's innovation ecosystem is thriving—and the Canberra Innovation Network is at the heart of it. Whether you're a founder, researcher, student, or SME, there's something here to fuel your ambition and grow your impact.

Visit cbrin.com.au to learn more and register for upcoming events and programs.

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