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**From all of us at CTR, we wish you a wonderful  
Christmas and a prosperous new year!**



# MTPConnect goes to Canberra

## Industry Growth Centre Showcase



The Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Hon Karen Andrews MP, was on hand to open proceedings. She was able to engage with our Project Fund Program partners Professor Lyn Griffiths and Anne-Maree Englund from the Bridge and BridgeTech programs, Roslyn Ristuccia from ClinTrial Refer and ANDHealth's Bronwyn Le Grice together with Planet Innovation's Stuart Elliott.

Thank you to Mr John Sutherland for attending this event together with ClinTrial Refer.

John Sutherland, a 58 y.o sheep farmer from Jerilderie, had Hairy Cell Leukaemia that was refractory to chemotherapy. He was very anaemic, and deconditioned by recurrent life threatening infections when his treating haematologists at St Vincent's Hospital looked up the ClinTrial Refer App to identify any novel treatments for his leukaemia. His haematologist identified a trial of a novel B lymphocyte enzyme inhibitor being conducted at Concord Repatriation General Hospital and since starting on this oral treatment in March 2018 John has recovered well. His anaemia and pneumonia have completely resolved. (He is off the high dose steroids). He is working full time on the farm cherishing the Riverina's first rainy days in years. He is passionate about publicising ClinTrial Refer and increasing the access to clinical trials for country Australians. "When you are from Jerilderie 650 km away, driving an extra 10km to another hospital is trivial". I am just grateful my haematologist searched the ClinTrial Refer App and referred me to this trial elsewhere."

# Introducing our new Business Development Manager

## Christine Zahren

*Christine Zahren, MAppSc (Acu), BSN, RN*

Business Development Manager, ClinTrial Refer



Christine has a background in nursing with over 25yrs experience in the healthcare Industry. She has worked in various areas including aged care, acute care, rehabilitation medicine, dermatology specialist clinics, and surgery. Christine has extensive experience as a clinical trial nurse coordinator, and spent 5 years managing the Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit at the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc in Victoria. She also holds a Master

of Applied Science in Chinese Medicine (Acupuncture) and spent 4 years in private practice.

Christine joined the ClinTrial Refer team in August 2019 following a merger agreement between her participant recruitment company 'Clinical Trials Connect' and 'ClinTrial Refer'. The move was part of a joint vision to provide a central hub where people could access current clinical trial information. There were clear benefits to both organisations in uniting and working collaboratively to resolve the recruitment issues facing Industry and patients.

Christine is also the Co-founder and Director of the White Coats Foundation which is a NFP dedicated to supporting the discovery of better health through awareness, and currently works one day a week as a Trials Strategy and Development Consultant at The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc.

Christine is passionate about helping advance medical research and ensuring that people have access to medications and new therapies in their development phase.

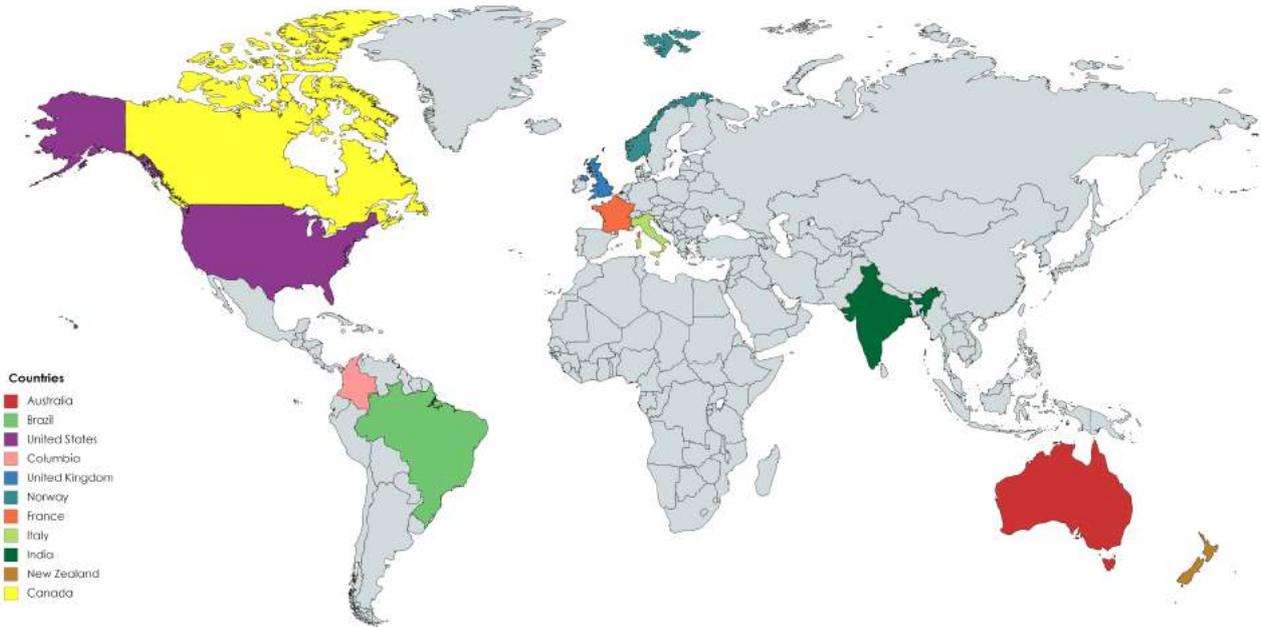
**Congratulations** to Christine who was recently invited to be on the CT:IQ Steering Committee on behalf of ClinTrial Refer.



**CT:IQ**  
Clinical Trials:  
Thinking Smarter

CT:IQ aims to improve the impact and quality of Australian clinical trials. Visit <https://ctiq.com.au> for more information.

# Did you know? ClinTrial Refer covers over 800 sites globally



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