

Clarendons participates in Melbourne Health Accelerator Program

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Clarendon Lawyers is delighted to participate in the 2017 Melbourne Health Accelerator Program (MHX), following the success of the pilot version in late 2016.

MHX was launched in June 2017, with the Winter Cohort of 2017 now well underway. MHX's goal is to cultivate commercially viable answers to complex healthcare challenges. Startups that are accepted into the MHX program are provided with a working space, mentoring and networking opportunities with Melbourne Health clinicians.

Guests at the MHX launch included the Special Minister of State, Gavin Jennings and Gavin Niere, the Manager of Public Sector Innovation at the Department of Premier and Cabinet, as well as health professionals and former and present program participants. The event was held in the hospital's former intensive care unit, which has been refurbished into a collaborative workspace for MHX participants.

In 2016, Clarendons sponsored the pilot version of the MHX program which had 15 health technology startups, assisting with establishing the accelerator program and providing guidance and mentor services to participants. MHX has recently also been awarded \$450,000 in grant funding from the Public Sector Innovation Fund and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Clarendons is proud to have assisted in building a foundation for what is now a government-funded program and is delighted to support MHX as part of its ongoing commitment to startups, entrepreneurship and venture capital.

Director, Alex Bean said, "The continued success of MHX is a testament to Victoria's, and Australia's, commitment to innovation and development in the health profession. It is great to see government support coming through for this initiative, which I hope will continue to break new ground in this space!"

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