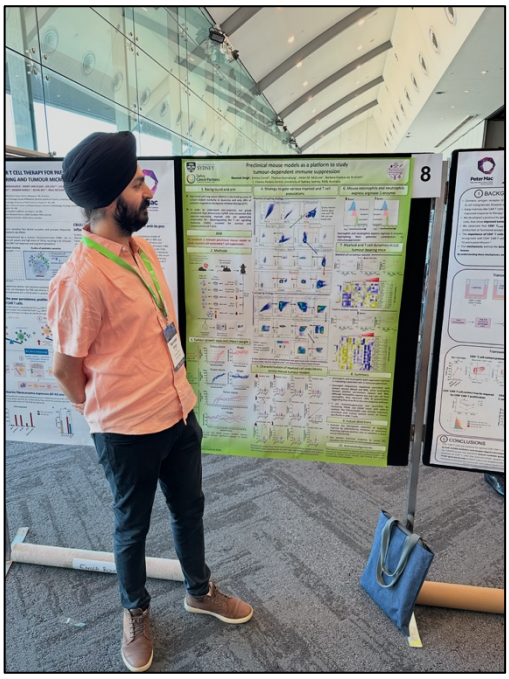
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It was great to attend the Australian Society for Immunology (ASI) Annual Scientific Meeting 2025, held in Perth. ASI is Australia's peak national conference for immunology and brings together a diverse group of attendees, including basic researchers, clinician-scientists, healthcare professionals and early- to mid-career researchers. The conference was well organised, scientifically engaging, and provided important insights into both immunology research and its real-world clinical impact.

The meeting provided an excellent platform for learning, discussion and professional networking. I had the opportunity to meet and engage with researchers working on similar areas to my own, particularly those developing pre-clinical platforms to study immune-related diseases. I was able to share experiences, compare approaches and reflect on both the successes and challenges associated with my own research. I also had the opportunity to interact with several invited speakers and learn more about their research and perspectives, which further deepened my conference experience.

A personal highlight of the conference was attending the sepsis session by Erika Bosio and Leana Stendell titled "Tackling Sepsis Together to Achieve Meaningful Impacts." This session was particularly eye-opening. Leana Stendell shared her story of survival as she lost legs and an unborn baby after contracting sepsis. The session focussed on the importance of rapid identification and intervention in sepsis, while emphasising the current lack of reliable diagnostic tools and healthcare resources available. Hearing this from both a scientific and lived-experience perspective emphasised how time-critical immune dysregulation can be in real clinical settings. This was especially impactful for me as a laboratory-based researcher as it provided insight into the realities faced by clinicians and patients, realities that are often removed from experimental research environments. The session reinforced how immunology research can directly impact and improve patient care.

Overall, attending ASI 2025 was a highly rewarding experience. The conference strengthened my understanding of the clinical relevance of immunology research, fostered valuable professional connections and reinforced the importance of translational research in improving patient care.