

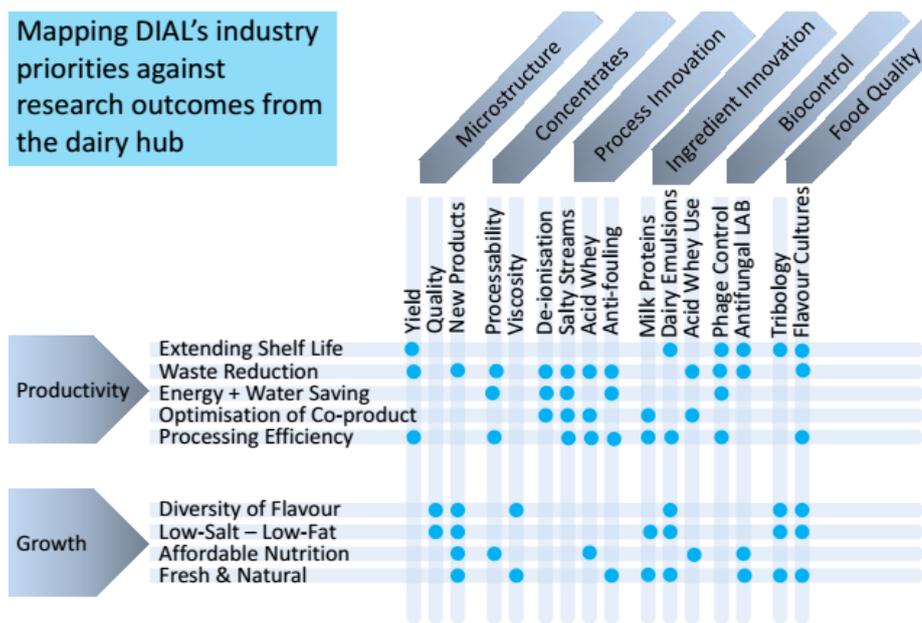
ARC Dairy Innovation Hub

The ARC Dairy Innovation Hub brings together three of Australia's leading dairy research groups – University of Melbourne (UoM), University of Queensland (UQ) and Dairy Innovation Australia Ltd. (DIAL) – in a five-year research program co-funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC). The Hub was established in early 2014, following receipt of a grant of \$ 5 million from the **ARC Industrial Transformation Research Program** in May 2013. The ARC Dairy Innovation Hub was one of the first ITRP grants awarded nationally.

The Hub has been structured to address some of the major dairy research and technical challenges that DIAL and its member companies have identified as constraints to business growth and productivity in the dairy manufacturing sector. The Hub program comprises six integrated, strategic research themes, employing innovative science and engineering approaches to address the technical challenges for the dairy manufacturing industry.

Six hub themes align with industry priorities for dairy manufacturing

Mapping DIAL's industry priorities against research outcomes from the dairy hub



Under the leadership of the Hub Director, Associate Professor Sally Gras (UoM), theme leaders from UoM and UQ are taking responsibility for projects in their specialist areas. Over the five years, ten postdoctoral fellows, graduate research assistants as well as at least three PhD students will join the teams. Each project involves multiple investigators from each of the three research groups leveraging synergies between research teams. International collaboration will provide access to skills and technologies developed overseas to achieve the Hub's objectives.

Significant leverage for the dairy manufacturing industry

Six large Australian dairy companies representing 70% of Australia's milk production are co-investing in the ARC Dairy Innovation Hub via their contributions to DIAL. Working together through the Hub's Industry Advisory Committee (IAC), chaired by DIAL's CEO Dr Lesley Macleod, dairy processors will contribute direction to research projects, will participate in on-site case studies and where appropriate provide product for analysis making this a truly industry focussed ARC Industrial Transformation Hub. The \$5 million dollar industry investment is leveraged by the \$5 million ARC investment and cash contributions and in-kind contributions from UoM and UQ delivering a total budget of \$12 million to the research program over 5 years.