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The MBSANZ Annual Meeting 2018 was fantastic! Unfortunately, as my flight to Auckland was cancelled due to a lightning strike, I missed out on Day 1 of the conference. On Day 2, the meeting was offsite on Waiheke Island, which was a lovely, cosy venue. Lots of fantastic talks, I enjoyed the Therapeutics session the most which I also had the pleasure of chairing. A wine tasting session and quick walk around the vineyard was then followed by the conference dinner. The food was delicious and wholesome, and lots of desserts to choose from! The 3rd and last day of the conference was kicked off with the Matrix and Neuroscience session, which I personally was looking most forward to as it relates to my research area. From this session, I enjoyed Prof Larry Sherman's talk on how hyaluronan regulates neural progenitor cell differentiation the most, as my own PhD project is essentially the same premise but I'm looking at heparan sulfate proteoglycans instead. I also presented my work in an E-poster format on the last day of the conference, the 5 min time limit was a challenge but fun! Thank you very much to ISMB for a travel grant and to the MBSANZ organisers for the opportunity to present my research.