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Creating a dynamic digital health destiny – make HASTE

Care providers from around Australia are taking their technological futures out of the hands of the governments and software developers, and recreating their own ICT destinies through a series of collaborative regional efforts.

More than 100 aged care, technology, health and community services innovators will come together to network and discuss regional technological solutions at the inaugural *Make HASTE* (Health & Age Services Technology Ecosystem) Expo on Monday 19 May at the Caloundra Events Centre.

The Expo will build awareness, capacity and access to technology innovations, specialists and providers throughout the region.

Sundale CEO Glen Bunney said the event would encourage providers to collaborate on the region's future technological needs, overcome access issues and implement technologies, and explore ways to boost sustainability.

"We all share common ICT and innovation issues. Aged, community services and health care providers have to stop working in silos and start working together, as a region and as a community services and health industry, to create our own technological solutions," Mr Bunney said.

"We encourage anyone with a curiosity about how to move their business forward to come along. And we invite software developers, technological experts and innovators who want to tap into the aged and health care market to attend."

RDA Sunshine Coast CEO Russell Mason, who will be a speaker on the Communications Infrastructure Panel, will talk about Sunshine Coast Digital which was developed to maximise the benefits of investment in high-speed broadband infrastructure across the region over the next decade.

"Ensuring we have a plan to leverage off the digital capacity is essential if we are to enhance our economic diversification and employment prospects across the Sunshine Coast."

Mr Mason said new technology could be used to improve health and wellbeing services, forge stronger community connections, and provide opportunities to fund innovation and new projects.

The *Make HASTE Expo* is part of a larger regional activity plan on the Sunshine Coast to encourage the use of digital systems to increase productivity.



The plan details ways the health and community services industry can move forward to seize technology-related opportunities. The Make HASTE plan was assisted by Explor Consulting for Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC), in partnership with lead project partner, Sundale.

Register now to attend the Make HASTE Expo on Monday 19 May, 9am to 5pm, at The Events Centre Caloundra.

Find out more at the Make HASTE Expo site.

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