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## Showcase to explore how bright ideas become reality

Residents from across south western Sydney and around the world can find out how bright ideas and innovations become new treatments and high-quality care for patients at this month's virtual Health Beyond Research & Innovation Showcase.

Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research CEO Darryl Harkness will chair the live and online seminar, which will be held on Wednesday 18 August from 12pm to 1pm.

Mr Harkness will talk about the support available in south western Sydney to help researchers, clinicians, start-ups and innovators to explore their ideas which have commercial potential and may transform the care that patients receive.

"I'd encourage community members and anyone with an interest in research to join this seminar because we will explore the exciting journey from innovation to commercialisation, and how an idea coined in south western Sydney can benefit people around the world" Mr Harkness said.

The other guest speakers are Liverpool Innovation Precinct Manager Lance Chia and orthopaedic surgeon Dr Nick Hartnell, who has a surgical practice in Bowral, Goulburn and the Campbelltown/Camden area. Dr Hartnell has many years of experience in orthopaedic care, having worked in hospitals in rural and metropolitan NSW and in countries including England, Belgium and China.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said the seminar was also a wonderful opportunity for community members to hear about the work of the Liverpool Innovation Precinct, of which the District and the Ingham Institute are both founding members.

"The Liverpool Innovation Precinct is globally recognised as a leader in innovation and is reimagining how health, education and research is undertaken in our region" Ms Larkin said.

South Western Sydney Local Health District is proud to again partner with the Ingham Institute to host the monthly showcase which is being held via Zoom this year.

The seminar series presents a wide range of topics including oesophageal cancer research in September.

Residents can watch a seminar live or tune in to a previous event they may have missed at [www.healthbeyondshowcase.org.au](http://www.healthbeyondshowcase.org.au)