

## HSC awarded ARIIA grant

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- **HSC receives Aged Care Research and Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) grant**
- **HSC to partner with Whiddon, CSIRO and Anchor Excellence for feasibility study**

**HSC Technology Group Ltd (HSC or the Company) (ASX: HSC)** is pleased to announce it has been named as a recipient of the Aged Care Research and Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) grants program.

The grant was awarded to a consortium for a feasibility study to prevent falls in residential aged care using HSC's Talius Smart Care Platform and will be known as the Building Excellence (in) Sensor Technology: Clinical Assessment Response Experience (BEST CARE) project.

Making up the consortium, HSC will be partnering with innovative aged care provider, Whiddon; our research partner – CSIRO; and aged care specialists - Anchor Excellence.

The study will aim to improve falls prevention of the elderly living in residential aged care. Using a combination of sensors with settings adjusted to individual risks, factors that can lead to a fall are identified as it happens from a variety of different sensors located around the home. The study will explore the acceptability of the aggregation of data from these autonomous sensors, into HSC's Talius Platform and the use of an individual's 'sensor story' to inform residents, their families and the staff of the older person's wellbeing. The study will also examine any barriers to adoption and the impact of this technology on the organisation's operations.

Innovative aged care provider, Whiddon, was among the first residential aged care service in Australia to introduce the Talius Platform to improve residents' safety and to support staff to continue to provide high quality care. The Talius Platform is sensor agnostic and can link any number of sensors autonomously collecting data into its platform. In this study there will be six different types of sensors with a total of 967 sensors installed throughout the home.

The ARIIA grant is up to \$160,000 (excluding GST) for project implementation over a 12-month period. It requires a co-contribution of at least 20% that contributes towards eligible project expenditure.

HSC anticipates that the findings of the study will serve as a valuable tool for the consortium, as well as the industry.

Commenting on the ARIIA grant, Mr. Graham Russell, Managing Director said:

*"We are thrilled to receive the ARIIA grant and eagerly anticipate collaborating with our esteemed project partners –Whiddon Group, CSIRO, and Anchor Excellence. CSIRO has already tested the technology in people's homes, and numerous aged care providers have inquired about its potential application in residential aged care homes, recognising the value of the data in transitioning from reactive to proactive solutions. With the support of the ARIIA grant, I am eager to fine-tune our approach and make a greater impact in the sector."*

## Appointment of Dr. Maggie Haertsch

HSC is delighted to welcome Dr. Maggie Haertsch (PhD) to the team as Consulting Clinical Research Director. Dr. Haertsch will be assisting HSC with the expansion of the Talius Platform and sensor technology in the aged care and health sectors and the further development of systems and processes to support clinical data integration that supports safer and high-quality care.

Dr. Haertsch will be working closely with clinicians, older people, and organisations to embed processes that improve support at the point of care and strengthen clinical governance and organisational efficiency.

Dr. Haertsch's experience comes from four decades of working in healthcare. Her innovative thinking has seen her included in roles with the World Health Organisation on the global response to dementia, as an advisor and remediation specialist with the Anchor Excellence team working within the aged care sector, and various education, academic, and executive positions.

Commenting on the appointment of Dr Haertsch, Mr. Graham Russell, Managing Director said:  
*"We are excited to have Dr Haertsch join our team in the capacity of Consulting Clinical Research Director. With her vast knowledge and experience in both the aged care and healthcare sectors, Dr Haertsch will undoubtedly be an invaluable asset as we strive to broaden our footprint in the market."*

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of HSC Technology Group Ltd.

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HSC provides a suite of technology enabled care solutions to the aged and disability sectors across multiple verticals, including retirement living, residential aged care, home, and community settings to improve the quality of life, later in life.

HSC's Software as a Service (SaaS) data analytics platform Talius Smart Care combines smart sensors with AI machine learning (powered by CSIRO) that delivers automated actions. Talius links awareness, analysis, and action through one platform allowing the care model to move from spot check care to sense-respond care. Nursing staff can switch their focus from data collection to building a human connection. Most importantly, residents benefit from a new era of autonomy and dignity.

HSC helps protect and connect our elderly and people with disabilities with a scalable healthcare technology platform integrated with leading third-party providers to ensure end-to-end solutions for Connected Health.

- ❖ HSC Care
- ❖ HSC Home
- ❖ Talius

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