



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COMMUNITIES TO CREATE MORE TRANSPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY OR INJURY IN REGIONAL NSW

The people of Tamworth and Dubbo are coming together to create more transport options for people living with a disability or injury.

A partnership between icare NSW and the UNE SMART Region Incubator, the Transport: Connecting with Community initiative is aimed at improving the social connectivity of people living with a disability or injury.

“Transport options are available for people to get to their GP and medical appointments, but outside of this it can be very hard for people living with a disability or injury to find transport to social events,” said Barney Smith, Interim General Manager icare foundation.

“It is particularly difficult for those living in rural and remote areas.

“Everybody should be able to go out for a coffee or to the movies with their friends, and nobody who lives with a disability or injury should be excluded from this because they can’t access transport,” he added.

The initiative kicked-off in May this year with a call to communities in Dubbo and Tamworth for sustainable, affordable and innovative transport ideas.

Six of these ideas from community organisations were then taken through UNE’s SMART Region Incubator for workshopping and development.

These workshopped ideas will now be pitched to icare NSW and key stakeholders in the community for an opportunity to attract investment from the icare foundation.

The event will also feature a People’s Choice Award as voted by the audience, and members of the public are invited to come along and get involved.

Details of the Transport: Connecting with Community Pitch Evening events are:

#### **Tamworth**

Tuesday 4 December, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Campbell Howard Lecture Room, UNE Tamworth (Peel House, 24 Fitzroy Street)

#### **Dubbo**

Wednesday 5 December, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Multipurpose Hall, Charles Sturt University campus (8 Tony McGrane Place)

Registrations are open at <http://smartri.com.au/connect/#eventcalendar>

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