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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Deakin University in town to demonstrate New VR Technology

YOUR INVITED to come meet the team from Australia's leading virtual reality (VR) lab at Deakin University and have a hands-on experience of their Virtual Reality technology inventions for yourself.

Next week, Deakin University are coming to both Tamworth and Inverell to showcase the latest ground-breaking VR technology that our region will soon host permanently.

With a new partnership, McLean Care® and Deakin University's School of Engineering are taking the latest VR technology to create a driving simulator that will rapidly change the way older drivers maintain road skills. Funded by the Department of Health, the new, innovative VR driving simulator will assist older people with real life driving experience right here in our region.

The VR driving simulator is the first of its kind and will allow people in the New England and Northwest Region to experience driving in a safe and controlled environment.

"The Virtual Reality Driving simulator will provide a 'virtual' environment in which older drivers will have the opportunity to practice their driving skills in a safe and low risk environment. The simulator will have the capability to monitor and record driver performance information using a series of health and performance metrics during the virtual driving experience. Users can use this information to help inform if they will pass driving tests and be eligible to drive on the road" said Associate Professor Ben Horan, Director of Deakin University's CADET VR Lab." For the first VR driving simulator, the technology has been specifically generated to replicate the streets of Inverell, featuring many local landmarks, to make the experience as real as possible" said Sue Thomson

Deakin University will be looking for over 65's to trial and test out the VR driving simulator. Attending the event, will not only give you an insight into the incredible world of VR but also may give you the opportunity to be one of the first people to test out the world's first VR driving simulator.

TAMWORTH - 6th June 2018  
Tamworth Gardens Retirement Estate  
36 Johnston Street - 9am-2pm  
Refreshments included

INVERELL - 5th June 2018  
Inverell RSM Club  
68-76 Evans Street - 9am-2pm  
Refreshments included

RSVP: 30th May 2018  
Contact Kathryn on 02 6721 7364

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