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**Head: Australia’s largest AT expo to open in Canberra for very first time!**

For the very first time in its 20-year history, Australia’s largest assistive technology and disability event, the ATSA Independent Living Expo, will take place in Canberra next month.

Taking place alongside iCREATe Conference on Tuesday 27 August and Wednesday 28 August at the National Convention Centre Canberra, the ATSA Independent Living Expo (AILE) has become the most influential event on the disability calendar when it comes to Assistive Technology (AT).

The free to attend expo provides an opportunity for visitors to see the largest display of AT in Australia coupled with a broad range of equipment and services.

The show has grown to be a focal point for the industry, attracting not only allied health professionals, occupational therapists and consumers, but also distributors and suppliers.

With 50 exhibitors already confirmed for this year’s inaugural Canberra show from global brands to local innovations, the show is sure to deliver when it comes to helping people with disability stay connected.

The Princess of Thailand, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn will make a guest appearance at the show and Dr Lloyd Walker, Director Assistive Technology at the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will also speak at the expo’s free seminar program.

Families, carers and healthcare professionals are making decisions every day. So when it comes to choosing innovative solutions that will impact on the wellbeing and independence for people wanting to stay in their homes, assistive technologies is where it begins.

The role of AT is growing. Initially it started off with mobility and lifting devices but now includes anything that offers greater independence to the individual, keeps them safer and also contributes to making the carer’s role easier. Fundamentally, AT help to reduce people’s dependence on others.

The ATSA Independent Living Expo will also feature plenty of educational opportunities in its free seminar program, where attendees will hear from over 20 professionals covering all things assistive technology.

To find out more about this event, visit [www.atsaindependentlivingexpo.com.au](http://www.atsaindependentlivingexpo.com.au)

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