We are excited and honoured to have **Megan Gomez, founder of Rural Health Connect,** as our startup-in-residence. Megan's experience, knowledge and wisdom will be invaluable for the Accelerator program. The role of a startup-in-residence is to coach, mentor and support our startup participants through the program and help them progress their business ideas to the next level. Megan has urged anyone with an idea, regardless of how advanced it is, to consider the BHx 13-week program. If you're interested in Megan's story please view our webpage. Applications are now open and close 6 March 2020.

We are thrilled to announce startups in the BHx will have access to over a dozen talented Innovation Leaders. Our Innovation Leaders have extensive experience and deep networks in the Healthcare industry. As Innovation Leaders, their role will be to connect the startups with relevant clinicians to develop and test their concepts. If you're interested in the extensive experience of three, click on the photos below and view their LinkedIn profiles. We will announce more Innovation Leaders very soon.

Dr Casey Nottage - Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Bendigo Health

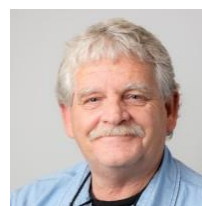*Dr Dan Douglass – Chief Executive Officer, Heathcote Health*

Kate Renzenbrink – Chief Nursing and Midwifery Information Officer, Bendigo Health

The BHx is calling for Program Associates to join the 2020 Accelerator. Bendigo Health invites interested parties to become a Program Associate of the Bendigo Health Accelerator (BHx). This is a unique opportunity for leading companies to engage in this LaunchVic funded program that aims to catalyse the Health startup ecosystem and build capacity in the regional health industry sector. If you are a startup or interested in contributing as a Program Associate, please visit our website for more information.

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