

# Cyber security hub proposed for Sutherland Shire

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Hub proposal: Leonard Yong says a cyber security centre of excellence would also help raise awareness of the issue in the community.

The convener of a series of cyber security forums in Sutherland Shire is on a mission to develop a centre of excellence, or hub, in the area.

Leonard Yong, of Llli Pilli, is a researcher in computing science and a senior member of the Australian Computer Society.

He has a background in the risk management industry and was chief internal auditor at the Australian Industry Development Corporation.

Mr Yong has already organised one forum and the next will be on Friday, October 21 at Club on East, Sutherland.

The hub he is proposing would not be a physical entity, but would bring together cyber security experts, top academics, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and start-up companies to share expertise and ideas.

Mr Yong believes research organisations such as universities might also wish to be involved in the centre of excellence.

“The cyber security industry is worth US\$71 billion and I would like to see the shire have a bit of the action,” he said.

“We want to start at shire level and build up.”

Mr Yong said many nations were gradually transforming and enhancing their knowledge-based economies and digital economies.

“We need to quickly and fully explore, identify and harness the cyber security technology,” he said.

For further information, or to register for the forum: [cyberhub@outlook.com](mailto:cyberhub@outlook.com)