



Media Release

AIIA Queensland iAwards showcase outstanding Australian innovation

Queensland, Australia – 5 June 2019 -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), the nation's peak industry body for the technology sector, last night announced the Queensland iAwards winners for 2019. AIIA's iAwards, now in its 26th year, is Australia's leading awards and recognition program that brings homegrown innovations to the world stage.

Awards were presented in categories comprising Business Service Markets, Public Sector & Government, Research & Development Project of the Year, Infrastructure & Platforms Project of the Year, Startup of the Year and the Data Insights Innovation of the Year.

At a gala event held last night at the Rydges South Bank in Brisbane, **The Hon. Mick de Brenni, Minister for Digital Technology**, presented *Galaxy Australia* with the Queensland Premier's iAward for Public Sector Innovation.

Minister de Brenni said the event recognises the outstanding achievements of Queenslanders at the cutting edge of technology innovation, as well as leading professionals across the digital economy.

"When it comes to being proud of fellow Queenslanders, it's hard to look past an initiative that allows scientists to identify resolutions to genetic conditions that cause terminal cancer and debilitating disease.

"To put it simply this application could find the next cure for cancer."

Galaxy Australia developed a platform to enable genetic scientists across the globe to test, evaluate and peer review their work for free, making the next cure for chronic disease within reach of anyone with the dedication to look for it, instead of just those with the money and resources.

Minister de Brenni indicated that the Palaszczuk Government is committed to supporting and recognising digital innovators as they build the reputation of Queensland as a technology hub.

"We believe that your ability and drive to make the world a better place should determine your impact on society, not how cashed up you are.

"The award recipients are ready to change the world, to find a cure, to build communities that truly care for each other and bring thousands of tech jobs here to Queensland," said Mr de Brenni.

AIIA CEO Ron Gauci said the innovation showcased by the 2019 finalists builds on the incredible success of last year's iAwards, creating further momentum for the Australian technology sector.

"AIIA would like to congratulate the winners and merit recipients of the 2019 Qld iAwards.

"For 26 years the iAwards has recognised, celebrated and elevated those at the forefront of Australian innovation. This year, we're once again proud to provide a platform for, and encouragement to people in our community who dedicate their time and energy to develop technological ideas that can make a real difference at home, in the office or on a global scale.

"We continue to be inspired by Australian innovators, whether they're in startups, the public sector, community services, primary school, academia, or private enterprise. The outstanding work of the 2019 finalists adds to the growing momentum in Australian innovation, which will create positive change for the community, and play an important part in shaping and growing Australia's modern economy," he said.

Winners and merit recipients across all categories will go on to represent Qld and compete at the National iAwards. National winners will be announced on 29 August 2019 at the prestigious AIIA 2019 iAwards Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony, held in Melbourne, which will be attended by startups, innovators, investors, business and community leaders, and federal and state politicians.

The Queensland iAwards winners and merit recipients are:

Queensland Premier's iAward for Public Sector Innovation:

- Galaxy Australia, Galaxy Australia

Undergraduate Students:

- Winner – Inkquiry, University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology

Consumer Markets:

- Winner - Instant Vehicle Service & Repair Quotes, AutoGuru Australia

Community Service Markets:

- Winner – Galaxy Australia, Galaxy Australia
- Merit – Pain ROADMAP, MNHHS, CSIRO & UQ
- Merit – ionMy: Governance, Risk, Compliance Platform, ThoughtWare Australia

Business Service Markets:

- Winner – Online Assessment Application, aXcelerate
- Merit – Felix, Felix Softward
- Merit - Solar Enablement Initiative (SEI), University of Queensland & Partners

Public Sector & Government:

- Winner - Development.i, Sunshine Coast Council
- Merit - Seniors Concessions Online Service, Department of Housing & Public Works

Research & Development Project of the Year:

- Winner – Pain ROADMAP, MNHHS, CSIRO & UQ
- Merit - Virtual Companions for People with Autism, CSIRO

Infrastructure & Platforms Innovation of the Year:

- Winner - Galaxy Australia, Galaxy Australia
- Merit – eDocs, Master Builders Queensland

Industrial & Primary Industries

- Winner – eDocs, Master Builders Queensland
- Merit - IoT Environmental Monitoring Software Platform, Eagle.io

Startup of the Year:

- Winner – SurePact, SurePact
- Merit - Sortal:Enterprise, ARTlife Solutions

Data Insights Innovation of the Year:

- Winner – Development.i, Sunshine Coast Council
- Merit - ionMy: Governance, Risk, Compliance Platform, ThoughtWare Australia

AllIA's iAwards program is a critical platform demonstrating the impact that its members and the broader technology sector are driving to improve Australia's social and economic prosperity. In the age of the 'ideas boom' the impact of the technology sector that AllIA represents is more crucial to Australia's future than ever before.

The 2019 iAwards is proudly supported by National iAwards Program Partner and Inspiration iAward Sponsor Victoria State Government, National Program Sponsors AuDA, The University of Queensland and NBN Co, Major PitchFest Sponsor CSIRO's Data61 and Platinum table sponsor University of Technology.

The 2019 Queensland iAwards sponsors are: Queensland Premier's iAward Sponsor Advanced Queensland | Queensland Government, event Bronze table sponsors include NBN Co and Dimension Data. The Queensland iAwards Major Education Partner is the University of Technology Sydney.

Descriptions of winner and merit recipient projects:

Development.i, Sunshine Coast Council

Development.i is an innovative web platform designed to empower communities to be informed of the Council's development proposals and engage in the planning process. It sets a new Australian benchmark for accessing development information, providing enhanced searching, instant visualisations, easy to use filters and multiple alert features, and is free to the public.

eDocs, Master Builders Queensland

The Master Builders' eDocs online compliance documentation system provides its members with an easy, fast and convenient way to ensure legislative compliance is adhered to when contractually engaging clients in the residential, commercial and sub-contracting sectors of the construction industry.

Felix, Felix Software

Felix is a cloud-based, modular procurement platform that makes it easy for organisations of all sizes to automate and centralise vendor relationship management and source-to-contract (S2C) activities. Teams use Felix to drive time and cost savings while building better, compliant relationships between procurement, project delivery and vendors.

Galaxy Australia, Galaxy Australia

Genomics, the study of an organism's entire genetic makeup, has revolutionised the life sciences and increasingly medical practice. Data analysis is becoming the domain of specialised computer systems. In order to empower Australian researchers, Galaxy Australia provides a free and easy web accessible platform powered to analyse genome level data.

Inkquiry, University of Queensland

Inkquiry creates software that performs data analytics (through artificial intelligence) on a student's hand written work to identify their common misunderstandings and errors. This saves teachers significant time, enables data to be collected where it was previously impossible, and allows teachers to use this to improve student results.

Instant Vehicle Service & Repair Quotes, AutoGuru Australia

AutoGuru makes it easy for people to compare and book car servicing and repairs online. Like booking.com for cars, vehicle owners enter their vehicle registration, select the service or repairs they require, and get instant quotes from local mechanics that they can easily book online.

ionMy: Governance, Risk, Compliance Platform, ThoughtWare Australia

ionMy evidence-based governance, risk management and compliance software helps remove the pain of addressing ever-increasing compliance requirements and enhances governance oversight via automated alerts and escalations and powerful report visualisations. ionMy transforms data into value, leading to actionable insights and improved outcomes for the aged, community and disability care sectors.

IoT Environmental Monitoring Software Platform, Eagle.io

Environmental monitoring is crucial to understand and manage the impacts of human activities on environmental health. Manual monitoring is slow (does not provide the insights when needed) and expensive. Eagle.io IoT software binds together environmental monitoring hardware stacks so data can be captured, transported, mined and visualised, 24/7. Affordably. Effectively.

Online Assessment Application, aXcelerate

The VET sector is required to assess students using largely paper-based processes that are burdensome for trainers, administrators and students. aXcelerate has created a highly responsive online assessment platform that allows the assessment process to be completed anywhere, anytime with immediate feedback, making competency-based training and assessment more efficient and effective.

Pain ROADMAP, MNHHS, CSIRO & UQ

Pain ROADMAP is a novel mobile health platform that allows clinicians to easily identify what activities have contributed to a severe pain aggravation for an individual with chronic pain. The platform incorporates a commercially available activity monitor, a custom-made mobile phone app, and an online data integration and analysis portal.

Seniors Concessions Online Service, Department of Housing & Public Works

The Seniors Concessions Online Service, developed to support the Queensland: An Age Friendly Community strategy, makes it easier for Queenslanders to apply for a Seniors Card and a range of concessions in one place. By answering a few simple questions, Queenslanders can identify and apply for eligible concessions, saving them money.

Solar Enablement Initiative (SEI), University of Queensland & Partners

The Solar Enablement Initiative has refined and applied a novel state estimation algorithm within three Australian electricity distribution networks to provide a level of visibility over network performance previously unimaginable without significant capital investment. This improved visibility can be leveraged to manage embedded generation connections and dynamically manage the network.

Sortal:Enterprise, ARTlife Solutions

Sortal:Enterprise intuitively helps businesses and individuals manage visual content and image related workflows. Sortal becomes smarter over time to help organisations build digital asset intelligence, retain corporate knowledge, reduce business costs and enable team collaboration.

SurePact, SurePact

SurePact is a risk identification and mitigation solution for the delivery of simple and complex contracts providing improved project and procurement outcomes. SurePact software provides a strong emphasis on visibility, transparency and accountability via SurePact's analytics, allowing for more confident business intelligence decisions and compliance assurances.

Virtual Companions for People with Autism, CSIRO

Harlie is a conversational agent or chat-bot, akin to Apple's Siri, tailored for individuals on the autism spectrum. The goal of Harlie is to help the user build social confidence through regular interactions. Harlie incorporates modules for bullying resilience, speech and language therapy and more.

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About the AIIA's iAwards

AIIA's iAwards honours both companies at the cutting edge of technology innovation as well as leading professionals across the Economy. Most importantly, the iAwards recognises the achievements of home-grown Australian innovators. <http://www.iawards.com.au/>

Join the conversation

AIIA's iAwards get people talking about Innovation. Take advantage of the buzz by joining the conversation on [Twitter with #iAwards](#), liking iAwards on [Facebook](#) and staying in touch with [LinkedIn](#).

About the AIIA

The [Australian Information Industry Association \(AIIA\)](#) is Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for those in the ecosystem. Since 1978, AIIA has pursued activities to stimulate and grow the ecosystem, to create a favourable business environment for members and to contribute to Australia's economic prosperity. AIIA does this by delivering outstanding member value by providing a strong voice of influence; building a sense of community through

events and education; enabling a network for collaboration and inspiration; and developing compelling content and relevant and interesting information.

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