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Local technology innovation impresses at the AIIA's 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards

Australia's peak industry representative body for innovation technology, the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) is proud to announce the winners of the 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards. Sponsored by the ACT Government, the awards unearth, recognise and reward excellence in Australian innovation.

The iAwards are Australia's longest running and most broadly scoped innovation recognition program, promoting excellence in the Australian digital technology ecosystem.

The 28th annual ceremony recognising the entrants from the ACT took place on 21 July at its second ever fully virtual award ceremony. The entry process for the 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards followed last year's widely popular mechanic, with entrants submitting a three-minute pitch along with their submission, for what was called "The BIGGEST Pitch". The entrants demonstrated the incredible ways that businesses, government departments, startups and not-for-profit organisations continue to change and embrace innovative digital technologies.

AIIA CEO, Ron Gauci, said: "A huge congratulations to the winners at this year's Digital Canberra iAwards. The innovation technologies showcased at this year's iAwards is second to none and has amazed the judging panel once again. Each of the winners are brilliant examples of individuals and organisations who are making a difference and have the potential to create positive change for the community. All entrants deserve recognition for their hard work and brilliant ideas. We want to thank them for their continued commitment to furthering Australia's capability in innovation technology."

"Despite the challenges of the past year, this year's iAwards entrants are a demonstration of the fact that innovation and digital technologies can help lead Australia's future. At the heart of the technology industry is the need for growing and nurturing strong local ICT skills. We endeavor for the iAwards to be such a platform for budding innovators. The AIIA strongly believes we need to be inspiring younger generations, both in school and post school, to take up a career in the digital technology sector."

"The AIIA is proud to unearth some of Australia's best innovations. The winners of the 2021 iAwards continue to reflect the immense talent in Australia and the largely untapped potential Australia's ICT sector holds." Mr Gauci said.

The 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards are presented in six categories to showcase the breadth of innovation and technology across multiple sectors.

The 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards winners by Category are:

- **Digital CBR Award & Technology Platform Solution of the Year, sponsored by Telstra Purple and the ACT Government - [Trellis Data](#) - Innovation: Trellis Intelligence Platform, Presented by ACT's Chief Minister Andrew Barr**

- **Government & Public Sector Solution of the Year, sponsored by SYPAQ - [Hearing Australia](#)**
Innovation: HAP-EE
- **Not for Profit & Community Solution of the Year, sponsored by Lenovo - [MindTheGap](#)**
Innovation: MindTheGap
- **Start-Up of the Year, sponsored by CDC - [AugmentHealth Pty Ltd](#)**
Innovation: HUSKI AI
- **Business & Industry Solution of the Year, sponsored by QUTeX - [Flexegraph](#)**
Innovation: Flexegraph

Details on each of our winners can be found below.

Each of the 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards winners will now compete for the coveted National iAwards title which will be announced at the Gala event in September. The AIIA Canberra iAwards are supported by Telstra Purple, Lenovo, SYPAQ, CDC, QUTeX and the ACT Government. The AIIA thanks them for their commitment to supporting the tech sector.

AIIA is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at supporting and advocating for Australia's future social and economic prosperity through technology innovation.

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AIIA's 2021 Digital Canberra iAwards - About the Winners

Government & Public Sector Solution of the Year - Innovation: HAP-EE - Winner:

Hearing Australia

This program, called HAP-EE (Hearing Assessment Program Early Ears) conducts diagnostic hearing assessments, education, and training with a focus in regional and remote communities where access to hearing services are minimal. Our solution is different in that we have empowered the users to develop solutions that are not for purpose yet remain compatible with enterprise IT.

Not for Profit & Community Solution of the Year - Innovation: MindTheGap - **Winner:**

MindTheGap

MindTheGap is an online healthcare directory built on this premise. With a single, free search, it lets anyone find all of the healthcare practitioners around them and then compare them by the cost of their basic services to quickly and easily and the practitioner who best meets their affordability criteria.

Start-Up of the Year - Innovation: HUSKI AI - **Winner:** AugmentHealth Pty Ltd

HUSKI AI is grounded in a knowledge machine that consists of 12 intelligent engines that orchestrate together to optimise its support for diverse and complex discoveries and evolution with an easy to use interface for optimized user experiences, which hides its underlying complexity.

Business & Industry Solutions of the Year - Innovation: Flexegraph - **Winner:**

Flexegraph

Flexegraph is an advanced liquid coolant that has superior thermal properties over traditional coolants. Whether in your car, a power station or Data Center, these older coolants are all essentially the same and use a water / glycol mix based on technology that is over 100 years old. At Flexegraph we take a new approach, using a suspension of Graphene that carries heat 10,000 times better than water. This means more efficient removal of heat from electrical systems, better performance, and a reduction of otherwise wasted energy.

Technology Platform Solution of the Year - Innovation: Trellis Intelligence Platform -

Winner: Trellis Data

Trellis Intelligence Platform is being trialled by the Federal Government to deliver 100% surveillance across the nation's container ports, to stop invasive pests from breaching biosecurity's processes, and the destruction of our precious food basins. The technology allows pests to be detected on the outside of every container that is transported from ship to shore in Australia.

About AIIA

The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) is Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for those in the digital ecosystem. Since 1978 AIIA has pursued activities to stimulate and grow the digital ecosystem, to create a favourable business environment for members and to contribute to Australia's economic prosperity. We do 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.