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**AIIA National iAwards 2024: Celebrating Technology Innovation with Impact in  
National Gala Event in Adelaide**

The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) proudly hosted the National iAwards 2024 and Gala Event, Australia's most recognised technology innovation awards program at Sky City in Adelaide on Thursday 29 August 2024. Deputy Premier of South Australia Susan Close welcomed finalists, attendees and gave an address.

Almost 400 people from across Australia including award finalists and tech leaders from industry and government gathered in Adelaide to celebrate those who are not just pushing the boundaries of commercial success but are also making meaningful contributions to the Australian society.

Winners of the National iAwards will have the honour of representing Australia on the international stage at the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards in Brunei later this year. This is a unique opportunity to highlight Australian ingenuity and innovation on a global platform, furthering the country's reputation as a leader in technology and innovation.

AIIA CEO, Simon Bush, said: "The remarkable innovations showcased at the National iAwards are a testament to the incredible talent and creativity within Australia's tech community. These innovations are not just transforming industries on a national level but are also poised to make a significant impact on the international stage. We are proud to support and celebrate these achievements, as they represent the future of technology and its potential to change the world for the better."

The National iAwards 2024 featured a diverse range of categories designed to recognise excellence in different areas of technology and innovation. The esteemed winners are as follows:

- **Business & Industry, sponsored by asana:** Sprightly by Sprightly Transport Solutions Pty Ltd.
- **Education & Student Solution of the Year:** InnerSteps by InnerSteps (Incorporated as Ellie Holdings Pty Ltd).
- **Government & Public Sector, sponsored by the Digital Transformation Agency:** Quantum computing error mitigation by CSIRO.
- **Not for Profit & Community, sponsored by AustralianSuper:** Chain-FS by Nansen Digital Forensics.
- **Start-Up, sponsored by CDC Data Centres:** Stoktake by Stoktake.
- **Sustainability & Environmental, sponsored by Lenovo:** Containers for Change Collect by WA Return Recycle Renew Limited.
- **Technology Platform Solution, sponsored by Reason Group:** Tasmanian Government Radio Network (TasGRN) by Telstra and the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

- **Diversity, sponsored by Dell:** OK RDY.
- **Inspiration, sponsored by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources:** Chain-FS by Nansen Digital Forensics.
- **Trailblazer, sponsored by InvestSA:** Stoktake by Stoktake.
- **Chief Judge's Innovation:** VetChip by VetChip.

The AIIA National iAwards 2024 was a night of celebration, inspiration, and recognition of the innovators who are shaping the future of technology in Australia and beyond. The AIIA thanks all sponsors, including Datacom for the pre-dinner drinks. We applaud their commitment in supporting Australia's future social and economic prosperity through technology innovation.

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## **AIIA's 2024 National iAwards - About the Winners**

### **Chain-FS by Nansen Digital Forensics**

Chain-FS is a novel (patent pending) blend of blockchain, cloud and smart contract technologies that creates a vendor agnostic cost-effective, immutable, trust-less storage system. The first use case is focused on using Chain-FS to empower victims of domestic violence to break free from violence and rebuild their lives without the constant threat of critical data theft, alteration, or destruction, which often hinders their escape. Chain-FS is currently being piloted by four domestic violence support agencies in NSW and Victoria.

### **Containers for Change Collect by WA Return Recycle Renew Limited**

530 million 10¢ containers go to waste each year in WA, prompting WARRRL to develop an on-demand pick-up service for residential and commercial customers. With 6 million containers collected in just four months, and \$600,000 returned to the community amidst a cost-of-living crisis, Collect demonstrates significant environmental and economic impact.

### **InnerSteps by InnerSteps (Incorporated as Ellie Holdings Pty Ltd)**

InnerSteps is a pioneering mobile application designed to address the growing mental health crisis among children aged 5-12. Utilising advanced AI technology, InnerSteps offers personalised storytelling based on each child's mental health needs, interests, and preferences, integrating clinical strategies to provide therapeutic benefits.

### **OK RDY**

The Women in Security Mentoring Network connects women looking to embark on or progress in their security careers, with experienced mentors across the cyber, security, national intelligence and STEM-related industries. This initiative is aimed to help attract, develop and retain female participation in Australia's security sector through a secure and supportive mentoring network.

### **Quantum computing error mitigation by CSIRO**

Spin-Error Mitigation for Optimisation (SEMO) is a patent-pending quantum computing error mitigation invention developed by CSIRO to address the qubit noise for solving combinatorial optimisation problems with quantum/simulated annealers. SEMO has shown significant advancements in quantum annealing efficiency, notably reducing the time required to achieve true-optimal solutions.

### **Sprightly by Sprightly Transport Solutions Pty Ltd**

Sprightly is a cutting-edge hybrid technology solution for public route buses, merging multiple standalone IT system capabilities into one that is single black box, single antenna and single SIM. Sprightly is doing far more with far less, setting a new standard for efficiency; creating better solutions to long term problems such as passenger accessibility and safety, and driver stress and retention.

### **Stoktake by Stoktake**

Stoktake is an Australian innovation that introduces a pioneering AI-powered facial recognition platform for livestock, setting new industry standards in assurance, traceability, and verification. Stoktake not only optimises supply chain efficiencies but also enhances the safety and transparency of the livestock industry, contributing to improved food safety and animal welfare and enabling a plethora of automations in the industry.



**Tasmanian Government Radio Network (TasGRN) by Telstra and the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management**

TasGRN has brought together all Tasmanian Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance and SES), Land Managers and Power Authorities onto a single radio network who previously operated over 5 separate radio networks. TasGRN provides a single fully encrypted P25 Digital Trunked Radio network and covers 75% of Tasmania. It was built by Telstra in close collaboration with Motorola solutions and the State.

**VetChip by VetChip**

VetChip is developing a novel smart health tracking technology that will revolutionise the way we look after and care for our animals. VetChip supercharges existing microchips to work just like a FitBit under the skin providing animal owners with real-time health insights for healthier animals, empowered vets and happier owners.