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Outstanding Technology Innovation Honoured at 2026 SA/NT iAwards

Australia's peak industry representative body for those in the digital ecosystem, the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), is proud to announce the winners and merit recipients of the 2026 SA/NT iAwards. As Australia's longest-running innovation recognition program, the iAwards uncover, recognise and reward excellence in Australian innovation.

AIIA CEO, Elizabeth Whitelock, said "South Australia and the Northern Territory keep proving that great innovation is not bound by scale. This year's winners are improving classrooms, care homes and country roads with technology that is practical, human-centred and ready to deploy."

"From AI that gives people back their own voice to systems that make rural intersections safer, the SA/NT field shows a clear focus on outcomes that matter to everyday people and the communities they live in."

The 2026 SA/NT iAwards winners and merit recipients were recognised across multiple categories, reflecting the breadth of innovation occurring across the economy.

The 2026 SA/NT iAwards winners and merit recipients by category:

- Artificial Intelligence Technology, sponsored by the National AI Centre:
 - Winner: BlueAI: Your AI, Your Voice, Your Way by Blue Crystal Solutions
- Business & Industry, sponsored by Optus:
 - Winner: RaiseWisely by Creart Digital Media Pty Ltd
- Government & Public Sector, sponsored by the Digital Transformation Agency:
 - Winner: LEAP AI by Department for Education, South Australia
- Industrial Technology, sponsored by Datacom:
 - Winner: PreBuilder by PreBuilder Pty Ltd
- Not-for-Profit & Community, sponsored by DataDriven:
 - Winner: NovaCare AI by TDVC Pty Ltd
 - Merit Recipient: Auslan Care AI by Torrens University

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- Start-Up, sponsored by CDC Data Centres:
 - Winner: Keen Care by Keen Care Australia Pty Ltd
 - Merit Recipient: Switchboard | Australia's First Boring Bill Autopilot by Switchboard
- Student, sponsored by Deloitte:
 - Winner: JuristFlow by Torrens University
 - Merit Recipient: EzBeachbot by Torrens University
- Technology Platform, sponsored by Reason Group:
 - Winner: RJAWS Lite, Intelligent Rural Intersection Safety System by SAGE Automation

Details on each of our winners can be found below.

Each of the 2026 SA/NT iAwards winners will now compete for the coveted National iAwards title, which will be announced at the National iAwards Gala Dinner on 27 August. The AIIA iAwards are supported by the NSW Department of Customer Service, CDC Data Centres, the Digital Transformation Agency, Lenovo, Deloitte, Dell Technologies, Optus, DataDriven, Reason Group, the National AI Centre, Datacom, ServiceNow and KPMG. The AIIA thanks them for their commitment to supporting the tech sector. The 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 2026 SA/NT iAwards - About the Winners

BlueAI: Your AI, Your Voice, Your Way

AI is everywhere. Sometimes, we wish we could speak our mind instead of typing. BlueAI makes that possible. By integrating voice cloning, speech processing, and private knowledge retrieval in one pipeline, it enables voice-to-voice AI interactions that sound human, deployed privately on your own LLM, and learns with each conversation.

RaiseWisely

RaiseWisely is a research-informed digital wellbeing platform for parents and educators, combining living evidence with co-designed insights from lived experience. It translates academic research into practical tools, shared language, and strategies to support healthy technology use, strengthen relationships, and guide children's development in a digital world.

LEAP AI

The Learning English: Achievement and Proficiency EdChat app (LEAP AI) revolutionises English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) assessment in South Australia, reducing a 30 to 60-minute process to seconds. Its innovative and ethical AI deployment has saved over \$1.8 million and over 30,000 educator hours, allowing teachers more time to support learners.

PreBuilder

Fragmented systems & tech-stacks, costly hard-to-access information, regulatory red tape, and disconnected stakeholders force both professionals and homeowners to navigate construction blindly, with no single source of truth, no clear workflow, no end-to-end visibility and no single solution. PreBuilder is the All-In-One Project Intelligence Platform for Residential Construction.

NovaCare AI

NovaCare AI is a proactive gerontechnology ecosystem that replaces reactive call bells with interactive bedside A.I. avatars and contactless sensors. By utilising LLM-based triage and smart dispatch, it automatically categorises emergencies, actively delays risky bed exits, and dynamically routes tasks, effectively reducing emergency response times by 60%.

Keen Care

Keen Care is a purpose-built SaaS platform for Australian NDIS, aged care, and home care providers. It automates SCHADS Award interpretation, GPS-verified attendance, NDIS-compliant billing, and real-time margin visibility replacing disconnected generic tools with a single, intelligent operating system designed exclusively for the regulated care sector.

JuristFlow

JuristFlow is an AI-powered legal intelligence platform developed by a student-led team from Torrens University Australia to eliminate administrative bottlenecks in Community Legal Centres and Legal Aid services. By using sophisticated technology stack domain-specific small language models - the platform converts unstructured case files into structured, actionable briefs and identifies key risks automatically.

RJAWS Lite, Intelligent Rural Intersection Safety System

RJAWS Lite is a solar-powered safety system that uses radar sensing and embedded intelligence to deliver real-time warnings at high-risk rural intersections. By activating only

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when collision risk is elevated, it reduces crashes while enabling scalable, cost-effective deployment where traditional infrastructure upgrades are impractical.