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Queensland's Tech Trailblazers Shine at 2026 QLD 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 QLD iAwards. As Australia's longest-running innovation recognition program, the iAwards uncover, recognise and reward excellence in Australian innovation.

AIIA CEO, Elizabeth Whitelock, said "Queensland's innovators are turning emerging technology into tangible results, from safer roads and smarter classrooms to cleaner energy and stronger biosecurity. The creativity and technical excellence on show this year is genuinely impressive."

"Whether it is keeping hazardous weather in check, protecting our borders from invasive species, or delivering round-the-clock carbon-free energy, Queensland's winners are building solutions with national and global potential."

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

The 2026 QLD iAwards winners and merit recipients by category:

- Artificial Intelligence Technology, sponsored by the National AI Centre:
 - Winner: The Vivedus Planner by Vivedus Pty Ltd
 - Merit Recipient: Smilo.ai by Oral Tech AI Pty Ltd
- Business & Industry, sponsored by Optus:
 - Winner: SMSi - Shutdown Management System On the Internet by IMMS Pty Ltd (developers of SMSi)
 - Merit Recipient: Credentials Cloud by TX Management Systems Pty Ltd T/A SkillsTX
- Diversity, sponsored by Dell Technologies:
 - Winner: Greenbeam's Skills-First Workforce Initiative by Greenbeam
- Government & Public Sector, sponsored by the Digital Transformation Agency:
 - Winner: Graffiti Scanner by Urban Trace Systems Pty Ltd
 - Merit Recipient: AI-Powered Bark Logging by Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)

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- Industrial Technology, sponsored by Datacom:
 - o Winner: NexusIQ by Airnexus Pty Ltd
- Not-for-Profit & Community, sponsored by DataDriven:
 - o Winner: Taxodactyl by QCIF
- Start-Up, sponsored by CDC Data Centres:
 - o Winner: DoubleDesk by DoubleDesk
 - o Merit Recipient: Thryvve by Thryvve
- Student, sponsored by Deloitte:
 - o Winner: AI Drowsiness Detection System by Southern Cross University
 - o Merit Recipient: Uniqueable by Brisbane Girls Grammar School
- Sustainability & Environmental, sponsored by Lenovo:
 - o Winner: AESOP Optimisation for Superhybrid 24/7 CFE by Sunshine Hydro
 - o Merit Recipient: AMS Autonomous Bioreactor Platform by Advanced Microbial Systems Pty Ltd T/A Micro-Genix
- Technology Platform, sponsored by Reason Group:
 - o Winner: HailTracker by Weatherwatch
 - o Merit Recipient: Bdna Public Safety Platform by bdna
 - o Merit Recipient: Multi-Resolution Scanner by CSIRO

Details on each of our winners can be found below.

Each of the 2026 QLD 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 QLD iAwards - About the Winners

The Vivedus Planner

The Vivedus Planner is a curriculum planning SaaS platform where an AI pedagogical coach, ViV-iT, guides teachers to create fully differentiated, curriculum-aligned unit and lesson plans meeting Highly Accomplished teacher standards. Trained on ACARA, APST, and Vivedus pedagogy, it combines expert AI grounding with human-in-the-loop teacher control.

SMSi - Shutdown Management System On the Internet

The SMSi solution empowers maintenance shutdown teams to seamlessly manage the entire shutdown process in a single, user-friendly platform, reducing overruns and maximising plant uptime.

Greenbeam's Skills-First Workforce Initiative

Greenbeam embeds diversity and inclusion by redesigning how capability is measured and governed. Using structured frameworks, evidence-based assessment and accountable decision-making, it reduces bias and expands access to opportunity. This capability-first model has delivered measurable diversity outcomes and serves as a scalable approach for building more inclusive, high-performing workforces.

Graffiti Scanner

Graffiti Scanner is a civic intelligence platform that transforms graffiti from reactive clean-up into data-driven prevention. It enables councils and police to identify patterns and support targeted intervention, reducing repeat incidents and associated costs using geospatial analytics and computer vision.

NexusIQ

AirNexus is a purpose-built hardware ecosystem that interfacing directly with major HVAC brand proprietary protocols. NexusIQ is the cloud platform that transforms that raw equipment data into real-time monitoring, AI-powered diagnostics, predictive maintenance, and energy optimisation. Together, they turn commercial air conditioning from a reactive cost-centre into intelligent, data-driven infrastructure.

Taxodactyl

Taxodactyl is an analysis workflow that identifies the species of a biological sample based on DNA sequence data. It is designed to support Australia's biosecurity program by helping them better identify notifiable species before they cross the border.

DoubleDesk

DoubleDesk is a voice-first AI platform built for non-technical small business owners. One product delivers two roles: an AI receptionist that handles complex calls like quoting and booking, and a digital workforce that automates repetitive admin. Innovation that closes the AI divide for Australian small business.

AI Drowsiness Detection System

The Multi-Sensory Driver Drowsiness Detection Device is a privacy-first, edge-AI system. By continuously monitoring eye closure, yawning, and head droop, it detects driver fatigue in real-time. Upon detection, it triggers an immediate, simultaneous sound alarm and scent release, providing a fail-safe awakening mechanism to prevent fatal road accidents.

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AESOP Optimisation for Superhybrid 24/7 CFE

Sunshine Hydro's Superhybrid™ integrates renewable generation, Long Duration Energy Storage, electrolysis, and green methanol production into a single asset optimised by proprietary AESOP software. It delivers 24/7 Carbon Free Energy, green hydrogen, and green methanol under long-term contracts, replacing fossil fuel base load and peaking capacity without compromising reliability.

HailTracker

HailTracker is a hail intelligence platform providing real-time hail verification, address level forensic data, and automated hail alerting for insurers and solar farms. Its SmartHail engine autonomously tracks thunderstorms across Australia's entire radar network, updating every 5 minutes and predicting where hail will strike up to 30 minutes ahead.