



Media Release

TasICT Awards for ICT Excellence & AIIA iAwards showcases outstanding Australian innovation

Hobart, Australia – 1 July 2019 -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), the nation's peak industry body for the technology sector, announced on Friday 28 June, the Tasmanian iAwards winners for 2019 at the TasICT Annual Awards Night which incorporates the AIIA iAwards and TasICT Awards for ICT Excellence.

At the gala event held at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre, awards were presented in categories comprising Research & Development Project of the Year, Public Sector & Government, Industrial & Primary Industries, Students, Infrastructure & Platforms Innovation of the Year and Data Insights Innovation of the Year.

AIIA's iAwards, now in its 26th year, is Australia's leading awards and recognition program that brings homegrown digital innovations to the world stage. 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 Tasmanian iAwards.

"For 26 years the iAwards has recognised, celebrated and elevated those at the forefront of Australian digital 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.

"Every year the number of iAwards entries grows, highlighting the remarkable innovation that exists in Tasmania, and the contribution it makes to the nation's digital economy. We continue to be amazed by the creativity, ingenuity and resourcefulness of the Tasmanian community."

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

The Tasmanian iAwards winners and merit recipients are:

Undergraduate Tertiary Students:

- Winner – Wellbeing, University of Tasmania

Public Sector & Government:

- Winner – Aurora PAYG+, Aurora Energy & RXP Group

Research & Development Project of the Year:

- Winner – Tassal Land Based Feeding Solution, Intuit Technologies
- Merit – Basin Futures, CSIRO's Data61 & Land & Water

Industrial & Primary Industries:

- Winner – Tassal Land Based Feeding Solution, Intuit Technologies
- Merit – Basin Futures, CSIRO's Data61 & Land & Water
- Merit – Autonomous Offshore Aquaculture Feeding System, Huon Aquaculture Group

Infrastructure & Platforms Innovation of the Year:

- Winner – Tassal Land Based Feeding Solution, Intuit Technologies

Automation Technologies Innovation of the Year:

- Winner – Autonomous Offshore Aquaculture Feeding System, Huon Aquaculture Group

Data Insights Innovation of the Year:

- Winner – Basin Futures, CSIRO's Data61 & Land & Water

AIIA'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 AIIA represents is more crucial to Australia's future than ever before.

Descriptions of winner and merit recipient projects:

Aurora PAYG+, Aurora Energy & RXP Group

Aurora PAYG+ gives customers greater transparency and control to manage their energy consumption and budget. Using advanced meter technology, time-of-use pricing and an intuitive digital interface, it provides customers with visibility of their daily account balance and usage behaviour, timely alerts, and in-app payment options to immediately top-up their balance.

Autonomous Offshore Aquaculture Feeding System, Huon Aquaculture Group

Huon Aquaculture has developed and deployed an innovative fish feeding system that uses a combination of industrial automation and artificial intelligence to autonomously control feed rates in offshore fish farms by identifying and tracking feed pellets within the water column using machine vision and machine learning.

Basin Futures, CSIRO's Data61 & Land and Water

Basin Futures makes basin water planning accessible anywhere in the world by significantly reducing barriers to entry. It allows users to assess changes in water resources under future

scenarios (for example, climate change, changes in irrigation, hydro and industry) using global data and cloud-based simulation, delivered through a dynamic web application.

Tassal Land Based Feeding Solution, Intuit Technologies

In collaboration with Tassal Operations, Intuit Technologies recently launched a land-based feeding centre. This IoT technology has allowed Tassal to feed more than 15 million fish remotely from their Hobart office. The technology used is world-leading and has placed Tassal at the forefront of innovation in the aquaculture industry.

Wellbeing, University of Tasmania

The “My Wellbeing Kit” app includes a set of beautiful images to help users think about what helps them stay on track. Users can make notes on image cards and can add pictures to remind them what makes them feel healthy and well. A password-protected journal and helpful contacts are included.

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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 Digital Economy. Most importantly, the iAwards recognises the achievements of home-grown Australian innovators.

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Join the conversation

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About the 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. 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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