



Media Release

AIIA South Australia and Northern Territory iAwards showcase outstanding Australian innovation

Adelaide, South Australia – 21 June 2019 -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), the nation's peak industry body for the technology sector, last night announced the South Australia/Northern Territory iAwards winners for 2019. AIIA's iAwards, now in its 26th year, is Australia's leading awards and recognition program that brings homegrown innovations to the world stage.

Awards were presented in categories comprising Business Service Markets, Public Sector & Government, Research & Development Project of the Year, Infrastructure & Platforms Project of the Year, Startup of the Year and the Data Insights Innovation of the Year.

At a gala event held last night at the Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre, The Hon. Steven Marshall, Premier of South Australia, presented the 2019 South Australian Premier's iAward for Public Sector Innovation. The event also welcomed The Hon. David Pisoni, Minister for Innovation and Skills.

"These awards honour the outstanding achievements of the public sector, individuals and companies at the cutting edge of technological innovation, as well as leading professionals across the digital economy," Premier Marshall said.

"I'd like to congratulate all of tonight's winners, and thank them for their efforts to improve our lives and workplaces."

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 SA/NT iAwards.

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

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

The SA/NT iAwards winners and merit recipients are:

SA Premier's iAward for Public Sector Innovation:

- Winner - Street Connect, South Australian Housing Authority

Junior Students:

- Winner – Emergency KID, Murray Bridge High School (SA)

Consumer Markets:

- Winner - Tekuma: Revolutionising Tactile Control, Tekuma (SA)
- Merit - Forever Has Fallen, Forever Has Fallen (SA)

Community Service Markets:

- Winner – Aboriginal Recorded Voice Announcement, Northern Territory Police (NT)
- Winner – Digital Treatment for Tinnitus Sufferers, Valetud T/A Tinnitus Treatment & Pernix (SA)
- Merit – Street Connect, South Australian Housing Authority (SA)
- Merit - Family DOORS App, Relationships Australia, South Australia

Business Service Markets:

- Merit – INSPIRE: Learning with Diversity, SRA Information Technology & Catholic Education NT (NT)
- Winner – LAAMP, Cortex Interactive (SA)

Public Sector & Government:

- Winner – Street Connect, South Australian Housing Authority (SA)
- Merit - Passive Radar for Space Situational Awareness, Silentium Defence (SA)
- Merit - ORION Project, Data to Decisions CRC (SA)

Research & Development Project of the Year:

- Winner – GAIA, Consilium Technology (SA)
- Merit - ORION Project, Data to Decisions CRC (SA)

Infrastructure & Platforms Innovation of the Year:

- Winner - Elders Smart Farmer Digital Transformation, Elders (SA)
- Merit – LAAMP, Cortex Interactive (SA)

Industrial & Primary Industries

- Winner – GAIA, Consilium Technology (SA)

Startup of the Year:

- Winner – Digital Treatment for Tinnitus Sufferers, Valetud T/A Tinnitus Treatment & Pernix (SA)
- Merit – Passive Radar for Space Situational Awareness, Silentium Defence (SA)

Data Insights Innovation of the Year:

- Winner – Digital Treatment for Tinnitus Suffers, Valetud T/A Tinnitus Treatment & Pernix (SA)

Automation Technologies Innovation of the Year

- Winner – GAIA, Consilium Technology

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

The 2019 iAwards is proudly supported by National iAwards Program Partner and Inspiration iAward Sponsor Victoria State Government, National Program Sponsors AuDA, The University of Queensland and NBN Co, Major PitchFest Sponsor CSIRO's Data61 and Platinum table sponsor UTS.

The 2019 SA/NT iAwards sponsors are: SA Premier's iAward Sponsor, South Australian Government ; Platinum Sponsor Microsoft, Bronze table Sponsors include NBN Co, DWS & Symplicit, Telstra, MEGT and NEC.

Descriptions of winner and merit recipient projects:**Aboriginal Recorded Voice Announcement, Northern Territory Police**

All police stations in the Northern Territory now have a recorded voice announcement at the beginning of each call in the local Aboriginal language. If staff are not able to answer the call then the caller can leave a voice message that is sent to the police station via email.

Digital Treatment for Tinnitus Sufferers, Valetud T/A Tinnitus Treatment & Pernix

Targeting affordable, accessible treatment for 20% of the population suffering from tinnitus. A digital platform designed and recommended by an ear, nose and throat specialist doctor. Delivering a customised narrowband sound via an individual's mobile device, which teaches the brain to ignore tinnitus thereby reducing its impact, resulting in better quality of life.

Elders Smart Farmer Digital Transformation, Elders

Elders has partnered with HCL Technologies to build a mobile app called 'Smart Farmer' to support digital applications that are smart, easy-to-use and cloud-driven, which can scale based on demand and integrate with a variety of third-party data sources in a reliable and secure way.

Emergency KID, Murray Bridge High School

Emergency KID, the safety application by kids for kids. Emergency KID is an innovative mobile app designed to educate, and help children who find themselves in emergencies such as dealing with injuries or contacting emergency services. The app is colourful yet simple, to be engaging to its target audience, kids.

Forever Has Fallen, Forever Has Fallen

Blockbuster storytelling using a fictional world made of film, augmented reality, websites, mobile devices and live events. Fans engage in global gameplay as they hunt for the truth, solve challenges and earn rewards. This new fan-centric model redefines how blockbuster entertainment is produced and consumed.

GAIA, Consilium Technology

GAIA is a revolutionary web application developed by Consilium Technology, which automatically locates and monitors individual high-value crops at continent-scale. In a global first, GAIA has mapped and measured every vine row within Australia. GAIA also delivers crop health maps and intelligent analytics – enabling organisations to make better decisions.

INSPIRE: Learning with Diversity, SRA Information Technology & Catholic Education NT

INSPIRE is an integrated software platform, supporting schools to improve learning outcomes for students with additional needs. INSPIRE helps to identify, plan, support, adjust, refer, manage, assess and report on all disability and diversity categories. INSPIRE complies with the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) policy.

LAAMP, Cortex Interactive

LAAMP is an innovative, immersive learning solution harnessing virtual reality and augmented reality technologies to maximise learning outcomes. Addressing barriers associated with traditional methods, LAAMP increases retention and engagement, reduces costs, and improves compliance and occupational health and safety. LAAMP's tailored approach supports and empowers learners across all levels, ensuring a smarter, safer workplace.

ORION Project, Data to Decisions CRC

When a patient leaves hospital after a heart procedure, little is known about the outcome of the treatment, for example, did they experience complications within 30 days? The ORION project uses healthcare records to create an Australian-first nationwide assessment of hospital-based care using advanced statistical techniques and big data analysis.

Passive Radar for Space Situational Awareness, Silentium Defence

Silentium Defence's Passive Radar for Space Situational Awareness provides critical insight into the growing number of objects in orbit around earth. Range, rate of movement and orbit can be tracked passively (covertly) for the first-time enabling Australia's Defence Force and allies to achieve mission assurance, global competitiveness and national security.

Street Connect, South Australian Housing Authority

Street Connect is a web app helping to provide support more quickly to people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city. Anyone can drop a pin on the map to show where they have seen someone sleeping rough. Street to Home, a specialist homelessness service, uses this information to visit the person.

Tekuma: Revolutionising Tactile Control, Tekuma

Revolutionising tactile control. Control six- degrees of movement of a device with one hand and without looking down. Free up other hand to control device's peripheral, for example: Camera on a drone, robotic arm or delivery mechanism. Intuitive, robust and universal. We reduce the time, cost, personnel and training required.

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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 Economy. Most importantly, the iAwards recognises the achievements of home-grown Australian innovators. <http://www.iawards.com.au/>

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AIIA's iAwards get people talking about Innovation. Take advantage of the buzz by joining the conversation on [Twitter with #iAwards](#), liking iAwards on [Facebook](#) and staying in touch with [LinkedIn](#).

About the AIIA

The [Australian Information Industry Association \(AIIA\)](#) is Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for those in the ecosystem. Since 1978, AIIA has pursued activities to stimulate and grow the 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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