Finalists Announced for Western Australian ICT Innovation

Western Australia's strong ICT sector is heating up with finalists for the **24th Annual WAITTA INCITE Awards** being announced. This premier event is a stepping stone for many finalists who go on to compete against tough international and national competition.

Last year Western Australia showed the world just how strong its ICT sector was with seven WA finalists taking home four wins and three merits at the 2014 National iAwards. These seven finalists later went on to compete at the international Asia Pacific ICT Awards, with one finalist beating out its international competition for a win.

The 24th WAITTA INCITE Awards finalist projects covered an extensive range of sectors with products aimed at developing health, education, culture and crime prevention.

Online theft and anti-crime software was a common theme amongst this year's finalists, with products across categories aimed at stopping cyber-attacks on bank accounts, reducing fuel theft, and high-tech forensic computer software.

GoPC.net's **BankVault** software stops cyber theft from bank accounts. The increase in sophistication and frequency of cyber-attacks is exploding. Two Factor Authentication (2FA) hasn't stopped many business or their banks from being duped. BankVault is a new cyber security device which keeps your banking invisible and out of reach from hackers.

The **SImPLE** project, developed by Edith Cowan University and WA Police, centres on the development of a highly tailored software application to enable the forensic examination and exportation of selected data from computers. It provides for the rapid, reliable assessment of computer systems in-situ by minimally trained personnel in a forensically sound manner.

Scancam, by Scancam Industries is the world's first cloud based smart anti fuel theft solution. The real-time, easy to use application supports a network of cameras linked to an optical character recognition engine and automates: licence plate monitoring at the bowser, database reference checking, incident reporting and provides a debt recovery solution.

Developed by Ajilon Australian with WA Police, the **MobileHQ** solution enables WA Police officers to perform real time search of people, vehicles and locations using a hand held mobile device. MobileHQ is a HTML 5 application that is device and platform agnostic enabling it to work on any mobile phone or tablet device.

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Each of the outstanding ICT professionals and projects will now face a round of judging sessions before the winners are announced at the WAITTA INCITE Gala Presentation on Friday 19 June 2015 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The awards honour companies and individuals at the cutting edge of technology innovation and the role they play within this industry on a worldwide scale.

WAITTA INCITE Organising Committee Chair Sue Findlay said "this year's finalists have delivered an exciting collection of new and established projects in the ICT Sector."

"Many of the project finalists have already been implemented world-wide, showing just how high the calibre of nominees is this year. We have exciting times ahead of us as we watch many of the projects go on to help Western Australia grow as an intellectual state" said Sue.

The 24th WAITTA INCITE Awards seeks to shine a spotlight on ICT products, technical solutions or projects showcasing innovation.

The INCITE Awards acknowledges the contribution of individuals in the ICT industry with awards for CIO of the Year, Achiever of the Year and for the first time the ICT Entrepreneur of the Year. The recognition of the work these people do, and their contribution to the strength of the overall digital economy in Australia, is a vital element in ensuring ICT innovation is nurtured and encouraged.

The INCITE Awards provides opportunities to both the companies at the cutting edge of technology innovation as well as leading professionals across the industry to be recognised and celebrated.

The finalists in the categories are as follows:
DEVELOPMENT AWARD
New Product:
- City Beach Software for Omnivore
- GoPC.net for BankVault
- Norwood Systems Pty Ltd for WorldPhone
- PCP Sensemaking Pty Ltd and NEC Australia for Glyma Knowledge Visualisation Tool

Research & Development:
- Edith Cowan University and WA Police for SImPLE
- Radlink Communications for BVR 5000 - SCADA Controller
- Scancam Industries Pty Ltd for Scancam Industries Pty Ltd

Tools:
- Ignia and Fortescue Metals Group for Revolutionising Mining Operations Through Informed Decision Making

GOVERNMENT AWARD:
- Ajilon Australia Pty Ltd and WA Police for MobileHQ
- City of Perth for City of Perth Parking - CPAMS
- Department of Education Western Australia for Connect

REGIONS & INDUSTRY AWARD
Industrial:
- Radlink Communications for BVR 5000 - SCADA Controller
- ThoughtWorks Australia Pty Ltd and Independent Market Operator for IMO Market Pulse

Regional:
- Australian Telephone Networks for Project: Hawthorn House, Albany - Alzheimers Association of WA

Resources:
- Expedio for OCRIS - Complete Data Management
- Radlink Communications for BVR 5000 - SCADA Controller
- Sentient Computing Pty Ltd for MVX

SERVICES AWARD
Education:
- Children's Services Support Unit for Virtual Childcare Game
- Department of Education Western Australia for Connect for Education
- GroupMap Technology for GroupMap
- ThoughtWorks Australia Pty Ltd and Curtin University for Fireballs In the Sky

Financial:
- Hard Hat Bookkeeper for Hard Hat Bookkeeper

Health:
- Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for CommunicAid
- HealthEngine for HealthEngine

SOCIETY AWARD
Community:
- Gaia Resources for Dolphin Watch
- ThoughtWorks Australia and Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd for Yawuru Language App

Consumer:
- CipherTel Pty Ltd for CipherTel Pty Ltd
- Norwood Systems Pty Ltd for WorldPhone

START-UP AWARD:
- Tap into Safety Pty Ltd for Tap into Safety Interactive Safety Training
- Today We Learned for Today We Learned
- Virtualiis for Virtualiis

STUDENT AWARD

Secondary Student Project:

- Emily McDonagh - Perth College for Luckey

Postgraduate Tertiary Student Project:

- Amos Wolfe & Adam Peacock - Edith Cowan University for City of Perth iWalk Trails
- Krishnun Sansurooah - Edith Cowan University for READ IT Data Recovery
- Matthew Heinsen Egan - The University of Western Australia for SeeC
- Umar Asif - The University of Western Australia for AIPAR: Artificial Intelligence Personal Assistant Robot

Undergraduate Tertiary Student Project:

- Anthony Phan - Curtin University for Robotic Hand Exoskeleton
- Ayesha Malshani, Zainab Maleki & Vedusha Chooram - Edith Cowan University for Advocare Web Tool
- Wan Ying Goh, Leighland Swan, Nikola Milunovic, Marco Susilo & Dennis Robey - The University of Western Australia for Whiteflybase

The WAITTA INCITE Gala Presentation is on Friday 19 June 2015 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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An in depth look in to the finalists' profiles is provided in the other attachment.

To arrange interviews or photo opportunities with any of the finalists or past winners please contact Andree McIntyre on 0417 187 025 or email <u>andreemmm@iinet.net.au</u>

BACKGROUND

The WA <u>Information Technology</u> and Telecommunications Alliance (WAITTA) INCITE Awards have been conducted annually since 1991 by the WA Branch of the Australian Computer Society Inc. The purpose of the WAITTA INCITE Awards is to recognise outstanding performance and contributions by members of the ICT community in Western Australia. The awards honour the exceptional contribution of Western Australians to various sectors with inventions, products and developments over the previous year. WAITTA is a not-for-profit organisation and is dependent on industry support.