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AIIA Victoria iAwards winners showcase the best of Australian innovation

Melbourne, Australia – 16 June 2017 -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), the nation's peak industry body for the technology sector, has today announced the iAwards winners in Victoria for 2017. AIIA's iAwards is Australia's leading awards program for innovation in the digital economy.

Entrants competed in five core award categories comprising Business Services, Community Services, Consumer Markets, and Industrial & Primary Services. Entrants have also been successfully recognised for additional contributions – as Startup of the Year, Research & Development Project of the Year, Infrastructure and Platform Innovations of the Year, Big Data/Machine Learning Innovation of the Year, and the inaugural Victorian Diversity Award. An independent panel selected by the AIIA judged all nominations.

At a gala event held last night at KPMG's Victorian offices in Docklands, Melbourne, The Hon. Philip Dalidakis MLC, Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade Victorian State Government, said:

"Congratulations to the companies and individuals taking part in this year's 2017 Victorian iAwards. These companies are playing a vital role in growing our tech capabilities and creating new jobs here in Victoria. We are proud to be showcasing our very best digital tech innovations here in Victoria, Australia's tech and innovation hub."

Winners and merit recipients across all categories will go on to represent Victoria and compete at the National iAwards. National winners will be announced on 30 August 2017 at the prestigious AIIA 2017 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 Victoria 2017 state iAwards winners and merit recipients are:

Business Services:

- Conduct, HMR Referrals - HMR Referrals (Winner)
- LiveHire – LiveHire (Winner)
- Envato - Envato Market (Merit)
- Hivint Pty Limited - SecurityColony.com (Merit)

Industrial & Primary Services:

- SensaData and La Trobe's Centre for Technology Infusion - Smart-r-Tag (Winner)

Consumer Services:

- frank green - Smartcups and SmartBottles by frank green (Winner)
- BajaBoard – BajaBoard (Merit)

Student:

- RMIT University - VICHyper Hyperloop Team [Undergraduate Tertiary Students] (Winner)

Community Services:

- OnDigital Pty Ltd – SchoolTV (Winner)
- Scapegrace Pty Ltd - Quitch (Merit)

Research and Development Project of the Year:

- Data61 (CSIRO) and Diving Australia - Dive Mechanic (Winner)

Mobility Innovation of the Year:

- Scapegrace Pty Ltd – Quitch (Winner)
- Smileyscope – Smileyscope (Merit)

Infrastructure & Platform Innovations of the Year:

- LiveHire – LiveHire (Winner)
- Hivint Pty Limited - SecurityColony.com (Winner)
- Conduct, HMR Referrals - HMR Referrals (Merit)

Startup of the Year:

- Scapegrace Pty Ltd – Quitch (Winner)

Big Data/Machine Learning Innovation of the Year:

- Gooroo Ventures - Gooroo Hirer: Predictive screening of IT talent (Winner)

Inaugural Victorian Diversity Award

- BelnSync Pty Ltd - LLULAS Universal Communication

Now in its 23rd year, 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.

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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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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 favorable 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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