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TECH23 2015 SHOWS OFF THE CALIBRE OF AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATION SYSTEM

SYDNEY: Australian technology innovators were awarded an exciting collection of prizes at the Tech23 Awards Ceremony in Sydney last night.

The jam-packed day finished with the 'Kicking out of our backyard' panel featuring Assistant Minister for Innovation Wyatt Roy, Westpac and Cochlear Board member Alison Deans; Capital Markets CRC Chairman Michael Aitken and CSIRO's CEO, Larry Marshall.

Packed to capacity, over 400 delegates drank in the incredible variety of technologies and innovations that were on show. Liquid Instruments founder Daniel Shaddock impressed the audience with his engaging presentation taking away the Tech23 2015 People's Choice Award. The ANU-backed company also won the \$7.5k Data61 Digital Disruption Award.

The Tech23 Innovation Excellence Award went to Nano-X for their affordable radiotherapy machines for treating cancer. The Sydney based medtech startup led by Dr Ilana Feain, also won the CSIRO Breakthrough Innovation Award which is a covetable cash prize of \$15k.

The Tech23 Greatest Potential Award was won by Hivery for their prescriptive analytics tools. Hivery is led by Co-founder Jason Hosking and is a spin-out of Data61.

The seventh annual Tech23 event helped increase the informal networks of these young companies by bringing together a high-calibre audience of people who can help them build their companies for global impact through connections; advice and prizes.

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"Tech23 is a truly national event with founders hailing from across the country and boasting connections with Australia's leading R&D organisations – a couple from University of Melbourne's MAP; a few from Sydney University's INCUBATE and others with connections to the University of Wollongong; Australian National University; ATP Innovations, Data61 and CSIRO."



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The AMP Amplify Award for Best technology Tech23 2015 start-up founded by a woman – a \$2.5k cash prize, was awarded to Leanne Connelly of Wollongong headquartered Me3D who create affordable 3D printing systems for Australian schools. Me3D was also the winner of the REA Group Digital Disruptor Award, a \$5k cash prize.

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THE WINNERS!

- CSIRO Breakthrough Innovation Award – \$15k cash prize – Nano-X
- CSIRO Collaboration Award – \$7.5k cash prize – Movus
- Data61 Digital Disruption Award – \$7.5k cash prize – Liquid Instruments
- The Addisons Award – \$5k cash prize and \$5k in legal advice – Relectrify
- Amazon Web Services Award: \$2k of credits, business support for a year plus access to engineers and solution architects – All of the Tech23 companies!
- Citrix Best Early Stage Company Award: 2 hour consultation with Citrix's global start-up accelerator – Pathobin
- The AMP Amplify Award for Best technology Tech23 2015 start-up founded by a woman – \$2.5k cash prize awarded to a female entrepreneur – Me3D
- ATP Innovations – Success Multiplied Award – \$2k cash prize with complimentary co-working space in the ATP Innovations Accelerator Hub for three months; 3 hours with Hamish Hawthorn, CEO, ATP Innovations; and access to the ATP Innovations executive team – Liquid Instruments and Ananalytix
- The Fishburners Most Innovative Product / Platform Award – 2 months of free full-time membership to Fishburners co-working space – Breathe Well
- The B2B Enterprise Award: Two tickets to attend the Agile Australia 2016 conference – Propeller
- REA Group Digital Disruptor Award: \$5k, in cash for this “Digital Disruptor” plus a tour of REA Group's headquarters in Melbourne – Me3D
- The Paypal Enabling Choice: anytime, anywhere on any device – \$5k cash prize – City Beach Software
- The Tyro Fintech Innovation Island Award: Six months co-working space awarded to a Tech23 or Innovation Island company – Ananalytix
- The elevate61 Fast Track Award – City Beach Software
- RDA Sydney Young Achievers Award – \$3k cash prize – Aipoly
- Capital Markets Technologies Market Changing Technologies Award – \$5k cash prize – Pooled Energy
- Bigtincan Enterprise Mobility Leadership Award – 5 days and 4 nights in Boston, Massachusetts – Eleos
- The DiUS Build the Right Thing Award – 7-jam days of consulting services – Nano-X
- The Sofitel Luxury Hotels Award – One night stay in a Superior Room with breakfast for two people – Breathe Well
- The Joviam Game Changer Award – \$1.5k cloud hosting credit over 6 months – Aipoly
- VentureCrowd Equity Crowdfunding Award – Fees waived for the first \$200k raised on the VentureCrowd platform (\$10k value) – Liquid Instruments
- Tech23 2015 Innovation Excellence Award – Nano-X
- Tech23 2015 Greatest Potential Award – Hivery
- Tech23 2015 People's Choice Award – Liquid Instruments
- Vivant Magic Moment Award: two day masterclass in design thinking, lean product development and/or behaviour verification services at Vivant's lab valued at \$10,000 – Aipoly