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TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016****TECH23 2016 CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATION COHORT!**

SYDNEY: Australian technology innovators were awarded and exciting emerging technology was celebrated at the Tech23 2016 Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 11 October.

Now in its eighth year, Tech23 2016 spanned big data to medtech; agtech to cyber security; artificial intelligence to battery technology.

The jam-packed day finished with the Tech23 Alumni Panel discussion on 'Luck', featuring Rebekah Campbell, Co-founder, Hey You; Tanya Newhouse, COO and Co-founder, Clevertar; and Dave Snowdon, CTO, Founder and Director, Metamako.

Over 400 delegates had the opportunity to immerse themselves in deep tech and be inspired by the incredible variety of technologies and innovations that were on show.

Many cash prizes were awarded to the Tech23 companies, including the Data61 Digital Disruption Award of \$5k, which was won by **AgriWebb**, and the \$5k CMCRC Market Changing Technologies Award, which went to **Hovermap**.

The company which made the biggest impression on the crowd was **AgriWebb**, who took home the Tech23 2016 People's Choice Award. The Tech23 Innovation Excellence Award went to **ResApp Health**, while the Tech23 Greatest Potential Award was won by **Plutora**. They join the impressive list of Tech23 Alumni winners, including BuildingIQ, CultureAmp, SmartSparrow and UpGuard (previously ScriptRock).

Tech23 helped these young deep tech innovators to expand their networks by bringing together a high-calibre audience of influential, connected industry leaders who can help them to have an impact in the global tech world.

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“This year I was especially delighted to see companies from all across Australia with solutions to help our farmers, builders and doctors with innovations bound to disrupt the way we live, build and communicate. It’s exciting to see once again that close to half of the companies presenting innovations have emerged from our R&D organisations - and are bound to change our future for the better.”

Tech23’s focus on deep tech also gave enterprises the opportunity to get a grasp of up-and-coming innovations from Australia’s leading R&D institutions. Showcasing their tech and entrepreneur initiatives on Tech23’s Innovation Island this year were CSIRO’s ON accelerator, Data61, Austrade - Landing Pads, Curtin University, University of Sydney - Incubate, UNSW - Michael Crouch Innovation Centre, and UTS - Hatchery.

Tech23 2016 is sponsored by CSIRO, Amazon Web Services, IAG, MYOB, IP Australia, ATP Innovations, and CMCRC.

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THE WINNERS!

- The Austrade Best Startup Award - 90-day residency at one of Austrade’s Landing Pads - **Cardihab**
- The PayPal Enabling Choice – anytime, anywhere on any device - \$5k cash prize - **Biteable**
- Saasu Award - Two Saasu large plans for online business, valid for 18 months - **agAlytics** and **Rappsio**
- The Tyro Fintech Award - Six months co-working space and a meeting with CEO Jost Stollmann - **Haventec**
- Square Peg Capital Award - one-on-one meeting with Square Peg Capital - **Gruntify**
- CMCRC Market Changing Technologies Award - \$5k cash prize - **Hovermap**
- Dinner with Martin Hosking, CEO of Redbubble - **SPEE3D**
- Meeting with the legendary Bill Bartee of Blackbird Ventures - **Data Creative**
- The OneVentures Prize for best potential growth company - meeting and business workshops - **Lorica Health**
- The AMP Amplify Award for Best technology Tech23 2016 start-up founded by a woman- \$2.5k cash prize awarded to a female entrepreneur - **Leonore Ryan, Cardihab**
- Data61 Digital Disruption Award - \$5k cash prize - **AgriWebb**
- The Audinate Prize - \$2.5k plus review/advice from Audinate’s Australian Management team - **Myriota**
- The B2B Enterprise Award - Two tickets to attend the Agile Australia 2017 conference - **Plutora**

- ATP Innovations - Advanced Technology Award - \$2k cash prize with complimentary working space in the ATP Innovations Accelerator Hub, and three mentoring sessions with Petra Andren, CEO, ATP Innovations - **SPEE3D**
- MYOB Awards - 1:1 session with a MYOB Executive Leader - **Black AI**
- “Launching in the USA” Award from FD Global Connections - 3 hour exclusive consulting engagement - **Gruntify**
- Bigtincan Enterprise Mobility Leadership Award - 5 days and 4 nights in Boston, Massachusetts - **Black AI**
- Berkeley Advisory Best Commercial Success Award - business consulting session - **GeoInteractive**
- Tech23 2016 Innovation Excellence Award - **ResApp Health**
- Tech23 2016 Greatest Potential Award - **Plutora**
- Tech23 2016 People’s Choice Award - **AgriWebb**
- Amazon Web Services Award - \$2k of credits, business support for a year plus access to engineers and solution architects - **All of the Tech23 companies!**

View all the Tech23 companies here: www.tech23.com.au/2016/the-23/.

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