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Outstanding wins across Australia at GovHack 2016 Red Carpet Awards

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Outstanding innovation by project teams from across Australia has been rewarded with an impressive swag of prizes at the national and international GovHack 2016 Red Carpet Awards in Adelaide this weekend.

GovHack National Director, Richard Tubb, said, "creative people from across the nation greatly impressed the judges with their outstanding ideas for projects that helped unlock the value of open data for everyone in the community."

Held in July at 40 locations across Australia and New Zealand [GovHack 2016](#) is believed to be the world's biggest annual government open data hackathon. The 46 hour event attracted over 3,000 participants who formed into teams to transform government open data into apps, visualisations and websites and compete for the prestigious Red Carpet Awards. A record number of data sets (over 170) and data portals (over 40) were made available for the event by a wide range of government agencies.

Award winning projects included:

- [Search Party](#) - A smartphone app that helps co-ordinate public searches for missing people using a GPS 'heat map' to identify areas that have not been searched. The app combines missing person data from the ABC and the Australian Government with data from the Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland Government.
- [Weather Balls](#) - The Weather Ball is an Internet connected desk light that lets you know when the weather is taking a turn for the worse by changing colour and flashing.
- [Walks of life](#) - An app that raises awareness of the health risks people face at different stages of their lives by taking a walk through the life of a virtual character named Sam.
- [Staying the course](#) - Why do students drop out of tertiary education? This visualisation uses open data from the Department of Education and Training to pinpoint the risk factors and the actions needed to help students stay the course.
- [SweetSpot](#) - What's the best location for a new business? This visualisation can pick the best spot by combining employment, building, residential and traffic data.

- [Proximity](#) - This smartphone app alerts drivers when they enter high risk areas for accidents using traffic accident data from the Victorian Government. It also warns truck drivers when they are approaching low bridges.
- [Greenu](#) - Interactive posters that encourage people to hunt for vegetables in community gardens and make healthy meals. The posters combine open data from the City of Adelaide, City of Brisbane, South Australia's Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the Bureau of Meteorology and the ABC.

Red Carpet Award Results

International major prizes won by teams included:

- Google's [Machine Learning Hack](#) 1st prize - [TaxLess: Optimising your tax return](#) by TeamTax (NSW)
- IAG and Bureau of Meteorology's [Community Resilience Hack](#) 1st prize - [SafetyMeasur.es](#) by Safety czars (VIC)
- Ancestry.com's [Storytelling Hack](#) 1st prize - [Greenu](#) by Torange Juice (SA)

National major prizes won by teams included:

- ABC and Microsoft's [Creative Humanities Hack](#) 1st prize - [Search Party](#) by GovHack Search Party (QLD)
- Department of Education and Training and Department of Employment's [Future Australia Hack](#) 1st prize - [Future Proof](#) by The Coding Collective (QLD)
- Australian Financial Security Authority and the Queensland Government's [Innovative Ideas Hack](#) 1st prize - [Search Party](#) by GovHack Search Party (QLD)
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network) and Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's [Paddock to Plate Hack](#) 1st prize - [John Conner](#) by Toowoomba trio (QLD)
- Australian Business Register and Department of Industry, Innovation and Science's [Fresh Data Hack \(APIs and Data Services\)](#) 1st prize - [BizNamr.info](#) by Evronos (ACT)
- Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Bureau of Statistics' [Data Intelligence Hack](#) (Data journalism, spatial modelling, analytics) 1st prize - [TaxLess: Optimising your tax return](#) by TeamTax (NSW)
- IP Australia and IBM's [Entrepreneurial Hack](#) 1st prize - [IPGODMODE](#) by Team Avinium (VIC)
- DATA 61 and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's [Inspired by Research Hack](#) 1st prize - [DANK - Royal Commission into Family Violence](#) by Fully Registered (VIC)
- Geoscience Australia and PSMA Australia's [No Boundaries Data Hack](#) 1st prize - [Legends of Tomorrow](#) by Shape the future (VIC)

National Best Youth Team prizes won by teams included:

- DLA Piper's [Best Youth Team](#) 1st prize - [Accident Tracker](#) by Kids Team (QLD)

National Best Higher Education Team prizes won by teams included:

- Acquia Australia's [Best Higher Education Team](#) 1st prize - [Tolls Board Game](#) by govTolls (NSW)

National bounty prizes won by teams included:

- Queensland Government's [Hiding Wally Award](#) 1st prize - [De-Identify Your Data Inc](#) by Makin' Bacon Flapjacks (QLD)
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science's [Local Industry Activity](#) 1st prize - [Future Proof](#) by The Coding Collective (QLD)
- Australian Financial Security Authority's [Securing Personal Property](#) 1st prize - [Future Proof](#) by The Coding Collective (QLD)
- Department of Employment And Training's [Training Data](#) 1st prize - [Future Proof](#) by The Coding Collective (QLD)
- Bureau of Meteorology's [Weather Forecast](#) 1st prize - [Weather Balls](#) by Weather Ball (QLD)
- Australian Bureau of Statistics' [That thing we all need](#) 1st prize - [Hackanation](#) by Alpha Hawk Magnum (ACT)
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's [AIHW Visualisation](#) 1st prize - [Walks of Life](#) by Project 205 (ACT)
- Department of Education and Training's [Student Dropout Rates](#) 1st prize - [Staying the course](#) by CatHacks (ACT)
- Australian Taxation Office's [Smarter Data](#) 1st prize - [TaxLess: Optimising your tax return](#) by TeamTax (NSW)
- IP Australia's [IP Rights Award](#) 1st prize - [IPGODMODE](#) by Team Avinium (VIC)
- Department of Finance's [Commercially Viable Hack](#) 1st prize - [SweetSpot](#) by Four Planners and a Panda (VIC)
- ABC's [ABC News Content](#) 1st prize - [Truthbot](#) by Team Truthbot (VIC)
- Geoscience Australia's [Exploring Underground](#) 1st prize - [3D Printed geophysical data](#) by Petrified Data (VIC)
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy's [NCRIS Data](#) 1st prize - [CRITRS](#) by Team YAMM (VIC)
- Department of infrastructure and Regional Development's [Transport Data](#) 1st prize - [Proximity](#) by Chinatown (VIC)
- IAG'S [IAG Flood Data](#) 1st prize - [SafetyMeasur.es](#) by Safety czars (VIC)
- PSMA Australia's [Location Data](#) 1st prize - [E-Map: Spatio-temporal modelling of traffic and emissions](#) by Transmissions (WA)

National Spirit of GovHack Awards won by individuals included:

- GovHack Australia's National Spirit of GovHack Award 1st prize - Rex Smeal (TAS)

GovHack aims to connect citizens with government and industry to help unlock the social and economic value of open data - estimated to be worth around \$25 billion a year in Australia alone.

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