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Outstanding wins for Victoria at GovHack 2016 Red Carpet Awards

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Outstanding innovation by project teams from Victoria 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 Victoria 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 from Victoria included:

- [SafetyMeasur.es](#) - A website that calculates your risks of being involved in a car crash or your home flooding or being broken into - and recommends ways of reducing those risks.
- [DANK - Royal Commission into Family Violence](#) - Royal Commission submissions contain a wealth of knowledge but can take an age to read through. This website helps you search for the critical topics and information you are looking for in a fraction of the time.
- [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.
- [CRITRS](#) - This augmented reality mobile app game is not only huge fun - it also helps people learn about nearby wildlife, parks and landmarks.
- [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.

Red Carpet Award Results

International major prizes won by teams from Victoria included:

- IAG and Bureau of Meteorology's [Community Resilience Hack](#) 1st prize - SafetyMeasur.es by [Safety czars](#).
- Google's [Machine Learning Hack](#) 2nd prize - [IPGODMODE](#) by Team Avinium.

National major prizes won by teams from Victoria included:

- IP Australia and IBM's [Entrepreneurial Hack](#) 1st prize - [IPGODMODE](#) by Team Avinium.
- 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.
- Geoscience Australia and PSMA Australia's [No Boundaries Data Hack](#) 1st prize - [Legends of Tomorrow](#) by Shape the future.

National bounty prizes won by teams from Victoria included:

- IP Australia's [IP Rights Award](#) 1st prize - [IPGODMODE](#) by Team Avinium.
- Department of Finance's [Commercially Viable Hack](#) 1st prize - [SweetSpot](#) by Four Planners and a Panda.
- ABC's [ABC News Content](#) 1st prize - [Truthbot](#) by Team Truthbot
- Geoscience Australia's [Exploring Underground](#) 1st prize - [3D Printed geophysical data](#) by Petrified Data.
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy's [NCRIS Data](#) 1st prize - [CRITRS](#) by Team YAMM.
- Department of infrastructure and Regional Development's [Transport Data](#) 1st prize - [Proximity](#) by Chinatown.
- IAG'S [IAG Flood Data](#) 1st prize - [SafetyMeasur.es](#) by Safety czars.

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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