



## Media Release

# Outstanding wins for WA at GovHack 2016 Red Carpet Awards

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Outstanding innovation by project teams from Western 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 Western Australia 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 Western Australia included:

- [iHero](#) - A facial recognition web app that helps people search for photos of relatives who were war veterans in the collections of the State Library of Western Australia, Australian War Memorial, National Archives of Australia and the State Library of Queensland.
- [AU Dashboard](#) - How much has government spent on education or roads in your local area? And how well has the money been spent? This website puts that information at your fingertips.
- [Anaconda Don't](#) - This web tool is designed to help the Water Corporation in WA check its vast network of above ground pipes for leaks. The tool uses computer vision algorithms to analyse aerial photos taken by drones.
- [E-Map: Spatio-temporal modelling of traffic and emissions](#) - 2.3 million families across Australia are affected by asthma - a condition made worse by air pollution from traffic and industry. This web tool maps air quality to help these families decide where to live and help governments pinpoint and reduce emissions.

- [#careermoveau](#) - An interactive website that rates the economic performance of different regions to help people decide where they might study, work or locate their business.

## Red Carpet Award Results

International major prizes won by teams from Western Australia:

- Ancestry.com's [Storytelling Hack](#) 2nd prize - [iHero](#) by Hack To The Future.

National major prizes won by teams from Western Australia:

- ABC and Microsoft's [Creative Humanities Hack](#) Honourable Mention - [AU Dashboard](#) by Baby Got Hack!
- Australian Taxation Office and Australian Bureau of Statistics' [Data Intelligence Hack](#) (Data journalism, spatial modelling, analytics) Honourable Mention - [Anaconda Don't](#) by Anaconda Don't.

National bounty prizes won by teams from Western Australia:

- PSMA Australia's [Location Data](#) 1st prize - [E-Map: Spatio-temporal modelling of traffic and emissions](#) by Transmissions.
- Department of Finance's [Commercially Viable Hack](#) Honourable Mention - [iHero](#) by Hack To The Future
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science's [Local Industry Activity](#) Honourable Mention - [#careermoveau](#) by #careermoveau.

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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