



## Media Release

# Outstanding wins for SA at GovHack 2016 Red Carpet Awards

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Outstanding innovation by project teams from South 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 South 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 SA included:

- [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.
- [A 2 Green](#) - Should you take the bus, the car or the bike? This app calculates the fastest, cheapest and most environmentally friendly way to get from A to B by combining open data from the Adelaide City Council and the Environmental Protection Authority.
- [Splash](#) - A website that connects graffiti artists with councils to help plan awesome public artworks using open data from the Adelaide City Council, City of Ballarat and the South Australian Attorney General’s Department.
- [Fivemind](#) - A website that uses satellite imagery to help identify bushfire risks or increase crop yields by combining open data from the European Space Agency, Country Fire Service, Bureau of Meteorology and Geoscience Australia.

- [Bad Snakes](#) - A snakes and ladders board game that teaches children and their parents that crime rates are trending down and they should not be fearful of the community they live in. The game uses open data from the South Australian Attorney General's Department and Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

### Red Carpet Award Results

International major prizes won by teams from South Australia included:

- Ancestry.com's [Storytelling Hack](#) 1st prize - [Greenu](#) by Torange Juice.

National major prizes won by teams from South Australia included:

- Australian Financial Security Authority and the Queensland Government's [Innovative Ideas Hack](#) 2nd prize - [A 2 Green](#) by Boomtown Hacks.
- Geoscience Australia and PSMA Australia's [No Boundaries Data Hack](#) 2nd prize - [Splash](#) by Splash.
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network) and Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's [Paddock to Plate Hack](#) 2nd prize - [Fivemind](#) by Tinman.
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network) and Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's [Paddock to Plate Hack](#) Honourable Mention - [Greenu](#) by Torange Juice.

National Best Youth Team prizes won by teams from South Australia included:

- DLA Piper's [Best Youth Team](#) Honourable Mention - [Bad Snakes](#) by Bad Snakes.

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.

The lead sponsor for the Awards is the South Australian Government. The Awards are also part of [Open State](#) - a ten day South Australian festival exploring how open and transparent decision making, innovation and enterprise can help address challenges like transforming our economy, climate change and rapidly changing technologies.

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