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Inventors Association of Australia (SA) Inc Newsletter

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IAA (SA) Inc ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2012

The next meeting of the SA Branch will be on Thursday, January 19, 2012.
7:00pm for 7:30pm start.

You may also wish to join us for a meal at 6.00 pm in Sully's Bistro beforehand.

This meeting is at The Rex Hotel in Sully's Bistro
172 Richmond Rd, Marleston, South Australia 5033.

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Presidents Report:

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I'm proud of my invention, but I'm sad that it is used by terrorists. - Mikhail Kalashnikov.

SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.buiditsolar.com>

The Charles N. Collison Award 2011.

Eric Rodda was chairperson for this evening of the Charles N. Collison Awards for Innovation and Invention. Eric introduced Fiona Nguyen who presented the awards to our three recipients. Fiona is from Collison & Co Patent Attorneys Adelaide and we thank them for their generosity over the years.

The three recipients for 2011 are:

1. 1st Prize. Gary McMahon, James Scales, Nathan Wilson representing Make-Safe - the Bait-Safe Baiting technology system. Aust. Pat. App. No 2010901072.
2. 2nd Prize. Manny Kurmis for the "Screw top bottling system.
3. 3rd Prize. Tony Rossiter for the "Fixture Engagement' Application Number: 2011905066.
4. 4th Prize. Eric Rodda for the Fish Tank Filter Saver.

The Presentation was filmed but due to a novice operating his new camera, some parts of the evening were not captured, due to the camera uploading info into its memory bank.

A big thank you must go to Gary Mc Mahon for his generosity in donating several bottles of fine wine for us all to enjoy with our meals on the awards night.

Guest Speakers for January 19, 2012:

Tony Rossiter & Eric Rodda

"Making an Impressive Presentation"

Announcements & Correspondence:

Correspondence In:
Hi

It is with great pleasure that we invite Inventors Association of Australia (SA) Inc to join our quality and community focused group of sponsors and become a category naming rights sponsor of the 2012 Community Achievement Awards, a prestigious South Australian community recognition Awards Program.

The program has been an enormous success since its inaugural year in 2010, with 200 nominations received in 2011 and 300 guests attending the Gala Awards Presentation ceremony at the Stamford Grand Adelaide to celebrate the significant community contribution made by individuals, businesses and community groups and organisations.

The Awards are proudly presented by Channel 7, Southern Cross Austereo and Messenger Community Newspapers who collectively commit significant advertising to promote the Awards and also our sponsors during the seven months of the Awards program. In addition, significant local media support is also received across the State.

Attached is a sponsorship proposal for the forthcoming 2012 program for your consideration (National sponsorship opportunities are also available).

I can email, or send a hard copy of samples of the full colour quality printed promotional material, samples of press ads and editorials from 2011 and a copy of the Channel 7 TV ad upon request.

Sponsorship payment for 2012 is flexible and can be paid in the 2011/2012 or 2012/2013 financial year or can be split between both to suit your budget requirements. The program will be launched in early June 2012.

We would be pleased to offer a 5% discount off the sponsorship price should you be able to confirm sponsorship by the 10th February 2012.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal and this excellent community involvement opportunity.

Best wishes

Geoff Griffin
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Announcements:

As from February 16, 2012 we will be meeting at the Adelaide South West Community Centre at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. For those wishing to sit down for a social meal before the meeting, we can go Prince Alfred Hotel – 254 Wright St, the Whitmore Hotel 317 Morphett St, or the Duke of Brunswick 207 Gilbert St which are all within a hundred metres of our new venue. which are all within a hundred metres of our new venue. The eating venue for the February meeting can be decided at our January meeting. Details of the new venue are:

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Minutes written by Secretary Lou Andreaza

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

News Items

By Gillian Tan

The commercialization of Australian innovation and research has received a welcome boost following the Commonwealth Government's announcement it would allocate up to 100 million Australian dollars (US\$102 million) to venture capital funds.

The Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (AVCAL) noted the amount was "pleasingly greater" than the expected A\$60 million already allocated to the Innovation Investment Fund (IIF) program. Funds from the program must be matched by private sector investors before fund managers can invest proceeds in early stage companies and a pool of A\$524 million has been invested in over 100 companies since its initiation 1997.

"The IIF has led to a number of commercial successes and has been able to deliver returns to investors, including the government, which has been able to recycle those funds back into the program," AVCAL chief executive Dr. Katherine Woodthorpe said in a statement.

AVCAL would be further encouraged if the Government committed to a policy which would expand the program. "The Government commendably spends over A\$8 billion a year on research and development but very little on helping to commercialize that investment...the IIF has been a vital program in the commercialization effort but a lot more work is needed if we want Australia to capitalist on and retain its innovation for national growth and employment," she said. Dr. Woodthorpe said the venture capital industry has been contracting in Australia and around the world including the United States.

If you're an innovator, [applications](#) for this last round of IIF funding from VC fund managers close 2 July 2012.

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Innovation Award at the Anthill Magazine 2011 Annual Cool Company Awards

Thursday, December 08, 2011 -

LX has been named one of Australia's 'Coolest' businesses in Anthill Magazine's Sixth Annual Cool Company Awards and won the AusIndustry Innovation Award.

LX Design House is working on a system that uses an electroencephalographic headset to "read" brain impulses and translate them to actions or movements by an electronic device, such as a television or a robot. Read more: <http://anthillonline.com/meet-lx-design-house-anthill-2011-cool-company-award-winner-innovation-categories/>

The Cool Company Awards is a national program that was developed in 2006 to recognise Australian companies that are doing things differently to bring about positive change.

Over 700 aspiring 'cool companies' were nominated for the 2011 awards, making 'The Cools' one of Australia's largest business awards programs.

"The Cool Company Awards are extremely egalitarian," said James Tuckerman, Editor-In-Chief, Anthill Magazine. "Previous winners have included two-person start-ups, not-for-profit social enterprises, large private companies and publicly-listed corporations."

"Judging takes into account far more than mere business variables, such as revenue and wealth. The criteria are geared to consider other qualities, from the disruptive nature of the product or service to the culture of the organisation."

"Applicants either nominated themselves or were nominated by peers, work colleagues, family, friends and other 'admirers'. A field of hundreds was examined (and cross-examined) before our judges were able to isolate three Finalists for each of our seven categories."

What are Cool Company Awards?

The Cool Company Awards was launched in 2006 as a way for Anthill Magazine to publicly acknowledge and celebrate Australian organisations that are doing things differently to bring about positive change. In its sixth year, the awards attracted nominations from over 700 organisations, making it among the largest business award programs in Australia.

What is Anthill Magazine?

AnthillOnline.com is a digital business magazine that celebrates creativity, inspiration and commercial ingenuity, providing a fresh, exciting and practical perspective on Australian business in a global world. It is among the Top 50 Business & Finance websites in Australia, as ranked by Nielsen Online Ratings, and is home to the Cool Company Awards, the 30under30 and the Smart 100. It's where ideas and business meet.

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About LX Group

LX Group (incorporating LX Design House, LX Solutions, LX Consulting and LX Innovations), is an innovative group of companies specialising in the design of embedded systems and wireless technologies

LX Group offers clients a range of professional solutions designed to take a new product idea from concept through to production.

Ultimately, LX Group, provides a complete turn-key design service. We focus on fully understanding all aspects of clients' requirements (both technical and business) and we tailor a solution to ensure these requirements are met.

Govt tips extra \$100m into innovation VC fund

Australian biotechs will have access to a slice of \$200m in startup funding, from VC firms applying for the latest tranche of the government's Innovation Investment Fund.

- [Dylan Bushell-Embling](#) (Australian Life Scientist)

The government has committed an extra \$100 million to support venture capital investments in biotechs and other innovation-focused Australian companies.

Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr has announced the allocation of the final tranche of funding under round three of the Innovation Investment Fund (IIF).

The IIF is a venture capital program open to private venture capital firms which provide early-stage funding for start-ups commercialising applications of Australian research.

VC firms will have until 2 July to apply for a slice of the latest round of funding, and must commit to match the government's allocation at least 1:1 with private sector capital.

Applications will be judged by statutory body Innovation Australia using criteria developed by Senator Carr.

According to the Senator, the IIF is designed to serve as a bridge to longer-term investments from larger venture capital funds.

"Venture capital has been shown to be an effective mechanism for commercialising innovative technologies into new products, services and processes," he said.

Carr pointed to the example of [Pharmaxis](#) (ASX:PXS).

The specialist pharmaceutical company, supported by the fund, is expanding its R&D and manufacturing facilities in Sydney with \$10 million in new equipment to develop its cystic fibrosis and asthma treatments.

"R&D works better when it can be coupled directly to manufacturing," Pharmaxis CEO Dr Alan Robertson said.

Australian healthy inventions win commercialisation support

Australian entrepreneurs whose projects could boost the nation's health are among those who have won funding to help turn their inventions into commercial reality. Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr, today announced \$10 million to support 23 inventions through the Commercialisation Australia program. "We need more Australian inventions making it out of the laboratory and into the marketplace," Senator Carr said. "The Australian Government is committed to backing Australian inventors who push the envelope and strive to create new and better products." The inventions that were awarded funding include five health-related projects that could manage chronic stress, create drugs with fewer side effects, produce healthier foods, combat hearing loss and enhance micro-scale blood storage.

Sydney-based Ai-Media has been granted more than \$1.7 million for technology that allows live speech to be streamed as text to iPads, tablets or laptops. This will help provide people who are deaf or hearing impaired access to employment and education opportunities. Funding was also granted to an invention that could produce biological drugs to fight pain, cancer and inflammatory diseases in cats, dogs and horses. The latest Commercialisation Australia grants also supported a Northern Territory invention that will increase the payload of road trains. Seven information and communications technology (ICT) projects won support, including a mobile phone application that operates like a hotel key to open rooms. Since its launch less than two years ago, Commercialisation Australia has assisted 177 innovators with funding of \$71.7 million. 05 December 2011.

Innovation In Australia Event Showcases 32 Innovations: Success Stories

Leading Aussie innovators showcased at government event

By Michelle Hammond
Thursday, 08 December 2011

A remote pest control treatment system and mine-related drilling software were among more than 30 Australian innovations on show as part of an exhibition entitled Innovation in Australia. Held in Brisbane, the event was hosted by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. It featured 32 exhibitors, who showcased world-class ideas, services and products. According to Innovation Minister Kim Carr, the event highlights "the kind of creative enterprise that is critical to our future as a dynamic, prosperous and outward-looking nation." "The showcase demonstrates to firms what government support is available and how businesses can access it," Senator Carr said in a statement. Speaking at the event, Carr launched a new government publication titled *It's all about innovation*, which includes two key tools:

- *The eight tests of an innovative idea*, which asks people to consider the tests to help them assess the likelihood of commercial success of their idea.

- *Creating an innovation strategy*, which gives 14 principles of innovation to help people create their firm's practical innovation strategy.

"[The publication] is... based on original research commissioned by my department that investigated how companies become and remain systemically innovative," Carr said.

"It will help businesses and add to the unprecedented support available for innovation." Of the 32 innovations featured in the exhibition, many of which are in the clean technology field, StartupSmart picked out five of the best:

b.box

b.box describes itself as the world's first all-in-one baby wipes box and nappy wallet, which went to market in 2009. It is now stocked in more than 450 Australian stores and in 15 countries.

The range has expanded rapidly and now includes seven products in a variety of colours and designs. It recently won the prestigious US 2011 Creative Child Magazine's Top Choice Award for best travel aid, and was a Victorian Finalist in the 2011 Telstra Business Awards.

Globaltech

Globaltech specialises in the development and manufacture of drilling instruments and software to pinpoint the exact location and orientation of underground metals and mineral ore bodies.

The Globaltech Pathfinder and Orifinder instruments have been used in production programs, and sales are growing steadily in both Australia and overseas.

Globaltech has also invented the ePlod, the world's first electronic data capture and reporting device, dedicated to improving the efficiency of hard rock drilling by eliminating the need for handwritten journey logs.

GrassAds

GrassAds is a mechatronics company that has developed robotic systems for the application of graphic images on large surfaces, such as sports stadiums. The grass signage industry has traditionally used expensive manufactured stencils to lay down logos on sports fields. The new technology allows digital images of graphics to be used by the robot to recreate the image directly onto the field.

This patented technology is now used in a wide range of sporting, corporate and special events, in stadiums throughout Australia and national sporting leagues.

GrassAds is expanding into new market sectors such as golf, racetracks, motor racing and airports.

SmartVet

SmartVet has developed the VetCap remote pest control treatment system for cattle at pasture.

VetCap is patent protected and utilises a purpose designed applicator to discharge a soft-gel capsule, known as GelCap, out to a range of about 10 metres.

The GelCap bursts on impact, delivering a specially developed formulation onto the hide of the cattle without rupturing the skin.

VetCap removes the need for expensive handling facilities, reduces stress on cattle, and reduces the time required to work cattle and the labour required, possibly by up to 75%. The estimated market opportunity for the technology is 80,000,000 doses per annum.

eWater

eWater uses the latest science to support the ecologically and economically sustainable use of water and river systems.

The eWater team aims to develop and apply software products for fully integrated water cycle management.

eWater's expanding portfolio is a partnership between leading scientists in the Australian water sector and the practical experience of frontline water managers from government and industry.

It offers products for integrated catchment management, complete river system management, stormwater quality modeling, urban water management and ecological response management.

Products include music, used by thousands of water professionals to simulate real-time water sensitive design, and Urban Developer, allowing urban water managers to compare integrated water management options.

Howard's Humour

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Concession Members: \$20
(Pensioners and unemployed):

Life Members are free

Visitors \$10.00

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