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AUSSIE DEEPTECH COMPANIES CELEBRATED AT TECH23 2019!

Sydney, 28 October 2019. Australia's national celebration of deeptech innovation has been held in Sydney. Companies from across the nation shared how they are tackling big challenges with quantum computing, next generation robots, clever climate change solutions, inspiring healthtech and so much more.

For 11 years, Tech23 has shared the stories of Australian founders who are chipping away at wicked problems using clever tech. Tech23 is an event which helps young, high-growth companies make much-needed connections with investors, mentors, potential customers, and more.

The crowd favourite, taking home this year's Tech23 People's Choice Award, was Sydney-based **Canopus Networks**, who are elevating online gaming and streaming experience with software. Vijay Sivaraman told the Tech23 crowd how his sons inspired him to create technology that will make gaming lag a thing of the past!

"Tech23 has always believed it takes a country to raise a deeptech company! Which is why over eleven years a passionate curious crowd of investors, collaborators and entrepreneurs have gathered to celebrate, amplify and make connections to propel Australian innovation." - Rachel Slattery, Tech23

The Tech23 Innovation Excellence Award went to **Quantum Brilliance**, a quantum computing company who are developing diamond-based hardware. CEO Andrew Horsley managed to explain in simple terms how diamonds have the potential to propel computing as we know into a future of unprecedented speeds.

The winner of Tech23's Greatest Potential Award was **OncoRes Medical** who are using intraoperative imaging technology to provide surgeons with real-time assessment of cancerous breast tumours. CEO and practicing medical doctor Katharine Giles delivered an inspiring look into how they are translating a surgeon's sense of touch for faster recovery from cancer.

A bevy of prizes were also given out thanks to some generous prize sponsors including - **HackHunter** was awarded the 'Most backable team' prize (\$5k cash and legal advice to the value of \$5k) from Addison's; 'The Cicada Innovations Deep Technology Award' (\$2k cash, plus 2 mentoring sessions) was awarded to **Quantum Brilliance** by Cicada Innovations; **LYRO** received the 'Growth Design Workshop' from Main Sequence Ventures and CSIRO; **ClimateClever** received an award from 'Impact Group International' presented by Ranya Alkadamani; and **Vantari** won the 'NSW Government Award for Innovation'.

Tech23's proudly national scope has been enriched by strong ties to the universities, incubators and accelerators of Australian R&D organisations. Some of the publicly funded organisations linked to the Tech23 companies in 2019 include Adelaide University, ANU, Australian Centre for Robotic Vision, CRC for Carbon Living, CSIRO, Curtin University, D2DCRC, University of Melbourne, UNSW, University of Sydney, University of WA, and UTS.

Many of these stories only came to life because of IP created by Australia's publicly funded R&D organisations and the support of accelerators.

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