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VICTORIAN STARTUP TAKES OUT TOP SPOT AT NATIONAL IAWARDS

A Victorian startup specialising in better cancer treatment has won the prestigious Victorian Government Inspiration of the Year Award at the 26th National iAwards.

Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula opened the event, and presented Melbourne-based INWENTECH with the \$10,000 Inspiration of the Year Award.

INWENTECH won the award for its revolutionary medical device, ChestPhan-4D, designed to improve radiotherapy imaging and treatment of lung, liver and breast cancer.

Other Victorian organisations to win iAwards on the night included Neighbourlytics, Weyo and Two Bulls, FLAIM Systems and Department of Health and Human Services.

Recipients will go on to represent Australia at the Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) in Vietnam in November 2019.

The Government has sponsored the Australian Information Industry Association iAwards since 2008 and is committed to events that nurture Victoria's digital tech and ICT ecosystem.

The AIIA has also located its national headquarters in Melbourne, showing confidence in Victoria's world-class digital tech, ICT and innovation sector.

AIIA's National iAwards is one of Victoria's long list of high-profile tech and innovation events hosted in Melbourne as part of the Andrews Labor Government's Digital Innovation Festival (DIF).

Running for two weeks, the DIF hosts more than 400 events across metropolitan and regional Victoria, covering everything from artificial intelligence and the future of work to agtech, running a startup, coding and robotics.

Victoria's tech and ICT sector employs more than 137,900 people across more than 19,300 businesses generating \$36.6 billion in annual revenue.

Quotes attributable to Minister Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula

"It's fantastic that the national iAwards have once again been hosted by Melbourne – Australia's tech city and an increasingly important tech hub in the Asia-Pacific."

"This event is a celebration of the talented entrepreneurs, technologists and innovators who are excelling in their field right across Australia."

Quote attributable to Ron Gauci, CEO of the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA)

"The innovation unearthed by the iAwards this year continues to be inspiring for the ICT industry and the nation. AIIA would like to congratulate the winners and merit recipients of the 2019 National iAwards and sincerely thank them for their creative and tireless efforts to improve our lives and workplaces."

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