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EXCELLENCE RECOGNISED IN QUEENSLAND'S SPATIAL COMMUNITY

A select group of businesses and individuals in the Queensland spatial industry were last night recognised at the Queensland heats of the Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards.

Awards for spatial innovation, people and community, women in leadership, education development, spatial enablement, and technical excellence were given to four businesses and seven individuals.

The Awards, run by the Spatial Industries Business Association (SIBA|GITA) and the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI), celebrate the achievements of top spatial information enterprises and individuals.

Innovators with services and products related to surveying, mapping, remote sensing, geographic software, GPS technology, and location intelligence are recognised as part of the Awards.

SIBA|GITA CEO Deanna Hutchinson said that the diversity of entries speaks volumes about spatial activity in Queensland.

"I am really impressed with the degree of influence spatial information clearly has on the way communities, farmers and governments manage resources. The projects shared through these awards demonstrate the dedication and drive of the industry's best professionals, working in collaboration with the wider community."

"The value of spatial as 'technology in place' has huge impacts on the way Australians live their lives. It is a valuable business planning tool, infrastructure development tool and communication tool" said Deanna.

The Awards and winners include:

AWARD NAME	WINNER NAME
Award for Spatial Enablement	Winner: Land Solution Australia Pty Ltd Project: Herston Quarter
Award for Technical Excellence	Winner: Bennett + Bennett Project: Sundale Bridge
Award for People and Community	Winner: StartSapphire Productions Project: Ground Truth



Award for Innovation and Commercialisation

Winner: Data Farming and Spatial Vision
Project: Data Farming Mapping Platform

Special Commendation Awarded to:
Immersive Robotics
Project: Low latency real time video compression for VR, AR and the 5G & connected future Project

SSSI Individual Awards

Education Development Award	Sanjeev Srivastava
Postgraduate Student Award	Nicolas Cardenas
Professional of the Year Award	Roy Somerville
Service to the QLD Surveying and Spatial Sciences Community Award	Peter Gersekowski
Undergraduate Student Award	Scott Johnson
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Highly Commended	Kent Olive
Women's Leadership Award	Dr Karen Joyce

Previous Australian winners of the SIBA|GITA APSEA Awards have included:

Mangoesmapping for a reef-saving project targeting the effectiveness of gully erosion initiatives; **Data61** for their comprehensive bushfire modelling tool, Spark; **Arup Jacobs Joint Venture** who developed a world-class clash detection methodology for the Auckland light rail development; and **AAM and WA Department of Health** for making it easier to find maternity services across WA with the Maternity Services Viewer.

Winners selected from each category in each region around the nation will be announced at the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards Gala Dinner, at the Locate Conference in Melbourne in April 2019.

To enter go to <https://spatialexcellence.awardsplatform.com>.

About SIBA|GITA

The Spatial Industries Business Association (SIBA) and the Geospatial Information and Technology Association ANZ (GITA) is the leading association representing the Spatial Industry. SIBA is committed to working with Government and Academia to build a more innovative, entrepreneurial and prosperous Australia.