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Female Founders, Climate Solutions, Health, Safety and AI lead the charge, as 11 of Australia’s Best Technology Scaleups are crowned for 2021

Eleven of Australia's best emerging technology companies were crowned winners at last night's Australian Technologies Competition (ATC21) national awards ceremony, held virtually from Melbourne.

Hosted by media personality, TV presenter and author James O’Loughlin - stakeholders of the innovation ecosystem across government, private enterprise, the investment and scaleup community watched on as this year’s winners were announced, including telehealth solution CoviU, manufacturing company FormFlow and cybersecurity’s Haventec. CoviU took home not only the Medtech & Pharma Award but also the title of Australian Technology Company of the Year.

Of the 11 winners, five are led by female founders – highlighting the growing representation of women in deeptech. They include CoviU, iVvy, Plaetos, Goterra and Sound Scouts. Strong themes also included renewable energy, the circular economy, telehealth, bushfire resilience, emergency management, personal security and artificial intelligence.

Patrick Mooney, Executive Chair of competition organiser Impact Tech Ventures says “We're delighted to celebrate this year’s winners and also showcase Australia’s emerging diversity in tech. We aim to find the best Australian scaleups, provide them with the best mentoring and growth support possible and connect them with relevant international partners. This year’s winners provide timely solutions to many of the most significant challenges and opportunities that Australia faces.”

Entrants go through a three-stage judging process, receive free mentoring, submit a concise business plan and take part in a highly rated International Growth Masterclass. They also have access to deep dive programs on key growth topics and key markets. The final step is a pitch in front of an independent panel of Judges and a live audience.

The 2021 Australian Technologies Competition is sponsored by the Federal Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, Victorian Departments of

Environment, Land, Water & Planning and Jobs, Precincts & Regions, Accelerating Commercialisation, METS Ignited, the Australian Space Agency, IMCRC, AustCyber, FIAL, MTPConnect, NERA, NSX Australia and FB Rice. Partners include the CSIRO, SBE, LaunchVic, Cicada Innovations, MTAA, AMTIL, Heads Over Heels, HKTDC, WIT, NCTCE, Hatch Quarter, ACBC and AOEG.

A full list of this year's Award winners is below.

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About the Australian Technologies Competition:

Run by Impact Tech Ventures, the Australian Technologies Competition is in its 11th year as Australia's leading national competition, growth and partnerships program for scaleups with global potential.

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2021 WINNERS (alphabetical by Company Name)

Finalist	State	Description	Award
BlockTexx	NSW	BlockTexx has created a solution to the problem of textile waste – recovering polyester and cellulose from textiles and clothing.	Circular Economy Award
Coviu	NSW	Coviu is a leading video telehealth solution, powering simple, secure and feature-rich video consultations for healthcare professionals.	Medtech & Pharma Award + Australian Technology Company of the Year
FormFlow	VIC	FormFlow's C90 creates a discrete bend in corrugated sheeting used in buildings, an airtight, structural connection at corners that enhances bushfire resilience and enables new solutions for sustainable building pre-fabrication.	Advanced Manufacturing Award
Goterra	ACT	Goterra is a waste management infrastructure that empowers a circular economy.	Food & Agribusiness Award
Haventec	NSW	Haventec is an Australian digital privacy company that has developed and validated a platform that stops digital identities (usernames and	Cyber Security Award

		passwords) and data from being stolen.	
IVvy	QLD	IVvy is a cloud-based event management software for venues of all shapes and sizes.	Smart Cities Award
Microbiogen	NSW	Microbiogen is an Australian biotechnology company with global success in industrial <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> years, presenting significant short and long-term commercial opportunities ranging from biofuels and food to space and feed.	Energy Award
Plaetos	VIC	Plaetos is a large-scale discussion and analytics platform, purpose built for socially-complex, but mission critical issues.	Global Social Impact Award
Presien	NSW	Presien build artificial intelligence vision systems that effortlessly prevent accidents and automate health and safety reporting in heavy industries.	Mining Technologies Award
Sound Scouts	NSW	Hearing test app for adults and children	Alumni Achievement Award
XDI Cross Dependency	SA	XDI provides physical climate risk analysis to support decision-making in business and government to protect operation and investments from climate exacerbated hazards.	Disaster & Emergency Award