



## HITACHI SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARDS

During the two months leading up to the Hitachi Social Innovation Forum 2016 in Sydney, Hitachi launched the Social Innovation Awards through [Thinkable.org](http://Thinkable.org). The awards are a celebration of creativity and innovation in Australia, and we invited students, researchers, inventors and start-ups to share their innovative ideas across four categories of social innovation.

### The Social Impact Prize:

Choosing between 65 high-quality entries, the public voted for a winner in each category to receive the Social Impact Prize and AU \$1,200. The winners of the Social Impact Prizes:

- **Smart Agriculture:** [Healthy Food from the Farm to the Kitchen - Smart Quality Assurance in a Connected World](#) by Postgraduate Researcher Md Arafat Hossain of University of Sydney
- **Connected Health:** [Colour-based nanotechnology for norovirus detection](#) by the NanoBioSensing Team of Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- **Mining:** [Social atlas of national mining benefits and impacts](#) by Social Atlas of CSIRO
- **Smart Cities:** [Breathe Easy](#) by Remark of CSIRO, Energex, Suncorp and Queensland University of Technology



### The Jury Prize sponsored by Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty. Ltd.:

In addition to the Social Impact Prizes, a jury shortlisted five finalists (out of the 65 entries) who got the opportunity to attend the Hitachi Social Innovation Forum 2016 in Sydney and present their idea to Australia's top industry and academic leaders in innovation. A second jury then selected the winner of the prestigious Jury Prize and AU \$10,000 to be used towards implementing the idea.

The winner of the Jury Prize sponsored by Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty. Ltd.:

- [Breaking Good - the Open Source Malaria Schools and Undergraduate Project](#) by Alice Williamson of University of Sydney.

The OSM team is trying to find a way to discover new medicines more quickly & low cost through sharing data and ideas: "Since 2011, we have been trying to find a new medicine for malaria, a disease that killed almost 2 thousand people per day in 2015. The project shares some similarities with a traditional drug discovery program, but there are also some very big differences, namely that we won't patent any of our findings and that all of our data is freely available on the Internet."

The runners up were Biocap, [SolarCaptus](#), HiveUAV and [The Toowong Process](#).