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**A Celebration of Innovation**

*Shaping Tomorrow Today* … that is what local innovators are doing every day. On Wednesday 6 December 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm the innovation community will gather to celebrate and recognise Canberra’s inventors and innovators, small and large businesses, startups with an idea and those that have already gone global who began their idea from their garages, dining room tables and bedrooms.

Held at Thoroughbred Park, Canberra Innovation Network’s (CBRIN) 2023 Innovation Showcase offers a unique opportunity to recognise and celebrate the local innovation ecosystem. It is just one way of highlighting their achievements and sharing it with the broader Canberra community.

Working with innovation everyday, CBRIN sees first-hand how local entrepreneurs are moving and shaking their industries. The projects and businesses that we see emerge in Canberra are continuously innovating to make the future more clever, connected, and creative.

The Canberra Innovation Network’s CEO Petr Adamek is delighted that the community can come together to celebrate their wins and support each other, he says:

“It is really important that we bring the community together to pause and celebrate the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in this amazing city.

Innovators and entrepreneurs work hard every day to change the world for the better from Canberra. They cannot do it alone, they need support and an environment and community that inspires them, encourages them and connects them to resources and opportunities.

We are incredibly fortunate in Canberra that the innovation ecosystem is strong and growing and enables people to start phenomenal companies that grow, improve lives and create jobs of the future for our community”.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr will be in attendance to celebrate the impact innovation has for Canberra as a growing, dynamic city.

“Canberra Innovation Network 2023 Innovation Showcase highlights our city's commitment to entrepreneurship, inclusive innovation, and knowledge-based economic growth. Our local innovators and entrepreneurs are key to our future, and the ACT Government is dedicated to supporting an environment where their ideas and businesses thrive” says Chief Minister Andrew Barr.

The event will see local innovators face off in a thrilling ‘Shark Tank'-style pitching competition where attendees will be in the hands of the audience, as they cast their votes to determine the winners with cash prizes on offer. Stroll through the dynamic tradeshow where innovators will showcase their hands-on, interactive products, and services. For the creative minds, there is something special too: the [Poster Competition](https://podio.com/webforms/29101408/2368784). Attendees can submit a poster about their innovative project, with a cash prize waiting for the most captivating and innovative entry, again judged by you.

Innovators pitching include representatives from Canberra change makers; [mHITs Rocket Remit](https://www.rocketremit.com/), [Future Swirl](https://www.rocketremit.com/), [Ainslie Urban Farm](https://www.ainslieurbanfarm.com.au/), [My Green Butler](http://www.mygreenbutler.com/), [Decision Revolution](https://decisionrevolution.com/), [Your Season](https://www.yourseason.co/), [Seitec](https://www.seitec.com.au/), [Psyquility](https://www.adhdtoolkit.com.au/), [Viden](https://www.viden.com/) and [Accessilife](https://accessilife.com.au/).

This, and all events held by the Canberra Innovation Network, are diverse, inclusive, accessible, and safe. Innovation knows no bounds, and we extend a warm invitation for everyone to help shape tomorrow today.

Media is invited to attend from 2:00pm onwards. Interviews with organisations that are pitching or involved in the day and Canberra Innovation Network representatives can be organised. Please contact the Marketing and Communications Officer Tash Kelly at Tash.kelly@cbrin.com.au or on 6162 1149 to arrange any interviews.

Register [[here](https://cbrin.com.au/events/innovation-showcase-2022/)](https://innovationshowcase.cbrin.com.au/).

**Key details:**

* **When:** Wednesday 6 December 2023 4:00pm – 6:00pm
* **Where:** Thoroughbred Park 1 Randwick Rd, Lyneham ACT 2602
* **Media contact:** Tash.kelly@cbrin.com.au or 6162 1149
* **Registration link:** <https://innovationshowcase.cbrin.com.au/>