

Geelong technology forum to inspire innovators

International experts to address aspiring technology entrepreneurs

ICT Geelong (the Geelong Region ICT Cluster) has again secured the services of a number of international experts to address the business community on technology, innovation and entrepreneurship.

The 4th annual Technology Entrepreneurship Forum, to be held on Thursday 28th November, will be co-hosted the industry's peak body, the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA).

The themes of this year's forum will focus on what it takes to develop a globally competitive technology business as well as how to translate technology expertise into commercial success. The event provides a rare opportunity to hear from industry leaders from organisations including Freelancer, IBM, Alcatel Lucent and NICTA (Australia's IT Centre of Excellence).

Adding a local flavor the Forum will celebrate some local technology entrepreneurship successes through a panel session which includes Robert Reed, director of FE Technologies, Nick Stanley, CEO of Sky Software and Adam Cunningham, CEO of DoMore.

The Forum is designed to inspire people with a passion of technology, innovation, entrepreneurship and start-ups. A highlight of the day will also be pitches from the top 3 submissions to ICT Geelong's \$50,000 IT Invention Test. The investment pitching competition, designed to uncover new IT innovations from aspiring entrepreneurs, will see the competitors vie for a range of prizes including tuition at one of a one-week Entrepreneurship & VC Program to University of California (Berkeley).

This year's event is also sponsored by AIIA, Commercialisation Australia, the City of Greater Geelong, Deakin University, NICTA and the State Government of Victoria.

Presenters at the Forum include;

- Kee Wong – Managing Director of eCentric Innovations & Chair of AIIA
- Nikki Parker – Regional Director of Freelancer
- Shivkumar Kalyanaraman – Chief Scientist of IBM Research Labs
- Santosh Kulkarni – Founder and CTO of Scalify & Senior Researcher – NICTA
- Liza Noonan – Director (Emerging Technology Commercialisation) – Alcatel Lucent
- Benjamin Chong – Partner of Sydney Future Fund and General Partner – Right Click Capital

Event Information:

4th Annual Technology Entrepreneurship Forum

9am to 2pm Thursday 28 November

Alex Popescu Room, Simonds Stadium, Geelong

Registrations: www.aiia.com.au event page

RSVPs: Close Monday 25 November 2013

About ICT Geelong

ICT Geelong is the representative voice and peak body for the information and communications technology (ICT) industry in the Geelong region. Its foundation members are industry leaders from the private sector, experts from tertiary education institutions and community leaders from the public sector. ICT Geelong's vision is to establish the Geelong region as a major Victorian ICT precinct, and act as a significant player in the State Government's vision to position Victoria as a globally recognised ICT region.

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