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## Media Release

**2008 ATUG Awards, Australian Technology Park, 13th March 2008**

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ATUG proudly presented the 24<sup>th</sup> ATUG Excellence Awards at the 2008 ATUG Gala Dinner attended by over 350 people from industry and end user organisations.

The Awards this year were presented by ATUG Chairman, Mr David Swift and ATUG Vice Chairman and ATUG Awards Chairman, Mr Paul Morris.

The ATUG Awards are the oldest and most respected Awards for Australian Communications achievements. The Awards recognise the achievements of people and companies working to advance the use of communications services which are now so critical to business growth, competitiveness and efficiency.

ATUG also presented for the second year, ATUG's National Broadband Awards. Again this year ATUG had a particular focus on innovation which is a key element that industry delivers to end users including ways to improve services in regional and rural areas.

The Award nominations demonstrate a diverse, dynamic and increasingly competitive communications market.

ATUG awards are made on the recommendation of an invited panel of experts. There are nine award categories for the 2008 ATUG Excellence Awards and five award categories for ATUG's National Broadband Awards.

### ATUG EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**Communications Journalist of the Year Award**, supported by **PACNET**  
Category winner for 2008 - Tim Marshall.

**2008 Carrier of the Year Award**, supported by **bsipeoplegroup**  
Special Mention – PIPE Networks.  
Category Winner - iiNet



**2008 Best Communications Solution – Small Business Award**, supported by **UASP**  
Highly Commended - IPhone.  
Special Mention - Unwired.  
Category Winner - AMCOM.



**2008 Award for Best Communications Solution – Regional** is supported by **Airspan**  
Highly Commended - Wireless@Beaumont.  
Special Mention – OPTUS.  
Category Winner - Internode for Yorke Peninsula, South Australia



**2008 Award for Best Communications Solution – Large Business** is supported by **NTT Communications**  
Special Mention – AMCOM.  
Category Winner - Queensland Health





**2008 Award for Excellence in Communications Management**, supported by

**Category Winner - Anson Cheng** from the Department of Industry and Resources, Western Australia.

**2008 Award for Innovations in Communications**, supported by



**Highly Commended**

- **Clever Communications Australia**
- **Hutchison (3)**

**Special Mention – TransACT**

**Category Winner - Vanco Australasia**

The **2008 ATUG Chairman's Award** recognises an outstanding contribution to communications users and ATUG members and ongoing support for ATUG and its objectives. The **2008 ATUG Chairman's Award** for 2008 is **Fay Holthuizen**, recently retired Deputy Secretary, DCITA.

The **2008 Charles Todd Medal** is ATUG's highest award. The Charles Todd medal commemorates the achievements of the man who pioneered the overland telegraph from Adelaide to Darwin, the vital link that finally connected Australia to the world. The **eighteenth winner of the Charles Todd Medal for Communicator of the Year** is **Roger Bamber**, recently retired from Telstra.

## **ATUG NATIONAL BROADBAND AWARDS**

2008 has seen the expansion of ATUG's National Broadband Awards from four to five categories.

### **Business**

**Category Winner – neal.IT** from Esperance WA for specialised IT services, training and IT support to regional Australia.

### **Community**

**Highly Commended – Gilgandra Shire Council**

**Category Winner – wireless@Beaumont** from Newcastle, for free WiFi access to local business and customers

### **Government**

**Category Winner – TC Communications** for Eye in the Sky II, a high end surveillance solution

### **Health**

**Special Mention – ECHONET, CSIRO and Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania** and **Hospira MedNet** from Victoria

**Highly Commended – Greater Southern Area Health Service, NSW; Mensheds Australia; South West Alliance of Rural Health, Victoria**

**Category Winner – Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia** for e-health services

### **Education**

**Highly Commended – Department of Education and Training Western Australia**

### **Rural and Remote**

**Category Winner – Department of Industry and Resources, Western Australia** for Ngaanyatjarra lands Project

