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AOQ-QLD™ Appoints New CEO

The Challenge of Change

**Griffith University
Innovation Challenge**

AOQ-QLD™ sponsors the Griffith University Innovation Challenge



Len Mahon with the winning team, Lion Robotics

The Griffith Innovation Challenge is a university-wide business plan competition, which encourages teams of students from different disciplines to:

- work on new ideas and to foster innovation
- develop new entrepreneurs
- create new opportunities and businesses for the benefit of Queensland and Australia

In 2008, the Australian Organisation for Quality-Queensland Inc (AOQ-QLD™) Immediate Past Chairman, Mr Len Mahon was invited to join the panel of six judges.

The Challenge Committee received 45 registrations from which 26 business plans were submitted and 6 finalists determined.

Mr Mahon said, "Each year the competition between teams gets tougher, with several of the finalist teams planning to register a company and implement their business plans in the real world, with financial targets of several million dollars."

The winners of the 2008 Griffith Innovation Challenge were announced at the Awards Evening on Thursday, 23 October at the Griffith University South Bank Campus, where finalists had their final opportunity to promote their business ideas to the judges during a 3-minute Elevator Pitch presentation.

The finalists were judged on:

- their business plan;
- a 20-minute oral presentation (with question and answer session);
- the innovativeness of their business idea; and
- a final 3-minute Elevator Pitch.

The overall winning team received a business consulting

package and one year Corporate Membership from AOQ-QLD™, \$10,000 cash and one laptop to each team member sponsored by Dell Australia.

The winning team was Lion Robotics:

Tom Graham,
Zachary Halls and
Stephan le Forestier.

Lion Robotics's business plan focused on improving stage shows and movie production by developing and marketing an autonomous robot capable of quickly moving stage props and movie backdrops.

AOQ-QLD™ also presented a Corporate Membership award to each of the other five finalists:

- AG Global
- EduTours Qld
- Energy Info Project
- J&SO Studio Initiative
- The Clinic

The AOQ Qld congratulates all entrants and particularly the 2008 winners.

More information request *Challenge*
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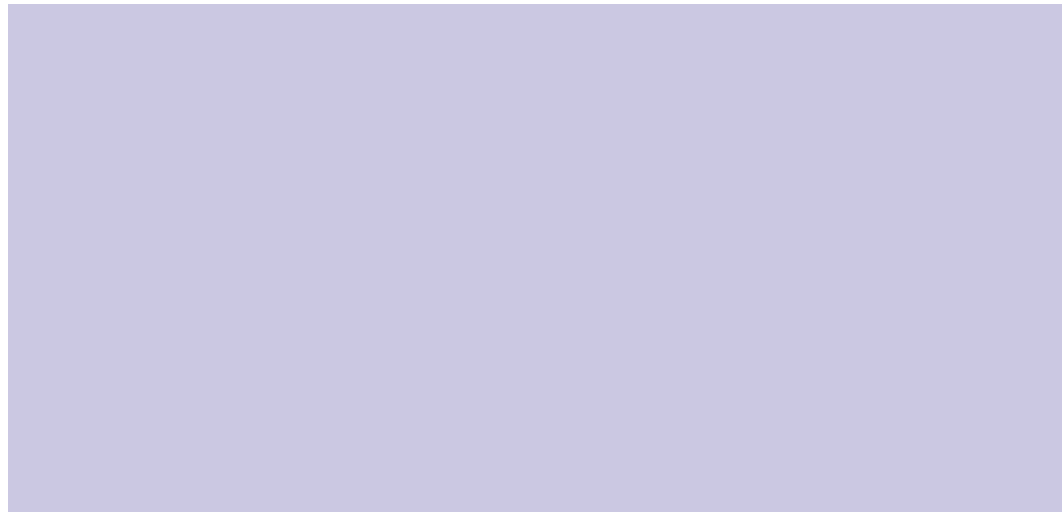
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