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Welcome to the August 2009 edition of IDC E-News.

IP Licensing Opportunity – Basic Bushfire Extinguisher

The Basic Bushfire Extinguisher is a portable water-based fire extinguisher – primarily designed for residential bushfire protection. The extinguisher is a horizontal pressurised cylinder, which incorporates interchangeable irrigation sprinkler heads to disperse water. The device is automatically activated by way of a heat detection component and is intended to assist in mitigating a fire front for a period of three minutes. Opportunity to license the intellectual property (IP) rights of this innovation is currently available. [\[more\]](#)

Small Business September 09

This year is the 10th 'Small Business' month. This annual celebration highlights the important role of small business to the social and economic fabric of the state. Discover how Small Business September can help your business with over 300 events hosted by 150 organisations supporting small businesses. [\[more\]](#)

Premier's NSW Export Awards – Applications Close 7 August

The Premier's NSW Export Awards is an annual program that aims to recognise excellence in the export of goods and service by NSW business. The Awards acknowledge the important contribution of businesses to the economy through job creation and increased prosperity for the community and for the state. [\[more\]](#)

Warning to Trade Mark Owners

IP Australia has recently received numerous calls from trade mark owners who have received an invoice from a company known as TMP, Trademark Publisher. The invoice includes a Sydney street address for TMP and requests payment for publication of the trade mark owner's trade mark details in a register. This company is not associated with IP Australia and has no official or government authority. [\[more\]](#)

Investment in the Private Marketplace in Australia – Call for Research Participants

The University of Newcastle's Investment in the Private Marketplace project is seeking business angel investors and venture capitalists to take part in a 5-10 minute confidential survey questionnaire. Email info@privateequitymedia.com.au for a survey form or contact researcher Ken McDonald at ken.mcdonald@studentmail.newcastle.edu.au or 02 9238 2222 for further information.

Round Three Funding Offers for Government's Climate Ready Program

A unique air conditioning system up to 12 times more power efficient than traditional systems is one of 22 projects to be offered more than \$13 million in funding under round three of the Australian Government's *Climate Ready* program. The projects will support about 180 green jobs and brings to 73 the total number of projects funded under the program, worth more than \$58 million and supporting about 760 jobs. [\[more\]](#)

Chicken Tikka Masala 'Invented in Glasgow'

Scotland is known around the world for bagpipes, Scotch whisky, haggis and tartan kilts. But now it is trying to protect a less obviously Scottish treasure: chicken tikka masala. A chef from Glasgow claims he invented the curry dish, and is pressing the European Union to give it "Protected Designation of Origin" status, alongside the likes of champagne, Parma ham and Greek feta cheese. [\[more\]](#)

Sydney Design 09

International design festival, Sydney Design 09 is now a celebrated Sydney institution in its 13th year. The Festival celebrates local and international design with a diverse program running over 16 days from 1 to 16 August 2009. This year the festival is bigger than it's ever been, with a vibrant cocktail of events, exhibitions, speakers, tours, markets and workshops designed to engage and inspire audiences. [\[more\]](#)

Innovation ALERT™

Interested in the latest innovative ideas being filed with the Australian patent office? IDC's Innovation Alert™ provides a sneak preview at some of the latest Innovation Patents to be lodged. For more information, please [contact us](#).

Patent Number	Title	Applicant	Filing Date
2009100659	Traffic Signal Lantern Housing	Roads & Traffic Authority of New South Wales	8 Jul 09
2009100667	Vacuum Pack Coal, Grus or Brix	Mecrus Pty Ltd	9 Jul 09
2009100703	Computer Memory Stick Storage Box	Stephen Ethell	21 Jul 09
2009100713	Furniture Assembly Method, System & Product	Sebel Furniture Ltd	23 Jul 09
2009100717	An Apparatus for Controlling the Flow of Ventilation Air in Mining Environments	Elliot Ventilation Systems Pty Ltd	24 Jul 09
2009100722	Incoming Telephone Call Management for a Portable Multifunction Device with Touch Screen Display	Apple Inc.	27 Jul 09
2009100724	Mortice Chisel	Ryan Harvey	28 Jul 09
2009100728	Wheel Chock Assembly	Aidan Gorlick	30 Jul 09
2009100730	Boat Hoist Safety Rail	Stephen Scott	30 July 09

Larrikin Music Publishing Pty Ltd v EMI Songs Australia Pty Limited

The Federal Court has handed down an interim decision in a case brought by Larrikin Music Publishing Pty Ltd ('Larrikin') against the composers of the song "Down Under" and the owner and licensee of "Down Under" (EMI); Larrikin allege that the composers and EMI infringed its copyright in the song "Kookaburra sits in the Old Gum Tree". [\[more\]](#)

CSIRO Software - Best Technical Innovation Award

Technology developed by CSIRO Petroleum Resources and applied by Brazilian energy company, Petrobras, was awarded the 'Best Technical Innovation Award' at the 2009 Offshore Asia Conference in Thailand. The Award recognised the value of Genesis, an information management software package that allows easy and comprehensive analysis of drilling and completions data. [\[more\]](#)

Incheon International Design Awards (iida) – Call for Entries

Incheon Metropolitan City, Korea, together with designboom promotes an international design competition. Participation is open to applicants from every country in the world including professionals, students and design-enthusiasts. The Awards include categories: 'green design for humans', 'city and green design' and 'green design and communication'. [\[more\]](#)

BootUpCamp - Four Aussie Web-Based Start-Ups Launch

BootUpCamp is a free intensive entrepreneurship workshop where participants will go from nothing to a fully operational web business in two weeks. The structured program includes professional workshops and presentations from industry experts, entry to a pitching competition, introductions to many industry events and key people, an angel investor panel and more. [\[more\]](#)

Enterprise Challenge Fund - \$A 6.7 million in Grants Approved in Recent Bidding Round

ECF is an AusAID-led Australian Government initiative. Private sector development is essential for sustainable economic development and underpins Australia's goal of reducing poverty in the Pacific and South East Asia regions. \$ 6.7 million Australian dollars has been approved for grants to 11 new business projects in 6 countries. Approved business projects, some of which have conditions to be satisfied before contracting can commence, include a variety of industries – tourism, remote location power, micro insurance, livestock development, rural based education services, agribusiness and bio-diesel. [\[more\]](#)

Medical Benefits of Space Exploration

In these cash-strapped times, you might well wonder why governments around the world continue to pour millions of dollars in to their respective space programs. But one of the very important by-products of space exploration has been the adaptation and invention of medical equipment and technologies that are making individual lives better and in many cases saving them. [\[more\]](#)

'Babydoll' Sheep to Reduce Emissions at Vineyard

Since Yealands Estate launched in August 2008, Peter Yealand has experimented with a range of alternatives to traditional tractor mowing. It began with regular sheep but unfortunately they developed a taste for the grapes. Peter's second idea was to use guinea pigs, although this proved unviable on a commercial scale. His latest idea is one Peter is convinced will have major environmental benefits and because babydoll sheep only reach a diminutive 45–60 centimetres tall when fully grown, they are no threat to the grapes. [\[more\]](#)

South Korea to Create US\$403 Million 'Invention Capital' Fund

South Korea said it plans to set up a 500 billion won (US\$403 million) "invention capital" fund by 2016 to fuel growth in the intellectual property rights market and protect local companies from legal disputes. [\[more\]](#)

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