

## Amcom Upstart offers seed capital to eight top WA tech startups

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Today, [Amcom Upstart](#), the tech accelerator program created in partnership with [eGroup WA](#) and [Spacecubed](#), announced the top tech startup applicants that will be offered a placement in the Amcom Upstart program, commencing June 2, 2015.

The Upstart program will offer the eight successful applicants a combined \$320,000 in funding (\$40,000 each), an extensive three month professional mentoring program, and dedicated working space at Spacecubed. The startups selected are: Circadyn, Hydralert, Birds Eye View, GeoMoby, Snaptch, Australian Geotomography, Offpeak Games and Homecamp.

The ideas these companies have developed vary from monitoring and managing fatigue via wearable technology data; efficiency tools for managers, to Virtual Reality gaming and technology which connects campers to landowners' outdoor space just like Airbnb does for housing accommodations.

The program received 70 applications both from Australia and internationally, with 12 invited to pitch to an investment committee, which included Amcom Chairman Tony Grist and local Venture Capitalists Matt Macfarlane and Rob Newman.

Tony Grist, Amcom Chairman, commented “The quantity and quality of applications received in response to the Amcom Upstart call out proved overwhelmingly that, not only is there a need for early stage funding in Perth, but that there is a depth of innovative talent. The business community just needs to nurture and support that talent.”

eGroup WA Secretary and Amcom Upstart Program Director Robert Nathan said “In a period of limited access to venture capital, this is a great sign for the future of the startup tech sector in WA and those looking for opportunities outside the mining industry.”

Tony Grist concluded “I’m tremendously excited by our winners. Any one of them can be a category killer and lift the profile of the Perth tech community nationally and internationally. In fact, most of them have the ingredients to be very significant businesses.