



GSWA Hackathon 2026 – Terms and Conditions

Event dates: 12–16 October 2026 **Organiser:** Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA)

By registering for or participating in the HyLogger Hackathon ("the Event"), you agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. Eligibility

- The Event is open to university students and early career professionals (less than 3 years professional experience), as specified in the registration process.
- Participants must register by the advertised deadline and form or join a team as instructed by the organisers.
- The organisers reserve the right to verify eligibility and to refuse or withdraw entry where these terms are not met.

2. Event format

- The Event runs across the dates specified above and includes team formation, access to subject-matter experts, and dedicated time to build and present a submission.
- The organisers may make reasonable changes to the schedule, format, or venue and will notify participants of any material changes as soon as practicable.

3. Data use

- Participants will be directed towards GSWA Datasets provided via the National Virtual Core Library (NVCL) for the sole purpose of participating in the Event. They will also be directed towards an interim data release; compiled for the event containing additional meta-data and information that can be used to enhance the submissions.
- Participants are responsible for handling the data in accordance with any usage guidelines provided by GSWA.
- Notably these are provided under their respective licences data provided by GSWA is provided under CC-BY-4.0.
- All third party data used must be cited/referenced in the submission.

4. Submissions and intellectual property

- Participants retain ownership of the intellectual property they create during the Event, unless otherwise agreed in writing with GSWA.
- By submitting an entry, participants grant GSWA a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, and showcase the submission (including code, visuals, and descriptions) for non-commercial purposes such as promotion, reporting, and internal review.
- Prize winners will be asked to provide a copy of their codebase and pitch deck; which will be publicly available after the event.
- Event code will be shared under the GSWA – Github page under the MIT licence.
- Participants confirm that their submission is their own original work (or that they hold the necessary rights to any third-party material used) and does not infringe the rights of others.

5. Judging and prizes

- Submissions will be judged by a panel comprising GSWA, academic, and industry representatives against criteria communicated before or during the Event (which may include technical merit, domain relevance, and real-world impact).
- Judging decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.
- Cash prizes (where applicable) will be awarded as described in Event materials. Prizes may be subject to eligibility checks and reasonable conditions set by the organisers.
- Each team must nominate a team captain on the first day of the event. The captain will be required to liaise with and provide their details to event organisers. The captain will coordinate the distribution of awards including prize money that must be evenly split between all team members. If all members of a team are under 18 then please nominate a suitable guardian.
- The winning team from each challenge category will also automatically be eligible for the grand prize and receive an invitation to GSWA Open day where the grand prize and overall event winner will be announced; each finalist team captain will be required to attend the event to be eligible to receive the award and represent their team.

6. Code of Conduct

- Participants must behave respectfully and professionally toward other participants, mentors, judges, and organisers.
- Harassment, discrimination, or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the Event without prize eligibility.

7. Liability

- Participation is at the participant's own risk. To the extent permitted by law, GSWA is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury arising from participation in the Event, except where caused by GSWA's negligence.
- Participants are responsible for their own equipment and any associated costs (e.g. travel, accommodation) unless otherwise stated.

8. Media and promotion

- The Event may be photographed, recorded, or reported on for promotional and internal purposes. By participating, you consent to reasonable use of your name, likeness, and submission for these purposes, unless you notify organisers in writing beforehand.

9. Cancellation

- GSWA reserves the right to postpone, modify, or cancel the Event due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, and will notify registered participants as soon as practicable if this occurs.

10. Acceptance

- Registration for or participation in the Event constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.