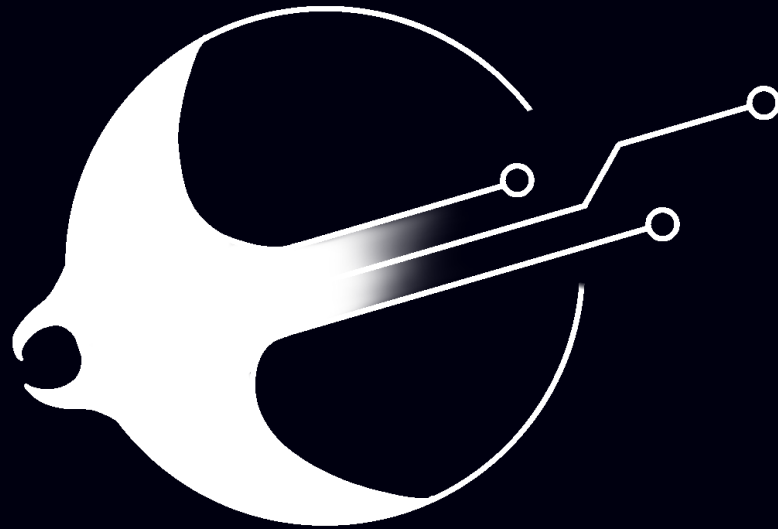
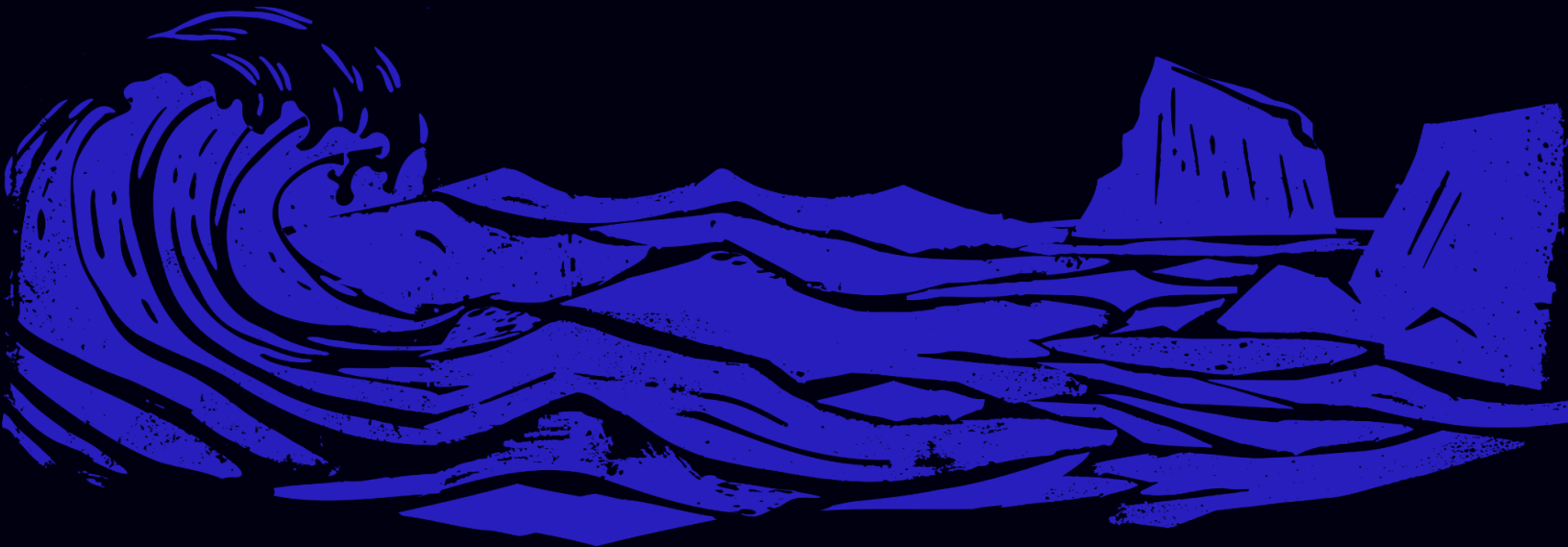


Submerged



Let's make waves together.

An initiative by **AccelRT**



What is Submerged?

This December, we are running a 36-hour hackathon called **Submerged**. In this event we aim to form social connections, collaborate productively, and facilitate high school students to build innovative STEM projects. Will you help us make it the best it could be?

What is a hackathon?

A hackathon is a social project-building event, where individuals, typically students, collaborate in teams to design, prototype, and build innovative projects called “ships”. These events foster creativity, technical skill development, and collaborative problem-solving in an immersive and supportive environment called Submerged in Sydney.

Submerged is a unique innovation event designed to challenge high school students to build creative, unconventional projects that relate to new human technology that supports civilisation, where global warming has caused many ice caps to melt and increased the sea level by 40m. In Submerged the students are able to build projects that solve a problem in the submerged world or support the people in the world, through either software or hardware solutions, supported by technical advisers and mentors, while being provided with a multitude of workshops that allow them to not only learn and develop, while also being able to improve their skills that allows them to bring the fullest out of their imagination through their projects

Submerged is proudly organised by AccelRT, Australia’s premier student-led organisation dedicated to advancing STEM education across the country. Headquartered in Sydney, AccelRT brings together a passionate and diverse community of students and young professionals who work collaboratively to inspire the next generation of innovators and leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Submerged is one of our latest initiatives to make STEM engaging, accessible, and meaningful - by the students, for the students.

What is AccelRT?

AccelRT is a national student-run organisation driven by the belief that young people can lead the future of STEM. With members from across Australia and the world, we’re building a vibrant community where teens and university students work together to run large-scale STEM events, clubs, and workshops. We’ve led major initiatives like Counterspell Sydney, a global game jam, and partnered with schools and institutions to bring innovation directly into the hands of students. Our events are open-source, community-powered, and designed to be inclusive, fun, and impactful.

Why Should You Support Us?

Our mission is to ignite the curiosity of future builders, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Submerged is more than just a hackathon, a hands-on, collaborative space where young people can experiment, fail safely, and come out more confident in their ideas. Many students learn to code, prototype, and problem-solve for the first time at hackathons, but also learn teamwork skills, leadership, and get the opportunity to work with experienced mentors that can help their ideas become reality. These experiences can be transformative, sparking lifelong interests and forming the foundation for future careers.



Participants will work in teams to design and build projects over 36 hours, while also attending workshops, bonding with mentors, and discovering new skills. They'll walk away not only with working prototypes and real-world experience, but with friendships, networks, and the confidence that they can make an impact through STEM.

At AccelRT, we use the term 'hacking' in the spirit of tinkering-rapid experimentation, learning by doing, and creative problem-solving. Submerged will be filled with moments of joy, discovery, and invention. It's about building something scrappy, quirky, and meaningful.

Our organising team was brought together through hackathons like these, and we believe strongly in the power of these events to build community. Hackathons connect young creators-coders, artists, and makers-across disciplines and backgrounds. Submerged is our opportunity to extend that connection and bring a large-scale, high-energy event to the Sydney community and share our passion with those of similar interest and boost their confidence in their field, gain practical experiences and have fun along the way.

We can't do this alone. Submerged depends on support from the community, and we are deeply grateful for every contribution. Whether you're a potential sponsor, partner, or venue host, your support helps make this vision a reality.

Submerged is being brought to you by the team that previously organised the highly successful Scrapyard Sydney and Counterspell.

“ Counterspell was a super fun event
and I got to meet so many new people,
I can't wait for the next one. ”

Hammaad Khawaja, Counterspell Sydney First Place Winner



If you want to sponsor us...

We've outlined a few suggested sponsorship packages below, but we're flexible and happy to work with you on something custom! You're not required to take up every perk. We want this to be a true partnership.

Unfortunately, due to differences in U.S. and Australian tax regulations, your contributions will not be tax-deductible. However, all of our finances will be made publicly accessible through Hack Club Bank (HCB) for full transparency.



Total Contribution (\$AUD)	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000
Send a mentor (at any one time)	Uncapped	3	1	0
Your Logo on our Website	✓	✓	✓	✓
API/Product/Service Demo	✓ 5 MINUTES	✓ 5 MINUTES	✓ 2 MINUTES	✓ 1 MINUTE
Send us Company Merch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Run a participant bounty	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your logo on our banner	✓	✓	✓	✗
Post Event Email Sendout Send an email out to participants about your organisation (max 300 words)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Branding on Social Media and Website	✓	✓	✓	✗
Run Your Own Track (side competition)	✓	✓	✗	✗
Logo on Participant Educational Learning Booklets	✓	✓	✗	✗
Run workshops	✓	✓	✗	✗
Have a booth/stall at the event	✓	✗	✗	✗
Invitation to speak at the opening/closing ceremony	✓ 5 MINUTES	✗	✗	✗
Event Co-Branding Your logo right next to ours (Name Sponsor)	✓	✗	✗	✗
Main Prize Judging Spot	✓	✗	✗	✗

If you'd like to host us...

Thank you for considering it! Our event will run from the morning of Saturday to the late afternoon of Sunday during late November/early December. We'll mostly be hosting high school students (aged 13-17), with university students acting as mentors. These are young people who love STEM, coding, and creating—and they're eager to make their ideas a reality.

We're expecting around 400 attendees. If you can donate venue space, we'd be incredibly grateful. We will cover any cleaning fees and offer you a full Platinum-tier sponsorship package (worth \$10000+) as thanks for your generosity.

We'll need running water, bathrooms, and garbage disposal—but we don't plan to cook anything except coffee or hot chocolate. Food will be catered. Ideally, we'd have a large space for opening and closing ceremonies, breakout rooms for workshops, a space for people to sleep, and scattered areas for work and rest. We'll make almost any office or educational environment work!

Supervision will be provided by background-checked adults, and we will ensure attendees are respectful of the space at all times. If attendees need to leave the venue for an outdoor activity, signed parental waivers will be required. All other movements will be strictly managed.

Technology-wise, we'll need solid Wi-Fi and cell service. AV equipment (microphones, projectors, etc.) would be appreciated but isn't mandatory.

If there's anything we've missed, we'd love to discuss it over email or a call. We're committed to transparency and collaboration to make sure this event is a win for everyone involved.

Let's make waves together. 🌊

