



AIDN NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



Letter to Members from the **AIDN National CEO**

Welcome to the latest edition of the AIDN Quarterly newsletter.

We welcome contributions from both the Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Pat Conroy and the Opposition spokesperson, the Hon Luke Howarth – our commitment to providing both the Governments and Oppositions views on Australian Defence Industry for you, our members, to understand the thinking at the political level.

We also welcome a contribution from Chris Deeble, the new Head of CASG for this edition, we look forward to a regular contribution from Defence into this newsletter for them to provide topical articles and commentary to reach out directly to you.

I should also thank the team at AIDN for organising a terrific Land Forces event for AIDN, we are extremely proud of the fact that AIDN is able to help our members display under a joint AIDN footprint – we are the only association to organise an independent stand, AIDN's independence is a fundamentally important pillar for the organisation.

We are entering the Christmas celebration period and you will notice a variety of AIDN events over the next few weeks as we celebrate our members, and award the Young Achiever Awards for each state and territory.

AIDN will also be hosting its inaugural Industry Showcase event 29 November – after a couple of delays due to COVID. The event at Parliament House promises to be a significant event for Australian Industry.

The pre-election commitment of undertaking a defence posture review has materialised in the Defence Strategic Review announced by the Prime Minister and Defence Minister in August.

Defence procurement is not known for its rapid progress at the best of times and when a review is underway, it's effectively parked. In the context of the current strategic review this must be expected, the tasking includes the requirement to



“... consider all elements of the Integrated Investment Program and provide recommendations for the Program's reprioritisation”.

The issue for Australia's defence industry is they must now wait longer for those crucial procurement decisions to be made.

What will Australia's defence industry be hoping comes out of the strategic review?

There are many ways to segment Australia's defence industry, for the purpose of this article reference to Australia's Defence Industry means Australian owned defence industry businesses, which effectively refers to Small to Medium Enterprises.

In the 2016 White Paper, defence industry was recognised as a Fundamental Input to Capability. At the time many considered this to be a significant step forward, one that would enhance the relationship between defence and industry. Unfortunately to date, reality has not matched up to expectation.

First and foremost, industry will be hoping that the effectiveness of the relationship between industry and defence improves. This will require the establishment of effective communication channels with all tiers of industry, not ones that are largely

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focussed on the prime contractors, all of which are foreign controlled.

The relationship with defence industry remains stand-offish, a case of us and them. This model inhibits the establishment of the effective ecosystem both sides are seeking and as long as it pervades, will never exist.

This view is often reinforced by the associated dialogue, which treats the two as totally separate entities, defence policy should not be confused by industry policy, defence acquisition should not be about job creation. This type of dialogue hinders development of the relationship and our sovereign capability.

To have real sovereign capability, Australia must have onshore defence industrial capability, and the development of this industrial capability should be guided by what the Australian defence force requires.

Industry wants to understand these requirements. Industry would like this review to recommend establishing a forum through which defence clearly communicates industrial needs to industry, with assessment mechanisms and feedback loops.

This will allow industry to make informed decisions regarding investment in technologies, plant, and training, reducing risk for both parties. It would also be a substantive step in building the effective lines of communication required for the

development of Australia's defence industry.

For many years Australia's Defence Industry has been held at bay by the need for interoperability, with this often being cited as the reason why the ADF would be procuring military equipment from suppliers headquartered in the nations of our allies. In this context the commentary about Australia moving "beyond interoperability to interchangeability" is cause for some additional concern, as it provides greater rationale for Australia's industry to be sidelined. We are in effect mobilising the industrial base of our allies at the detriment of our industry.

These concerns could be assuaged if there was a clearly defined defence procurement plan that was integrated with a defence industrial plan. Industry has been seeking more insight into defence's procurement plans for many years and they'll be hoping the review recommends increasing the level of insight. It's been well reported over the years that defence's procurement intentions, as outlined in the Defence Capability Plan, were becoming less transparent with each subsequent issue, the transition to the Integrated Investment Plan was the last step.

Procurement planning should be clear about the equipment that will be procured directly from our allies, overseas designed equipment to be manufactured in Australia,

and equipment to be designed and manufactured in Australia. The industry plan must be properly aligned with the procurement plan, and ultimately work undertaken in Australia during project delivery must be directly relevant to the industry plan and appropriately measured. It's also important that defence ensures that our allies and their industry members are clearly aware of the Australian industrial requirements.

Some of this has been mentioned before, and in some cases, partially implemented, but the elements don't appear to mesh appropriately. A recommendation of introducing a new procurement plan with greater detail, supported by a properly aligned industry plan would also be welcomed by industry.

Australian Defence Industry wants a better relationship with defence, with meaningful direct communications with all tiers and greater clarity of defence procurement intentions, not just in terms of the equipment but also the associated industrial needs, two key elements that would improve the relationship.

Importantly, these could be implemented in a short timeframe with limited cost implications, allowing local industry to help defence address some of the issues and this is where the real benefit of the review will come from, the implementation.

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Working with Defence industry to strengthen our national Defence capability

By the Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for Defence Industry

The new Albanese Government is bringing leadership and energy to tackling the significant challenges we face. As Minister for Defence Industry, I'm setting out with clear priorities.

Firstly, to work in partnership with industry to deliver and sustain the capabilities the Australian Defence Force needs to meet the strategic challenges we face. And secondly, to grow the industrial sector that Australia needs to support the men and women of the Australian Defence Force. These are challenges I'm excited to take on.

I've seen first-hand the amazing capability of Australia's Defence industry. I want to help it grow even further and take those capabilities global. We're committed to giving the ADF the capability it needs, and time is of the essence.

Since 1945, Australia's defence planning has been based on an assumed ten-year strategic warning time for a major conventional conflict. Australia's Defence Strategic Update, released two years ago, noted this warning time had rapidly reduced. The challenges to stability and prosperity are real and they continue to mount.

We face an intensifying strategic and geo-economic contest, increasing military modernisation and grey-zone activities in our region, the return of war in Europe, and the climate emergency with its inevitable impact on security and stability. The enduring impacts from the pandemic are driving inflation, supply chain shocks and deglobalisation. The Australian Government is committed to strengthening our ability to uphold peace and stability in our region. That is why the Albanese Government is committed to spending at least 2 per cent of Australian GDP on Defence. This is to equip the Australian Defence Force with capabilities like long-range and precision strike weapons, offensive and defensive



The Hon. Pat Conroy MP, Minister for Defence Industry and Minister for International Development and the Pacific

cyber, and area denial systems.

We are also committed to AUKUS and working closely with the United Kingdom and the United States to accelerate development of advanced defence capabilities where they will have most impact – both for deterrence and for our operational effectiveness.

This includes Australia's planned acquisition of at least eight nuclear-powered submarines, the first initiative announced under the AUKUS partnership. As part of this historic program, there will be significant opportunities for industry involvement, both domestically and internationally.

As Deputy Prime Minister Marles has said, we need to develop the industrial capacity

to build a nuclear-powered submarine capability in Australia. At the end of this process, the AUKUS partnership should have moved from having four shipyards capable of manufacturing nuclear powered submarines, to five.

We also need to add to the combined industrial capacity of the three AUKUS nations to ensure a timely, ongoing supply of nuclear-powered submarines. This will result in significant opportunities for Australian businesses to contribute to supply chains in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We have also initiated a Defence Strategic Review, with two eminent leads in the former Australian Minister for Defence, Professor Stephen Smith, and the former Chief of the Defence Force, Sir Angus Houston. This will be a comprehensive review of how the ADF is postured to deal with current and future strategic circumstances for Australia and the Indo-Pacific Region. And it will ensure Australia is an even stronger ally and better partner into the future.

Australian Defence Industry, including small businesses and researchers, brings unique skills and capabilities and has a vital role to play. AUKUS isn't just about submarines. It's an opportunity to form a world leading technological coalition. But this will require us to work more seamlessly across our sovereign boundaries. And break down stubborn barriers to technology transfer, information sharing and industry integration.

This is the next frontier of Alliance cooperation, and I am confident that we can meet the moment. A prime example is the Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Enterprise that Australia is working to establish right now.

We can get this done quickly and efficiently – by pooling our expertise and knowledge, and by making it easier for our respective Defence departments and defence industries to work together.

Australia has all the foundational elements needed for a missile industry. We have a munitions sector that produces high quality explosives and propellant; manufacturers of advanced military sensors; companies producing missile components for existing collaboration programs; and capacity to



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build rocket motors for both military and non-military use. Bringing these elements together to build advanced missiles is a serious, long-term endeavour that has the rock-solid backing of the Australian Government.

We are committed to developing a robust, resilient and internationally competitive defence industry.

A stronger industrial base makes the Australian Defence Force a stronger deterrent and our country a stronger and better partner.

That's why the Albanese Government has committed to delivering a Defence Industry Development Strategy, which will provide greater detail on our priorities, as well as a clear implementation plan to ensure success.

We have also committed to establishing a new Australian Strategic Research Agency, which will refocus our defence innovation ecosystem and support breakthrough and pivotal research to strengthen national security.

But innovation needs to be commercialised, and our defence businesses need to be sustainable. That's where defence exports come in. The Albanese Government recognises that exports play a critical role. Not just from a commercial and business standpoint, but also in terms of growing our influence globally.

Australian companies have a strong record of providing capability in US supply chains and directly to the US military.

Birdon America provides equipment to both the Australian Army and the US Departments of Defence and Homeland Security. They are delivering good jobs for both American workers and Australian workers by delivering useful capability to us both.

Another example is CEA Technologies which specialises in the design, development and manufacture of advanced digital radar technologies. They are based in Canberra, with offices in Adelaide,

SAVE THE DATE! DEFENCE INDUSTRY EVENTS 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

15-17 November	MILCIS, Canberra
17 November	AIDN NSW Young Achiever of the Year Luncheon, Sydney
17 November	AIDN QLD and Hanwha Breakfast, Brisbane
22 November	2022 Maritime RobotX Challenge
24 November	AIDN VIC Gala Dinner
24 November	Prime Ministers National Veterans' Employment Awards
29 November	AIDN National Showcase Event, Canberra

DECEMBER 2022

1 December	AIDN QLD Gala Dinner, Brisbane
1 December	ADM Space Summit, Canberra
7 December	AIDN NSW Christmas Drinks
7 December	AIDN SA's Christmas Garden Party and Young Achiever of the Year Award
8 December	AIDN NT Young Achiever of the Year Award

Melbourne, Perth and they have a US subsidiary headquartered in Hanover, Maryland.

CEA supplies both the ADF and the US Department of Defense with its CEAFAR active electronically scanned arrays, with programs including the ANZAC and Hunter class frigates; air defence applications for Army and Air Force; and numerous Range applications.

Technology and trust – born of a century of mateship – are our strategic edge now, and

they will deliver our strategic edge in the future.

As Australia's Minister for Defence Industry, let me conclude by saying that my key message is that I am committed to building a genuine, long-term partnership with industry, large and small, in both our nations.

This is an edited version of a speech Minister Conroy delivered to the G'Day USA Defence Industry Dialogue in Washington DC on 13 October 2022

THE INAUGURAL

AIDN Australian Sovereign Capability Showcase

Tuesday, 29 November 2022, Parliament House

Policy Symposium: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm in the Theatrette

Industry Sovereign Showcase: 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm in the Mural Hall



Australia's Defence Industry – an Opposition Perspective

By the Hon Luke Howarth MP, Shadow Minister for Defence Industry

We find ourselves in testing times with the prospects for global peace deteriorating and there is no denying the threats and challenges presented by our current strategic environment mean Australia needs to continue investing in defence capability.

On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched a full-fledged war on Ukraine, an escalation of its earlier aggression begun in 2014.

Combine this with the alarming assertiveness of the Chinese Communist Party in the Indo-Pacific and the energy crisis unfolding in Europe and we have a geopolitical situation not seen in 70 years.

Our eyes are open to the very real possibility of increased tension and escalation leading to war.

The Coalition government's \$270 billion defence allocation in the 2022-23 Budget continued its record investment in Australia's national security by building defence capability and creating jobs, boosting Australia's cyber resilience, and supporting Australia's sovereign defence industry.

Substantial progress has been made in transforming the Australian Defence Force into a more capable, agile and potent force and the focus on strengthening international engagement, particularly with the United States, Japan, India, ASEAN and other allies and partners in our region brings with it opportunities to work together to share and generate new capabilities.

I come to the role of Shadow Minister for Defence Industry and Shadow Minister for Defence Personnel from the Employment and Social Services portfolio where I was an Assistant Minister, and before politics from small business. I understand the importance of small business and the financial and emotional pressures that come with



The Hon Luke Howarth MP, Shadow Minister for Defence Industry.

running your own enterprise. Which is why now more than ever, we need to support the small and medium businesses in the defence industry to be successful. Their success will be Australia's success, growing our sovereign capability and potency.

The Defence Strategic Review announced in early August by the Albanese government continues on from the 2016 Defence White Paper and will build on the analysis of trends set out in the 2020 Defence Strategic Update and Force Structure Plan. Former Labor Defence Minister Stephen Smith and former ADF chief Sir Angus Houston will report to the National Security Committee of Cabinet by March next year on the Australian Defence Force's structure, posture and investment requirements for the next decade and

beyond.

I hold high hopes for the outcome of this review as it will respond to the deteriorating strategic circumstances and map out how to protect and advance the national interest for the generations to come.

Cutting the Defence budget is not an option and the Opposition will be holding the Albanese government to its promises to continue the Coalition government's record of increasing Defence funding, boosting manufacturing through the Modern Manufacturing Initiatives and the trade and apprenticeship incentives to business we put in place to address the chronic skills shortages.

As the father of three boys, with one son at the Australian Defence Force Academy and another looking to join when he finishes next year, there is no greater urgency than ensuring fighting systems and equipment are fit for purpose, to enhance their survivability, their lethality and ultimately their probability of mission success. And this is where defence industry plays a vital role.

There is no greater responsibility for a nation's government than to send personnel to war. Wars are unpredictable, lethal and consequential and our men and women in uniform deserve to have the very best capability to fight with.

The former Coalition Government recently sent 40 Australian-made Bushmaster Armoured Personnel Carriers furnished with radio, GPS and additional bolt-on armour to Ukraine, with training of the systems conducted via video.

Footage has just emerged of Ukrainian soldiers thanking Australia for helping the airborne forces reach forward-operating areas to liberate the areas around Kharkiv.

The Australian-designed and -built Bushmaster was a hard-won project designed to give ADF ground forces mobility and speed and are an example of what Australian industry can achieve when they engage in productive relationships.

What is clear from the Russian invasion of Ukraine is that allies and partners will help those that help themselves.

The Ukrainians have had to transform to keep pace with the changing character of



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their war with Russia. 'The small, the smart and the many' is a term I keep hearing and reading - cheaper, disposable, highly autonomous systems that can be produced rapidly by Australian industry.

I've been in this role now for four months and what I am hearing is that small and medium Australian-owned defence industry businesses have their work cut out for them.

There is a lack of transparency of future orders making it hard to invest in skilling staff, orders are intermittent and uncertain causing lumpy revenue, constant re quoting is expensive and drains resources, pricing is fixed for up to 10 years, deposits aren't paid to the SMEs on subcontract purchase orders and obtaining credit facilities from Australian banks is difficult. These are just some of the challenges being experienced.

Defence consistently refers to industry as a trusted partner, but some thought needs to go into what changes are necessary to create a domestic environment where our Australian-owned businesses can thrive. A healthy ecosystem where their success flows on to ensure the supply chains of the 'prime' companies that deliver the major Defence projects in Australia.

The three-way strategic defence alliance between Australia, the UK and US (AUKUS) reflects the changing landscape of geopolitics and presents new opportunities including and beyond submarines for



The Hon Luke Howarth MP.

domestic defence industry businesses. Providing the fertile ground to share experience, technology and capability across the three nations will generate new ideas and solutions.

A strong and capable defence industry is essential to delivering our modernised defence capabilities and with the Australian

defence industry heading towards being a \$24–25 billion per year enterprise, the demand for Australian workers with trade, technical and science and technology skills to build and maintain fleets of new ships, submarines, armoured vehicles, infrastructure and facilities will increase.

The Hon Luke Howarth MP



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Australian Industry & Defence Network Incorporated (AIDN) is the peak industry association for small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) wishing to do business in the Defence and security sectors. Established in 1995, AIDN represents the interests of Australian SMEs in the Defence and security industry sectors by advocacy, representation and member services.

AIDN is focused on assisting SMEs to gain greater access to information, resources and key decision makers in the public and private sectors of the Australian and international Defence industries.

AIDN National assist the state based chapters to enhance business opportunities with Defence and Defence prime contractors, and initiatives which improve management skills and expertise. Our organisation maintains a regular dialogue with the Federal Government, CASG, CDIC,

Policy Division, and other national organisations in the Defence industry sector.

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Opinion Piece from Deputy Secretary CASG, Chris Deeble

Introduction

The Government has made it clear that we need to deliver value for money and we need to deliver capability as soon as possible.

Within this strategic context, you can expect Defence to move faster and engage with industry earlier than ever to ensure that together we can deliver the capabilities as promised to the Australian Defence Force war fighter.

You can also expect us to turn our successes into templates for the future.

It is clear from my recent trip to the United States with the Minister for Defence Industry that working in partnership with industry to deliver and sustain the capabilities for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to meet the strategic challenges of the future is our priority.

Australia's industrial sector will be critical to ensure the men and women of our Defence Force have the support that they need.

This Government has spoken about building a genuine, long-term partnership with industry, both large and small, to deliver critical capabilities to the ADF and is committed to building defence industry collaboration between Australia and our allies and partners. I am committed to achieving this goal.

The technological capacity and innovation ecosystem in Australia is strong. We



have talented and dedicated scientists, researchers and designers of the future that we need to harness their skills, to build a truly resilient industry and one that will also open up opportunities for export.

The long assumed 10-year strategic warning time for a major conventional conflict that has long been a lodestar in Defence planning has been dramatically reduced. Regional military capabilities are growing, along with the speed at which they can be deployed.

In response to our deteriorating strategic

environment, the Government has commissioned the Defence Strategic Review to ensure the Australian Defence Force is well positioned to meet the nation's security challenges through to 2033 and beyond¹.

A strong and broad sovereign industrial base will make the ADF a stronger deterrent and our country a stronger and more capable partner. It will also ensure that broader economic benefits beyond Defence industry will also benefit Australian industry generally.

We know the Australian Defence Industry, including small and medium businesses and our world-class research community, have unique skills and capabilities that can strengthen the ADF and also have the potential to support our allies, partners and friends, including the United States.

Defence has a big part to play in building a sustainable defence industry, including supporting the industry to develop export opportunities and enabling the delivery of world-class capabilities.

To help fulfil this potential, Defence is focused on finding better and more efficient ways to partner with industry, large and small, wherever they are based inside Australia.

We are building an industry engagement model that successfully partners with industry earlier in the process, by consulting with industry on our requirements well



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before we approach the market. This will open up opportunities for Australian industries beyond those that support Defence today.

And we are working to develop better models of supporting small and medium sized businesses to team with prime contractors to deliver the capabilities we need and those future capabilities we don't even understand yet.

The Government's key focus on revitalising Defence's projects of concern process and making reforms to improve the performance and delivery of defence capability acquisition projects, is welcome step for Defence and I am sure will also be embraced by industry.

Establishing formal processes and "early warning" criteria for placing projects on the Projects of Concern and Projects of Interest lists will allow Defence to deploy resources and escalate engagement with industry to ensure that troubled projects receive the extra resources and skills they need to deliver the required capability outcome.

This is a clear commitment by Government to ensure Defence can deliver capabilities ADF personnel need, when we need them and in doing so to improve the defence of Australia and ensure that Australia continues to be seen as a strong partner.

Defence will also be looking to its Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) as a tool to help Australian small and medium enterprises looking to engage with Defence, assess their "Defence readiness" and to help Defence acquire the capabilities we need, when we need them.

Australia has an extraordinary talent pool to draw from and we need to harness the skills of our engineers, researchers, scientists



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and creative thinkers (just to name a few) to establish a competitive and rewarding industry for our children and their children to join.

To meet the demand we now understand, we must ensure our defence industry has the people power to turn science, technology and great ideas into capability and uplift our STEM skills of the broader Australian workforce.

As industry partners who work with us already know, many defence projects are often complex tasks, at the cutting edge of technology, industry capability and in turn, inevitably involve risk.

We are seeing encouraging examples of businesses who are seeking advice and using that advice to successfully tender or to find a niche within supply chains to sell their products and services.

ODIS (in conjunction with AIDN members) is doing great work introducing smaller companies to primes and tier 2 and 3 contractors and we are seeing business relationships develop as a result which are good for both sides and deliver capability for Defence. The ODIS team is also connecting businesses with the right programs within the Defence ecosystem, like the Defence Innovation Hub, Next Generation Technology Fund and opportunities directly on Defence programs.

The strategist Bernard Brodie once wrote "strategy wears a dollar sign".

Australia's Defence Budget has to deliver our strategy in a complex environment, and the Capability and Sustainment Group has a responsibility to deliver the maximum capability benefit for the budget we have.

Over the course of my career I've had the honour of serving in the Australian Defence Force, in defence industry and now leading an extraordinary group of knowledgeable and professional men and women in the Department.

I've always been struck by the dedication and determination of people on all sides to deliver the very best capability to the sailors, soldiers and aviators of the Australian Defence Force.

At its very best, it is practical patriotism.

Organisations like the AIDN play an important connecting and education role in the development of defence industry, and we will continue to work with you as we tackle the complex challenges ahead, to ensure that the knowledge, skills and talents of Australian industry are put to their best use to strengthen the ADF and keep Australia safe and secure.

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Nuclear safety expertise – a strategic necessity for Australia

ALARP Solutions and Risktec Solutions form a unique Strategic Alliance to provide nuclear risk, safety, and regulatory expertise. Australia’s premier independent risk and safety consultancy ALARP Solutions has formed a Strategic Alliance with Risktec Solutions.

The collaboration between ALARP Solutions and Risktec Solutions joins together extensive nuclear experience with a practical working knowledge of the development of Australian Naval Policy and maritime regulation.

Providing trusted solutions for the Commonwealth with deep expertise in maritime regulation and Safety Cases for nuclear submarines, dockyards, and facilities, the alliance offers specialist services to support the Australian Nuclear Submarine program. These services are also transferrable to the growing Renewable Energy sector.

Bradley Robb, Managing Director of ALARP Solutions, noted: “We are in the unique position to provide immediate education and training in the nuclear context on safety, governance, risk, assurance, and metrics.” Dr John Llambias, Director of Risktec Solutions, noted: “Risktec is delighted to be partnering with a world leading risk and safety consultancy to help grow the nuclear safety capability within Australia.”

Collectively, the Alliance will allow ALARP Solutions to bolster its existing nuclear safety capability by bringing in expertise in nuclear systems and support the provision of training, risk assessments, system safety and human factors engineering, Safety Case development and assurance for Commonwealth and Defence Industry.

A key benefit to Australia will be the education and training that ALARP Solutions and Risktec Solutions can offer the Commonwealth and Defence Primes. Specifically, both ALARP Solutions and Risktec Solutions are trusted providers of tailored system safety risk and governance training, with Risktec Solutions having been validated to teach Risk & Safety Management at postgraduate level since 2009. Their partnership with Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) enables them to offer a full range of postgraduate qualifications, from short, customised courses, right through to their flagship Masters degree (MSc) program.

Risktec Solutions Ltd (www.risktec.tuv.com) was formed in 2001 and has grown to over 260 safety, risk, and Human Factors consultants across 16 offices worldwide, including in the UK, Europe, Middle East,

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Pictured is Dr John Llambias (Director, Risktec Solutions) with Mr Chris Sheldon (Nuclear Lead and Principal Consultant, ALARP Solutions), and Mr Steve Pearson (Defence Nuclear Lead, Risktec Solutions), standing, at Risktec’s offices in Warrington, UK on the official signing of the Strategic Alliance.

South-East Asia, and North America. In 2014, Risktec Solutions was acquired by TÜV Rheinland, a renowned global leader in independent technical services.

As experts in nuclear energy, safety, security, and environmental consultancy and training services, Risktec Solutions:

- ◆ Delivers independent consultancy and training to clients in the high hazard sectors and sectors where the impact of loss is high, including the defence, nuclear, clean energy, oil and gas, and transport sectors,
- ◆ Within the defence sector, leads safety assessments (deterministic and probabilistic) for Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plant and associated facilities, and
- ◆ Delivers online and face to face Postgraduate and MSc programmes in Safety and Risk Management in conjunction with Liverpool John Moores University as well as tailored courses for the nuclear sector.

Risktec Solutions’ in-depth nuclear safety and regulatory expertise will be combined with ALARP Solutions own safety, risk and governance experience which includes:

- ◆ System Safety Engineering including detailed analysis and Independent Assurance Reviews of major projects,
- ◆ Safety Program Management and Safety Case development for Defence and Defence primes,
- ◆ Development and implementation of Safety Management Systems,
- ◆ Development of safety policy such as the current update of Royal Australian Navy Safety policy,
- ◆ Regulation development and support for Defence,
- ◆ Development of Governance, Risk, Assurance and Measurement frameworks, particularly for high-risk organisations, and
- ◆ Development and delivery of tailored training courses in System Safety (including intermediate and advanced courses in the application of techniques), Governance, Risk, Assurance and Measurement.

ALARP Solutions Pty Ltd (www.alarpsolutions.com.au) was founded in 2011. It works with clients in Defence, Commercial Aviation and Rail sectors with

offices established in Canberra, Adelaide, and Perth.

The Alliance is ideally placed to provide effective and expedient support to the Commonwealth in relation to the AUKUS deal and will support the development of a sovereign nuclear-powered submarine capability. The Alliance will provide a one-stop shop to the Australian nuclear-powered submarine program as it offers:

- ◆ Specialist expertise in the development of regulation and Safety Cases for nuclear submarines, dockyards, and facilities,
- ◆ The provision of system safety, governance, risk assurance and assessment training specialists with access to customisable online Postgraduate and MSc programmes in Nuclear Safety in conjunction with Liverpool John Moores University, and
- ◆ Deep expertise in Australia's existing maritime regulatory system.

At the official signing in Warrington, UK on Wednesday 31 August, ALARP Solutions Principal and Nuclear lead Chris Sheldon stated:

“ALARP Solutions prides itself on providing its clients with the best resources. Delivering exceptional service and doing the job properly with the right expertise is what sets us apart from others. Partnering with Risktec is a no brainer. Firstly, our culture and values align. Secondly, it allows us to continue to offer a superior level of service with greater capability to our existing clients. Finally, it also allows us to take on many new and strategically significant projects in the Asia Pacific region; not least of course being the establishment of a nuclear-powered submarine capability for the Royal Australian Navy.”

Director of Risktec Solutions Dr John Llambias added:

“Over 1500 clients in over 75 countries worldwide have benefited from our

expertise in the management of health, safety, security, environmental and business risk since we were formed. Partnering with ALARP Solutions will enable clients in Australia and the wider Asia Pacific region to benefit from a unique blend of international experience and local domain knowledge delivered locally. More specifically we look forward to working with ALARP Solutions in the enhancement of nuclear skills and capability in Australia and make a positive contribution to the development of the Australian nuclear powered submarine programme and a safe and reliable Clean Energy Sector.”

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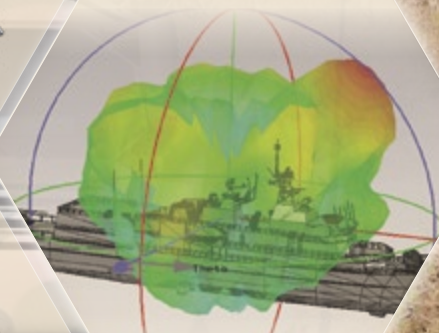
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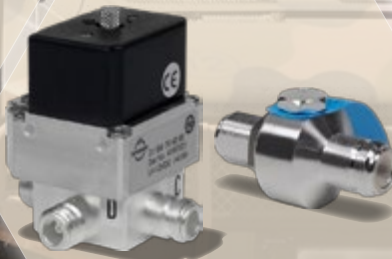
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OMNI and AIDN Networking

Hosted by Omni, AIDN's highly popular Member Networking Event held at Land Forces 2022 saw a record crowd of more than 350 members and invited guests gather from across the country and around the globe.

Omni CEO, Jon Hawkins, welcomed guests, inviting them to relax and unwind after a long day of networking, engaging, and showcasing their businesses on the floor.

Guests heard from AIDN Board Chair, Graham Priestnall as he welcomed them on behalf of AIDN and give an update on AIDN activities. AIDN QLD President, Frank Harrington welcomed everyone to Queensland and thanked Omni for their kind generosity. The event wrapped up with the exciting announcement made by AIDN QLD Committee member and 2021 Young Achiever of the Year, Priyank Menezes, as he officially launched the national rollout of the successful AIDN Young Professional Program.



Land Forces 2022

Land Forces 2022, held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) was touted as the largest Land Forces International Land Defence Exhibition ever held. More than 800 companies exhibited to a record number of visitors over 3 days from 4-6 October 2022.

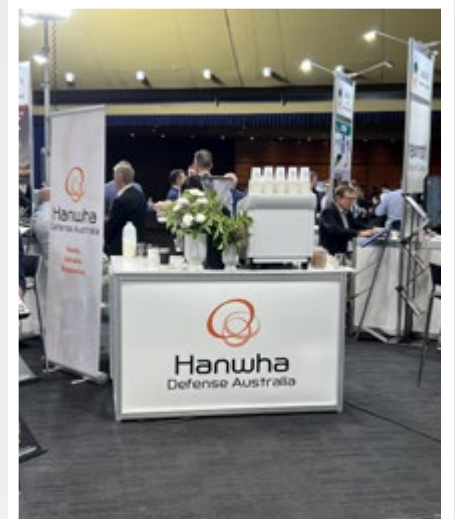
The event saw extended visits from Chief of Army, Australia's Assistant Minister for Defence, Defence personnel, Government, industry and academia, attracting 159 Defence, government, industry and scientific delegations from 30 nations.

The AIDN Pavilion hosted members from around the country, giving them an opportunity to exhibit during the event. Our thanks go to the following AIDN Members for joining us during the event:

- ◆ Av-Comm Space & Defence
- ◆ Brokk Australia Pty Ltd
- ◆ HDS Hoses Australia Pty Ltd
- ◆ TAFE Queensland
- ◆ Bosch Rexroth Pty Ltd
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AIDN welcomed the following delegations to our stand:

- ◆ The Hon. Andrew Hastie MP, Federal Member for Canning and Shadow Minister for Defence



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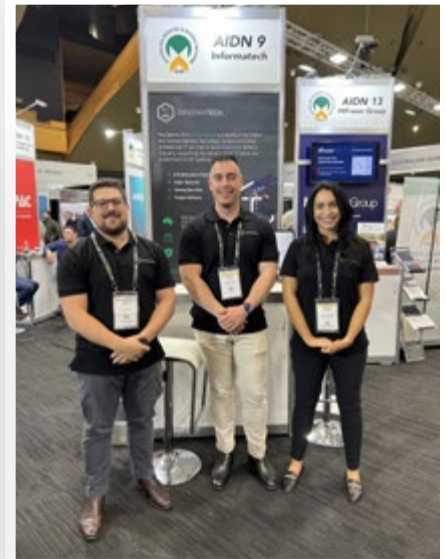


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- ◆ The Hon. Luke Howarth MP, Federal Member for Petrie, Shadow Minister for Defence Industry and Shadow Minister for Defence Personnel
- ◆ James Lister MP, Member for Southern Downs
- ◆ Shadow Assistant Minister for Defence Phillip Thompson
- ◆ Matt Ryan, Advisor, Office of the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training
- ◆ Defence Centre of Excellence, Michael Crossland and Anthony Weymouth
- ◆ Toff Idrus, Executive Director Defence West
- ◆ LTCOL Nicole Collier, Australian Army
- ◆ Nuclear Submarine Task Force
- ◆ Investment NSW



AIDN News / Land Forces 2022 Photo Gallery



Are you Defence ready seminar

After the success of the Are You Defence Ready Seminar at Indo Pacific 2022, AIDN again held the series at Land Forces 2022.

We welcomed more than 200 guests who listened intently to Defence, Primes and Defence Industry SMEs as they provided experiences and insight into what it takes to engage with Defence. AIDN would like to thank our speakers for their time, generosity, and commitment to industry:

- ◆ Acting Assistant Secretary, Defence Industry, Damien Chifley
- ◆ Chief Counsel – Commercial; First Assistant Secretary – Australian Industry Capability, Fran Rush
- ◆ Assistant Secretary – Australian Industry Capability, Jane Wood
- ◆ Judy Denison, State Manager Business Access Office – DMO
- ◆ Leader of the Small Business Advocacy Team, David Welch
- ◆ Managing Director, RUD Chains Pty Ltd, Peter Nuttall
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Aerobotix and Automated Solutions Australia Announce Partnership to Deploy Robotic Systems for Hypersonic Coating Applications. Robotic integrators on opposite sides of the world team up to solve Hypersonic engineering challenges.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., – Aerobotix and Automated Solutions Australia (ASA) officially announced a robotic automation international partnership between the two companies for the development and testing of hypersonic capable parts. The partnership follows the 2021 signing of the AUKUS security pact between the U.S., U.K. and Australian Governments, which includes provisions for the allies to work together on hypersonic and counter-hypersonic capabilities.

The Aerobotix-ASA collaboration will enable the Australian defence sector and Australian defence contractors to more easily access both companies' expertise in automation. The two companies became acquainted through their mutual capabilities in the robotic coating automation industry and are now working together to pursue projects for which a sovereign presence is required.

"We'll work with the U.S. State Department for approval of any technology transfer for ASA," said Josh Tuttle, Aerobotix Business Development Manager. "We'll also help ASA in other ways. For example, we can save them years of costly development work by sharing how to robotically spray FIREX™ RX-2390 Thermal Protection System coatings."

Aerobotix and ASA are both turn-key robotic integration companies with specialized capabilities in the precise application of paints and performance coatings. Aerobotix has accumulated invaluable experience in the use of robotics to scan, sand, measure and paint hypersonic articles on multiple programs. ASA's relationship with FANUC has resulted in the installation of more than 100 FANUC painting robots in Australia. Now, with the backing of Aerobotix, ASA has the expertise and technical capability to overcome the most difficult automation challenges in precision coating applications.

"Aerobotix has already deployed several production robotic systems for hypersonics," said Nathan Jones, ASA General Manager. "They're even making critical test parts for programs that haven't had time to build production facilities. Their willingness to support our company, and Australia, is going to significantly reduce costs, schedule delays and program risk."

With 20 years of robotic coating automation experience in Australia, ASA is uniquely positioned to provide sovereign capability and assist in the rapid development of hypersonic capability on Australian shores.

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AIDN Young Professional Program goes National!

AIDN is proud to host the inaugural Young Professionals Pilot Program (YPP) this year, here in QLD.

AIDN acknowledges the complexity in supporting the Australian Defence Force, especially as a young or new professional in the industry. And we saw the opportunity to support the industry by engaging young professionals to enhance their understanding of the defence environment and accelerating their careers.

The program saw participation from professionals from a variety of backgrounds across the AIDN member base including business development, supply chain, finance and engineering.

Over the last couple of months, we have introduced the participants to SMEs and Defence Primes alongside the AIDN Queensland monthly meetings. We have also run introductory courses to broaden their understanding of defence strategy, engagement, and procurement. The cohort also undertook a mini tour at Land Forces 2022 with an introduction to Queensland Government, Defence, Primes, SMEs and Industry Associations.

The program, which has been ongoing for the past 4 months has helped young professionals across defence industry to build awareness and better understand the links between Defence industry and the end user. We hope these engagements have added value for the participants, the defence organisation they represent and broader industry.



YPP with Michael Clark from Boeing – Land Forces 2022



YPP learning Defence101 with Shane 'Buzz' Sarlin from Buzzworks at AIDN QLD July

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- ◆ Mr Lalik Chhoeuk, Estimator/Site Engineer, A. Gabrielli Constructions
- ◆ Mr Isaac Jennings, Business Support Specialist, NIOA
- ◆ Mr Benjamin Kluckhohn, Senior Consultant, GSA Management Consulting
- ◆ Mr Jaydn Lamb, Senior Analyst, Airbus Australia Pacific
- ◆ Mr Adrian Main, Graduate Design Engineer, RUD Chains Pty Ltd
- ◆ Mr Nick Mann, Supply Chain Specialist, Boeing Defence Australia
- ◆ Miss Sophie Posar, Project Manager, Ferra Engineering
- ◆ Mr Peter Pugno, Production Engineer, IntelliDesign
- ◆ Ms Jessica Redfern, Bids and Proposals Manager, NIOA
- ◆ Mr Brendan Roberts, Capture Support, CAE Australia
- ◆ Miss Bryanna Saylor-Zelayandia, Social Media/Marketing Coordinator, Tagai Management Consultant
- ◆ Mr Samson Skinner, Supply Chain Specialist, Boeing Defence Australia
- ◆ Mr Jonathan Sly, Avionics Technician, Airbus Australia Pacific
- ◆ Miss Chante Swart, Systems Engineer, Nova Systems
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YPP with AIDN CEO Brent Clark at Laser Central.

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Update from the office of AIDN QLD President, Frank Harrington-



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This quarter for AIDN QLD has been our busiest for the year, with several events completed and planning in progress for a member's breakfast event and our annual AIDN QLD dinner before the year is out.

Thales being one of AIDNs big supporters once again expressed their support to AIDN QLD by opening the doors to our members for the August monthly meeting at their Pinkenba facility. We had 100 in attendance with Bushmaster and Hawkei vehicles on display. Our speakers for the evening included:

- ◆ Thales providing information on how to engage with their business.
- ◆ Air Commodore Grant Pinder Head of Joint Support Services Division who gave an insightful overview of the advantages that reservists can bring to a business.
- ◆ Rebecca Elliot from BAE gave an overview on their business and upcoming programs.
- ◆ Christine Waugh provided an update on the Queensland Governments activities.



Defence Reserves Awards night, L-R: Frank Harrington, AIDN QLD President, Alanna Mahlakolisane from AIDN National, Shane 'Buzz' Sarlin from Buzzworks, Cathy Luck from Airbus, Priyank Menezes of Airbus and Carl Quarterman from Queensland Gaskets and AIDN Board Member.



Defence Reserves Awards night – Callum Bigarelli, Australian Defence Force Reserves and Employer Support (ADFRES)



LEFT and BELOW: AIDN QLD September Monthly Member Meeting at Laser Central



Our September meeting was held at Laser Central and was organised by AIDN QLD Committee member Louisa Loveday. Speakers at the event included our host Rob Newton of Laser Central, AIDN National CEO Brent Clark and Don Roach from the Queensland Government. Thanks to Brad Geraghty of Minecorp and AIDN QLD Committee for taking on the role of MC in my absence.

Land Forces proved to be a huge success. AIDN QLD was well represented both on the AIDN Pavilion and throughout the show. AIDN events included an Are You Defence Ready forum with a panel of senior defence industry people presenting and participating. The other key event for AIDN was the Networking Drinks sponsored by Omni with an announcement that the AIDN QLD Young Professionals Pilot Program would be formalised into a AIDN National venture. The Young Professional's Program will aide in nurturing more talented young people into the defence industry.

Our November members meeting will be an industry breakfast on the 17th of Nov and we will wrap up the year on a high with our annual dinner on the 1st of December at the Hilton Brisbane.

Tickets for the Dinner are now on sale and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Alanna at aidnqld@aidn.org.au for more information.

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Forward Fest

Forward Fest was held on the Sunshine Coast between September 26-30. The event designed to help shape the minds of future leaders included a day dedicated to Manufacturing in Defence on the 29th September. Organised by MEF Sunshine Coast the day included a number of workshops and also presentations from SMEs on their experience dealing with Defence, and growing their businesses to meet the capability needs. Carl Quarterman our National Deputy Chairperson gave a presentation on AIDN and the efforts to promote Australian SMEs and building an ecosystem of defence collaborative environment, and sovereign capability.



ABOVE: L-R Pete Stevens of Thales, AIRCMDR Grant Pinder, AIDN QLD President Frank Harrington.

RIGHT: Rebecca Elliot, Strategic Sourcing – Supply Chain Capture Manager BAE Systems.



Update from the office of AIDN NSW President, Anna Murray –



NSW has had a busy time in the last 3 months as we continue to grow and add value to the NSW membership. We held a very successful event at the Austest laboratories which was extremely informative. And the presentations were followed by a tour of the facilities and gave everyone an opportunity to view the specialised equipment used in testing. I would like to extend my thanks to the Austest team for hosting AIDN members and especially for the delicious paella at the end of the formal part of the afternoon. This was the first afternoon/evening event that we have run in NSW and it was a great success.

We continue our close working relationship with Defence & Aerospace NSW, part of Investment NSW and AIDN attends regular meetings with NSW government and the other regional Defence associations in NSW. This enables us to be across upcoming state government initiatives including NETM via Western Parkland City Authority where some very exciting activities are happening for



ABOVE: Brett Coleman, the Managing Director of Austest.

LEFT: Group Tours Austest Facility.

BELOW: AIDN NSW President, Anna Murray.



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advanced manufacturing and companies based in Western Sydney. AIDN NSW membership has also provided input to the Modern Manufacturing Taskforce report and I will be meeting the new Modern Manufacturing commissioner later this year.

A number of AIDN members were present at the recent LandForces conference either on the AIDN stand or the NSW government stand. Both these stands were open plan and well trafficked and gave members plenty of opportunity to network and meet the conference attendees.

I urge everyone to attend our upcoming events – we have a Young Achievers lunch on 17th November where we will present the NSW award and the lucky winner will go forward into the National YAA which will be awarded at the 2023 National dinner in Canberra. The level of applicants is as ever extremely high and highlights the capability of up and coming Defence industry employees. And then we have our annual Xmas event in December which is always very well attended.





Industry sees action at Richmond

By Eamon Hamilton

Images by Corporal Dan Pinhorn

For many of Defence's industry partners, seeing the end result of their work is only possible by watching the news. On July 14, members of the Australian Industry and Defence Network (AIDN) witnessed their contribution first-hand during a tour of RAAF Base Richmond.

Long known for supporting Defence operations at home and abroad, RAAF Base Richmond has in the last 12 months enabled the evacuation of non-combatants from Afghanistan, and delivered disaster relief to Tonga following a volcano eruption and earthquake.

High-tempo operations – coupled with COVID-19 and support to disaster relief efforts in the Sydney region – have made visiting RAAF Base Richmond a challenge for industry.

Air Vice-Marshal Kym Osley, who is both a member of the RAAF Active Reserve and is also the Defence advocate for the NSW Government, arranged the AIDN visit on July 14.

"They don't often get the chance to meet the warfighter or end user, see the capabilities up close, or meet the other stakeholders," Air Vice-Marshal Osley said.

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MAIN IMAGE: RAAF Tour 2: AIDN Members in front of C-130J Hercules during a visit to the RAAF Base Richmond.

ABOVE: RAAF Tour 3: Air Vice-Marshal Kym Osley with AIDN Members inside of a C-130J Hercules.

"By allowing them to tour RAAF Base Richmond, they can see the missions that are flown from here and understand the capability that they're contributing to."

The visit by AIDN members comprised 70 representatives from 50 companies and organisations that support Defence.

These ranged from small businesses providing dedicated specialist technical services, through to larger organisations such as Pricewaterhouse Coopers and Thales Australia.

"We have people here who machine parts for the C-130J, through to companies that

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provide cyber security,” Air Vice-Marshall Osley said.

“Every company represented here already does Defence work, and much of that is within the aerospace field.

“The majority of them are providing a service that applies to Richmond, and while that isn’t a prerequisite for participating in this visit, they obviously have an interest in the work here.”

RAAF Base Richmond is home to a squadron of 12 C-130J Hercules transport aircraft operated by No. 37 Squadron, along with a significant industrial base to sustain and maintain these aircraft.

RAAF Base Richmond remains an important



ABOVE: RAAF Tour 4: Air Vice-Marshall Kym Osley with Participants of the Australian Industry Defence Network in front of a C-130J Hercules during a visit to RAAF Base Richmond.

part of how Air Force conducts air mobility operations, and continues to support Defence in the Sydney region and wider New South Wales.

Representatives from the base briefed AIDN on the base’s current role, and hosted tours of a static C-130J as well as visits to industry partners including CAE Australia and Airbus.

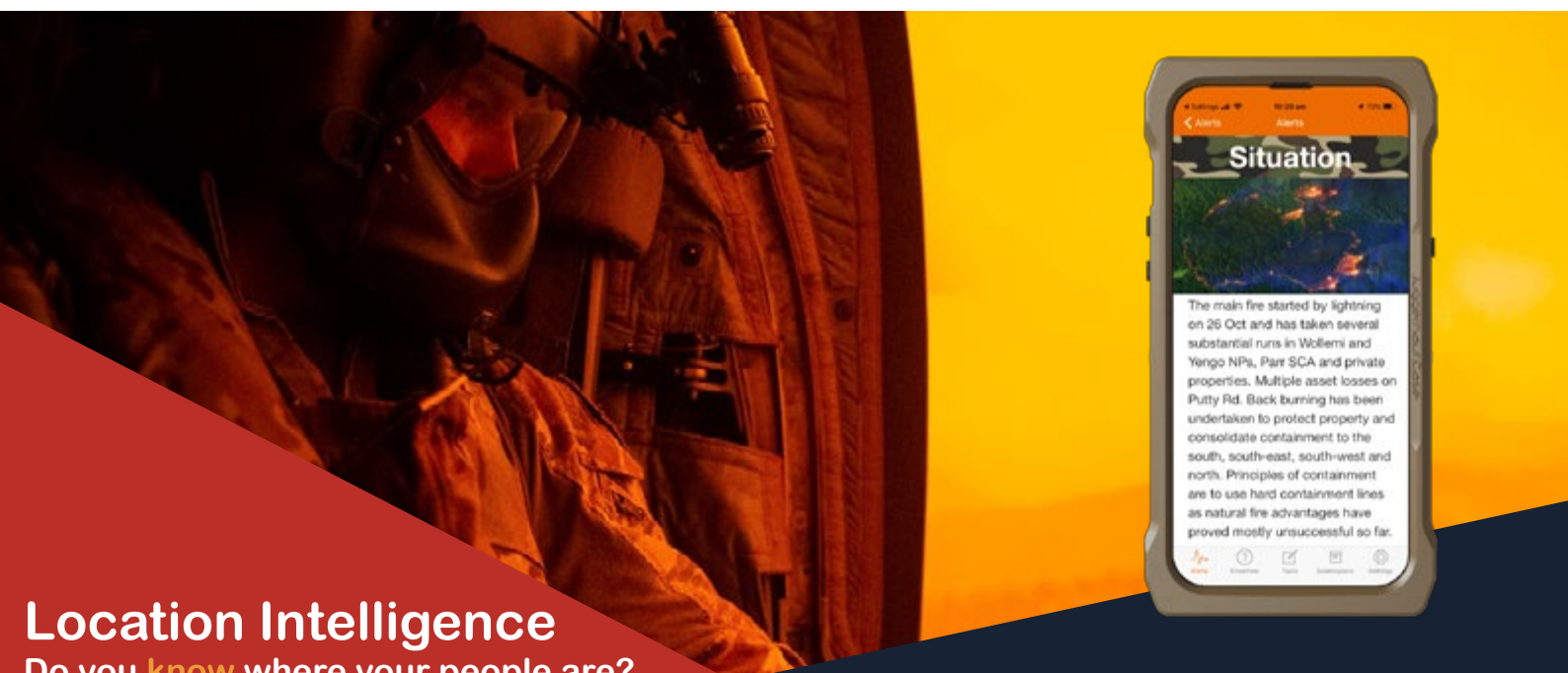
“Many companies will provide support to Defence in partnership with others or through a lead company that is the platform steward” Air Vice-Marshall Osley said.

“Visits like this allow industry representatives to network, to discuss

LEFT: AIDN Members welcomed to the RAAF Base Richmond

opportunities to partner, to build relationships and ultimately to leverage the strengths of the participating companies.

“It leads to a better outcome for Australian industry and better and more cost effective support for Defence.”



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Update from the office of AIDN WA President, Kris Constantinides –



AIDN WA Presents – Meet the Primes: BAE Systems

On Wednesday, 24 August, AIDN WA hosted their next installment in the Meet the Primes series with BAE Systems.

More than 60 guests heard from BAE Systems as they discussed the current opportunities within their Maritime division and network with the BAE team.

AIDN WA thanks BAE Systems Australia for taking part in the 'Meet the Primes' event.



RIGHT:
Left to right: Richard Baker of Red Piranha, Michele Galeano, Carlos Fortuna, Blake Pilgrim, Sharon Wilson and Darren Kirby of BAE Systems and AIDN WA President, Kris Constantinides



ABOVE:
Michele Galeano of BAE Systems

LEFT:
L-R: Carlos Fortuna of BAE Systems and AIDN WA President, Kris Constantinides

Images courtesy of AIDN WA and BAE Systems.



AIDN WA Presents Cockburn City's Blue Economy Defence Innovation Hub

The Cockburn City's Blue Economy Defence Innovation Hub is a new initiative launched by The City (Council decision 8th September), in partnership with BAE (Systems) and supported by JTSI and a number of Industry participants including 4 Universities.

Cockburn City is seeking EOI's from up to 40 businesses in the Blue Economy, Marine and Defence sectors, including Start-ups / Growth opportunities/ new technologies.

The hub will facilitate:

- ◆ Investment/Equity attraction to assist in bringing new product/initiatives to commercialisation in the Marine/Oil/Gas and Defence sectors.
- ◆ Upskilling/Training to address skills gap in the maritime industry.
- ◆ Innovative /new technologies in AI, Robotics, Cyber security, Defence platforms
- ◆ Development of the Defence supply chain

ABOVE:

Left to right: AIDN WA Vice President, Richard Baker

Defence West, Simon Bell

Office of Defence Industry Support, Greg Blycha

BAE Systems, Carlos Fortuna

Manager Business & Economic Development City of Cockburn, Michael Faulkner

AIDN WA President, Kris Constantinides

AIDN WA would like to thank our speakers for their time to speak to AIDN Members about this fantastic initiative:

- ◆ ODIS: Greg Blycha – Defence Industry Adviser
- ◆ BAE Systems: Carlos Fortuna
- ◆ Defence West: Simon Bell – Director Infrastructure Development
- ◆ City of Cockburn: Michael Faulkner – Manager Business and Economic Development



BAE Systems, Carlos Fortuna.



AIDN WA President, Kris Constantinides.



Update from the office of AIDN VIC President, Jack Kormas –



On the 14th of October, Australian Industry & Defence Network Victoria (AIDN VIC) held an interesting networking event for members at RMIT University's Sir Lawrence Wackett Defence & Aerospace Centre. The Centre supports the research, growth, and progress of Australia's defence, aerospace, and transport systems industries.

Nearly 40 members were treated to a tour of the Centre's additive manufacturing facility, which has staggering capabilities in terms of the design, scale, and production of complex components for critical uses such as medical (in my palm I'm holding a titanium spinal support structure!), aerospace, defence, and rapid prototyping.



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Update from the office of AIDN SA President, Michael Slattery –



AIDN SA End of Year Christmas Garden Party and Young Achiever of the Year Award

AIDN SA Invites you to attend the AIDN SA End of Year Christmas Garden Party and Young Achiever of the Year Award on the evening of 7th December at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club (NMAFC).

Join guests from across the Australian SME community, Defence Primes, Defence Force, and industry organisations for an evening of good conversation, engagement with like-minded industry leaders, plus great food and refreshments, while celebrating the achievements of our members this year. In particular, via the Young Achiever Award (YAA), we will recognise and celebrate the driven and talented young people who are the key to the future of our industry. The YAA is once again Sponsored by Defence SA.

SPEAKERS:

Key Note Speaker: Jane Wood, Assistant Secretary Australian Industry Capability Delivery

Richard Price, Chief Executive Officer, Defence SA – Presenting the Young Achiever Award

EVENT DETAILS:

Wednesday, 7 December 2022

1630 for a 1700 start. Formal event concludes at 1930

Naval, Military and Airforce Club of South Australia, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide, 5000

RSVP 5pm, Wednesday 30 November 2022 - ACDT

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