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Welcome to our fifth newsletter for 2007.

MEMBER NEWS

Since our last newsletter, two new members have joined. They are:

- Foley & Associates, trading as Council of the Great Lakes Governors, which represents eight Great Lakes States in the US and promotes trade and investment links between the Great Lakes region and Australia and New Zealand;
- HUBER+SUHNER, which specialises in power and signalling cables, connectors and cabling, lightning and EMP protection, fibre optics, microwave links and broadband antennas.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All. It is that time of year again that we hold our AGM. Like other years, the AGM is followed by relevant presentations from Navantia and Thales (see separate item next page).

I obviously would encourage you all to attend these important events on the 13th June.

Your committee has worked very hard over the past 12 months maintaining and improving the high level of member satisfaction. There is always more to be done and, with the excellent framework we have to operate within, this can be done professionally and successfully.

The running of a healthy organisation is measured by the enthusiasm of its members. A regular turnover of personnel, and in turn ideas, in the committee room is also prudent. A few hours a month for 12 months, and a passion to ensure SME's in our sector get a fair go, is all that is needed. Don't hesitate to contact John Small if you would like to put your name forward, or let us know on the day.

Again many thanks to the current team and all those who have supported the endeavours over the course of the year.

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AIDN NETWORKING BREAKFAST FOR MAY

Just over 30 people attended a very successful breakfast at the Sutherland Tradies on Friday 11th May – breakfasts seem to keep getting larger each month. Those attending heard speakers Steve McNaughton of Southtech Personnel, Greg Winter of Nepean Engineering and Paul Howarth of HES Power Comm, and networked over an excellent breakfast provided by the Club.

AIDN NSW AGM FOR 2006 – NAVANTIA AND THALES AWD AND LHD PRESENTATIONS

Our AGM for the 2006 financial year will be on Wednesday 13th June at the NSW Dept of State and Regional Development offices in the MLC Centre City. We have been fortunate to secure speakers from:

- Spanish shipbuilder and potential AWD ship designer Navantia, who will talk on the Australian industry opportunities that their design will offer; and
- Thales, who will talk on the benefits offered to industry in Sydney and Newcastle by their bid for the Amphibious Ship project.

The presentations will be either side of a light lunch following the formal AGM business. Non-members are welcome to attend. Anyone intending to come and who has yet to RSVP should contact John Small.

AIDN NETWORKING BREAKFAST FOR JULY

Our next breakfast is planned for July, with date, location and speakers to be advised very soon.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Your committee met on 11th May. Main outcomes were:

- A recommendation will be made to the incoming committee after the AGM that a marketing plan proposal by member Goal Group be accepted;
- Additional contributions to the marketing plan be sought from AIDN National and other chapters; and
- Initial planning was formulated for the next Birthday Dinner in September.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th June.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Australian aerospace design capacity is experiencing a significant 'brain gain' from local industry's involvement in high value work on the JSF Program. With up to 200 engineers working on the JSF, Victorian member GKN Aerospace Engineering Services has designed a substantial part of the airframe. GKN is the largest airframe design contributor to the JSF Program outside the three international prime contractors.

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence and BAE Systems Australia have signed a contract worth A\$76.1 million for an upgrade to the Electronic Surveillance System (ESM) installed on the AP-3C Orion Aircraft. The contract requires BAE to replace existing subsystems and associated ground support systems. The upgraded will build on developments for the 'Wedgetail' Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft.

Defence's Chief of Capability Development and the Australian Government Chief Information Officer have signed an MoA certifying that Defence's Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) has achieved High Assurance accreditation. PKI is an information technology capability that uses encryption to validate the integrity of data and the identities of personnel or devices on networks. This technology will mitigate the risk of electronic impersonation of Defence personnel or devices and the undetected modification of data.

Defence has announced projects worth \$824m to refurbish RAAF bases at Pearce, Amberley, Edinburgh, Darwin and Townsville and HMAS Creswell. The projects include work to allow the bases to support the new larger C-17 aircraft and to also include redevelopments of fuel farm works, training accommodation, medical and dental facilities, living-in accommodation, messing facilities and office accommodation.

The Defence Minister and South Australian Deputy Premier have given the green light to construction of the Maritime Skills Centre. The \$6 million purpose-built facility will support the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance – the Commonwealth, Adelaide-based ASC AWD Shipbuilder Pty Ltd and Raytheon Australia Pty Ltd – to deliver critical trade and technical skills required to build Navy's AWDs.

The Government has announced that 59 companies and academic institutions have been selected to join 83 other companies and academic institutions in the ground-breaking Rapid Prototyping Development and Evaluation (RPDE or Rapid) program, which is designed to contribute to enhancing ADF war-fighting capacity through accelerated capability change. The expanded pool is a tangible example of Rapid's success in meeting the needs of its stakeholders. Rapid is proving to be an extremely useful Defence resource in resolving some of the technical and methodological issues affecting the ADF in the battlespace.

To see the latest edition of Defence's On Target magazine, go to:

www.defence.gov.au/dmo/news/ontarget/may07/index.cfm

AIDN NSW EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

Month	Date	Location	Event / Speaker	Focus / Topic
Jun	Wed 13	DSRD MLC Centre City	AGM and Function	Navantia and Thales AWD and LHD Opportunities
	Thurs 14	Australian Technology Park	Right Honourable Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand	An ANZAC Perspective on Manufacturing and Technology
Jul	Wed 4	tbc	Networking Breakfast	
Aug	Wed 1	tbc	Networking Breakfast	
	Mon 20 - Thurs 23	Adelaide	D + I Conference	
Sep	tbc	tbc	Annual Dinner	
Oct	Wed 4	tbc	Networking Breakfast	
Nov	Wed 7	tbc	Networking Breakfast	
Dec	Wed 5	tbc	Networking Breakfast	
	tbc	tbc	Christmas Function	