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AIDN NATIONAL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following the **2008 D+I postponement** notice (2009 D+I is again planned for Adelaide) AIDN will shortly commence asking members for information on their current defence industry capacity, capabilities, skills, technologies, level of defence industry investment and arena/s of R&D focus to provide a foundation for the industry section of the coming **Defence White Paper**.

This month the **Defence Export Unit** is taking 12 companies to **Spain** for facilitated discussions with the Navantia Group to ascertain potential pathway opportunities.

To assist Australian SMEs with R&D projects **CSIRO** is about to launch a website segment orientated to enticing potential enterprises into collaborative arrangements with the CSIRO scientific areas of expertise or to act as an introductory party for the SME to liaise with the best R&D collaborative assistance.

A national Roadshow is in the planning to update enterprises regarding the **Amphibious Ships Project** and identify potential industry expertise prior to 30 June.

If you employ a member of the **ADF Reserve** you should be aware of the employer support program, for details I invite you to visit www.defencereserves.com and make contact with your local DRSC office.

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AIDN-New South Wales

AIDN-NSW MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,
It's that time of year again where I ask you to consider representing this important and relevant organization on the committee. We have many exciting projects on the go and the value of the current commitment is immeasurable. The membership voted in favour of a larger general committee last June and I am happy to report that this has successfully covered any shortfalls of personnel which in past years slowed productivity. So at our AGM in June this year, I hope to see even more interest in support of the committee. The rewards are both forthcoming for your business interests and personally.

If you have any questions please call me on 0420 942 779. Shane MacDonald, President, NSW

AIDN-NSW NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new member of AIDN-NSW.

DISplay Pty Ltd

DISplay Pty Ltd, which consults in the areas of electronics, software and systems, engineering management in the defence, aerospace, telecommunications, transportation and logistics sectors.

For further information please contact: Christopher Skinner, CEO, Phone: 02 9908 3348 ciskinner@acslink.net.au

AIDN-NSW MEMBERS' NEWS

DEFENCE EXPORTS AND CTD FUNCTION

Sixty people attended our function on 2nd April to hear Terry Whelan, Head Defence Exports Unit and Andrew Arnold, Director CTD Program talk. Both presentations were enthusiastically received and many questions asked and answered.

MAY BREAKFAST AT BROENS INDUSTRIES

Our next breakfast will be at Broens Industries. Invitations will be out soon.

AIDN NSW AGM

Keep an eye out for our AGM Notification and guest speaker announcement. Nominal date is 18th June, subject to confirmation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nothing for this month.
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NEW SOUTH WALES INDUSTRY NEWS

NSW EMPLOYERS RECOGNISED FOR SUPPORT TO ADF RESERVES

A record fifty-six New South Wales employers have been recognised with awards for their support of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves, at a ceremony onboard HMAS 'Darwin' at Sydney's

Garden Island naval base. The 'Employer of the Year' award was presented to Lismore Base Hospital, with State Awards presented to: NSW Police Force Hunter Valley Area Command; NSW TAFE Hunter Institute; OOCL (Australia) Pty Ltd; and Diprinzio & Cosetlini Pty Ltd (Broadmeadow). In order to be eligible for an Employer Support Award, organisations need to have a supportive leave policy

in place, and have released their employees for an extended period of Reserve Service. Visit www.defencereserves.com for more info. Courtesy of www.diar.com

AIR FORCE'S NEW RECRUIT TRAINING UNIT – ON TIME, ON BUDGET

The Air Force's new recruit training precinct at RAAF Base 'Wagga' (NSW) has been officially opened, concluding an element of the RAAF College Relocation initiative which saw the 100-staff 1 Recruit Training Unit (RTU) moved from Adelaide to Wagga. New facilities valued at upwards of \$60m - and constructed by Thies and Coffey Projects –

include: a new headquarters building; multi-storey living-in accommodation buildings; training facilities; a physical fitness centre, medical and dental facilities; weapon and field training areas; improved mess facilities; and a recruit recreation facility. All Air Force airmen and airwomen recruits (Permanent and Reserve) will now begin their service life at 1RTU in Wagga. At any one time, Defence estimates up to 360 recruits will be undergoing training at the Unit, with about 1200 recruits passing through 1RTU each year.



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PTM Homes was founded by Peter Papadakis in 1978. Eight years later he made the first step towards his vision of creating a family business with his sons Tony and Michael.

For further information please contact: Tony Papadakis, Managing Director, Phone: 08 8932 8590 tony.papadakis@ptmhomes.com.au



AIDN-NT MEMBERS' NEWS

CARCOM AWARD NEW CONTRACT

Darwin based SME **Carcom Installations Pty Ltd** have recently announced the signing of their latest defence related contract. Carcom Installations Pty Ltd Managing Director Tony Copley says the company has been commissioned to install new state of the art command and control equipment for the Armidale class patrol boats and their RHIB's.

The mobile asset command and control system is manufactured by Australian Technology Information (ATI), based in Canberra. ATI realised the benefits of having an experienced contractor on the ground in the vessels home port, and CARCOM was chosen on the basis of their track record and strong industry synergies.

CARCOM has rapidly increased its presence in the defence sector since 2006 where it capitalised on the benefits provided by AIDN-NT and participating in the DMO Defence & Industry Study Course (DISC) 2007.

Other CARCOM defence related contracts include working with General Dynamics Land Systems Australia, upgrading electrical systems in the ageing M113 Fleet, and a maintenance role with RLM, involving the over the horizon radar system. Mr Copley said that, "being on the ground in the area where much of the ADF Hardware is has proven mutually beneficial to both our company and the primes and tier 1 contractors that typically engage us". He believes that CARCOM's main strengths are in the flexibility and fluidity of an SME of this size to

respond to a range of requirements across the electrical/electronic sector.



DEFENCE SUPPORT BOOSTED IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Defence has successfully completed negotiations with **Serco Sodexo Defence Services** for the provision of garrison support services, and **Spotless Property and Facilities** Pty Ltd for the provision of comprehensive maintenance for the Defence estate in the Northern Territory / Kimberley region.

Execution of the contracts following signature in April is expected to provide substantial opportunities for local businesses, injecting in excess of \$240m over the first five years of operation. Defence says both agreements will see a reduction in waste, increased recycling, the minimisation of energy use and greenhouse emissions, and will continue to ensure environmental and safety compliance.

MT BUNDEY ENHANCED FACILITIES LAUNCH

Enhanced facilities at the Armoured Fighting Vehicle Field Firing Target System (AFVFFTS) range have been handed over.

The enhancements included structural works on the control tower, targetry system improvement, paving the vehicle movement areas, and providing shelter for troops.

The 1st Armoured Regiment of Darwin's 1st Brigade demonstrated the importance and value of upgrading and maintaining first class training facilities in a live firing display.

The works commenced in 2007 and were completed in February 2008 by **Norbuilt Pty Ltd**, a local construction company, at a cost of \$1.95 million.

AIDN-Queensland

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRY NEWS

CTC MILESTONE MARKS CUBIC AUSTRALIA OFFICE OPENING

US-based Cubic Corporation has established an Australian subsidiary, Cubic Defence Australia Pty Ltd, in Aitkenvale (Qld) as part of a 19 March ceremony which marked its achievement of a 'capability acceptance' milestone for the Combat Training Centre - Live Instrumentation System (CTC-LIS) delivered under project Land 134. Cubic currently provides operation and support services for two live training programs in Australia: the CTC-LIS at Townsville; and the Australian Air Combat Manoeuvring Instrumentation (ACMI) system for F/A-18s at RAAF Base 'Williamtown' (NSW). Cubic also supports the Joint Project 2098 Joint Combined Training Capability (JCTC). The new office is headed by Mark Horn, General Manager of Cubic Defence Australia. Courtesy of www.diar.com

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AIDN-South Australia (DTC)

SA DEFENCE NEWS

CSC OPENS MAWSON LAKES SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS CENTRE

Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) Australia has officially opened its new \$12m purpose-built Software Solutions Centre, located at Mawson Lakes, SA. Since the 1970s, the company has been involved in a number of major Defence projects, including: the Jindalee Over-the Horizon Radar Network (JORN); the 'Collins'-class submarine project; the 'Nulka' active missile defence system; the 'Global Hawk' UAV and the 'Anzac' frigates. Over the years, CSC has also built a strong relationship with the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and other SA-based defence contractors, such as BAE Systems and Saab Systems. Establishment of the new Mawson Lakes centre is part of CSC's national facilities campaign, and follows the opening of similar centres at Macquarie Park (Sydney), Coniston Technology Park (the Illawarra), and Subiaco (Perth). CSC also plans to open a new campus in Melbourne's Docklands, in 2009. Courtesy of www.diar.com

PROJECT SENTINEL DELIVERS FINAL COASTWATCH PLATFORM

Minister for Home Affairs, Bob Debus, has officially welcomed into service the latest Customs Coastwatch maritime surveillance aircraft in Adelaide recently. The Dash-8 300 series aircraft is the last to be delivered by Adelaide-based Cobham Australia to the Border Protection Command under a \$1billion, 12-year service delivery contract.

Known as Project Sentinel, the program provides civil maritime surveillance services to the Border Protection Command until 2020. The new, longer range aircraft delivered under the project are fitted with state-of-the-art surveillance equipment and will play a key role in patrolling Australia's coastline and vast offshore maritime area for illegal fishing, people smugglers and a range of other threats.

AIDN-Victoria

AIDN-Vic MEMBERS' NEWS

VALE BRIAN POWELL

It is with sadness that AIDN-Vic has to advise that **Brian Powell** died suddenly on April 7. Brian and Glen Rothberg, Intrepid Group, ran the AIDN-Vic Secretariat from July 1997 to June 1998. He was also a director and former CEO of **latia**.



AUSTRALIAN FIRM WINS BODY ARMOUR CONTRACT

Australian Defence Apparel (ADA) of Bendigo has won an \$80.7 million contract to supply the ADF with

a Modular Combat Body Armour System that will provide advanced ballistic and fragmentation protection for troops. The system has the flexibility to be tailored to specific missions that they may be undertaking. Visit www.ada.com.au



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AIDN-WA MEMBERS' NEWS

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS EXPANDS LOCAL DEFENCE PORTFOLIO

L-3 Communications has acquired HSA Systems, an \$11m annual turnover provider of geospatial, marine and electronic systems for maritime and defence customers. HSA and its product portfolio of nautical charts, customised software and IT systems for the Australian Hydrographic Service, the Royal Australian Navy and Land Information New Zealand, will now be consolidated as a business unit within Fremantle (WA)-based L-3 Nautronix division, strengthening its product and market position in the Pacific region, and extending its global presence via offices in Fremantle, Sydney and Wollongong (Australia), and Wellington (NZ). HAS's acquisition is expected to enhance L-3's current line of networked undersea solutions, and power & control systems, to provide fully integrated system solutions. Courtesy of www.diar.com

DEFENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

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The office objectives are to enhance United States, Australian and New Zealand coalition operations through cooperative programs, agreements, and testing between the Australian and New Zealand Defense Forces and the US Army; Uncover and utilize unique technologies and capabilities within Australia and New Zealand to support US Army research, development and materiel activities (i.e. create "win-win" scenarios); Act as Senior Standardization Representative for the US Army on matters outlined in the basic Standardization Agreement of 1964 (ABCA) with Australian and New Zealand Armies.

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NEW VP AT THALES LAND SYSTEMS

Darryl Page is retiring on April 11 as Vice President of Thales Land systems Division. He would like to thank all the AIDN members that he has met, and that also notes that it was a privilege to work with you all during his 37 years at ADI and Thales.

Thales is combining its Land Systems Division with its Joint Division to form one large entity to be known as Land and Joint Systems Division. Ian Irving will take over the management of the new group as Vice President. He can be contacted on 02 9562 3360 or email ian.irving@thalesgroup.com.au. Darryl will keep his old mobile number and will act as a Special Adviser to Ian in a transitional role for the near future.

THALES BOARD CHANGES

Thales Australia has announced the appointment of former Senator Stephen Loosely as a non-executive director to its Board of Directors, effective 17 March 2008. Joining Paul McClintock, Jean-Georges Malcor, Alex Dorrian, Hans Roser, Malcolm Irving, and Chris Jenkins, Stephen Loosely's appointment completes the Thales Australia Board. Currently, Mr Loosely holds a senior executive role with Babcock & Brown, and is the Chairman of the Committee for Sydney; a Councillor on the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and a member of the Vice Chancellor's Advisory Committee for the University of Wollongong.

WA SUBMARINE WINS GLOUCESTER CUP

Rockingham-based Collins Class submarine HMAS Rankin has been awarded the coveted Gloucester Cup by the Governor General of Australia in recognition of its achievements in relation to: operational efficiency; seamanship; supply & administration; officer & sailor training; maintenance and resourcefulness. The Gloucester Cup was instituted in 1947 by the then Governor-General, the Duke of Gloucester. The Cup has been won by many notable RAN ships over the years, including: 'Quadrant', 'Vampire', 'Sydney' and 'Hobart'. Recent time winners have included: 'Arunta', 'Anzac', 'Success', 'Adelaide', 'Kanimbla', and last year - sister submarine, HMAS 'Sheean'.

AIR 5428/9000PH7 SLIDES

The Defence Capability Committee considered the AIR 5428 Pilot Training System last month and directed the project to carry out further work before returning to the DCC later this year. As a result, First Pass approval is expected to slide to late 2008 or early 2009. The RFT release is currently anticipated around mid-2009. The development of a revised schedule is currently underway and will be announced at the next AIR 5428/9000Ph7 industry briefing.



Wreckage strewn on top of "Y" turret. Photo: The Finding Sydney Foundation

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED – SYDNEY SEARCH TEAM RETURNS HOME

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, and the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Shalders today applauded the efforts of the Finding Sydney Foundation following the official conclusion of the search for HMAS Sydney II. The search vessel, SV Geosounder, returned to the port of Geraldton, Western Australia yesterday after completing final surveys of HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). "The ROV pictures have certainly provided a fascinating insight into the circumstances in which Sydney and her crew was lost," said Vice Admiral Russ Shalders.

"Certainly some questions remain but with her final resting place now known the focus for the Navy in the immediate future is to honour the memory of HMAS Sydney II and her ship's company," he said.

CATALYST ACQUIRED BY KBR

KBR has acquired Catalyst Interactive (CI). CI is an Australian e-learning and training solutions provider that specialises in defence, government and industry training segments. "The CI acquisition demonstrates KBR's commitment to improve and develop our technology-based training capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region," said William P. Utt, KBR Chairman, President and CEO.

CI currently employs 35 people in Canberra and Melbourne, all of whom will join KBR's Government and Infrastructure business unit. In Canberra, CI employees will continue to work in their current office location. Employees in Melbourne will relocate to the KBR Melbourne office.

KEVIN RUDD, ANNOUNCES THE NEW DEFENCE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has announced that Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston has been reappointed as Chief of the Defence force, for another three years. Lieutenant-General David Hurley, now Chief of Joint Operations, will become the new Vice-Chief of the Defence force. Rear-Admiral Russell Crane, Deputy Chief of Navy, is to be promoted to Vice-Admiral and become the new Chief of Navy. Current Vice-Chief of the Defence force, Lieutenant-General Ken Gillespie, will become the new Chief of Army. Air Vice-Marshal Mark Binskin, current Air Commander of Australia, will be promoted to Air-Marshal and appointed the new Chief of Air Force.

PRODUCTION BOOST FOR MEDIUM-HEAVY MILITARY ROTORCRAFT

A new Forecast International (FI) study projects that 3,706 'medium/heavy' military rotorcraft (ie: those having a maximum gross weight of at least 6,804kgs/15,000lb), will be produced from 2008 through 2017, with a total estimated value of production of US\$84 billion. FI says manufacturers are busy ramping up production of several new medium/heavy military rotorcraft, which are mainly non-US designs. In addressing its rotorcraft requirements, the US military is said to have mostly preferred buying new versions of helicopters already in its fleet, although in recent months plans have firmed for new development programs such as the Joint Heavy Lift (JHL) rotorcraft (as successor to the CH-47F 'Chinook'), and the Joint Multi-Role (JMR) rotorcraft, designed to replace various utility and attack helicopters. Sikorsky is viewed as leading the military rotorcraft market over the next decade, followed by NH Industries/Eurocopter and Bell & Boeing. Courtesy of www.diar.com

PROTOTYPE ROBOT WARMS TO THE SMELL OF RADIATION

A joint project by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), has yielded a prototype remote-controlled

robotic vehicle that is able to detect radiation. The concept vehicle, known as the Remote Advanced Sensor Platform (RASP), is said to be small and light, and can be operated from distances of up to 350 metres with full control of the robot. In circumstances where emergency response officers detect the presence of radiation with handheld instruments, it is proposed that the RASP would next be deployed to establish whether the radiation source has a half-life of several days, or fifty thousand years. Mid-year scenario trials of the new RASP will be undertaken at ANSTO. Courtesy of www.diar.com

AIR FORCE OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL – ON TIME, ON BUDGET

Force's new \$60 million dollar training precinct at RAAF East Sale, Victoria, was officially opened by Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP on 14 March. The project has been delivered on time and on budget.

The opening ceremony of the new Officers' Training School (OTS) was timed to coincide with the first Initial Officer Course graduation at East Sale.

The facility houses 60 instructors and staff and up to 120 Officers under training at any one time.

OTS expects to train approximately 300 Permanent Air Force and Active Reserve Officers in 2008.

GENERAL NEWS

OLD CROW DEFENCE INDUSTRY AWARD

The Australian Chapter of the **Association of Old Crows** is seeking nominations for the 2008 AOC Awards which will be presented at the convention dinner on 26th May in Adelaide. One award categories is:

Australian Industry Certificate: This award is to one member of Australian Industry whose service to **EW** distinguishes them from their peers. It is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service contributing to the recognition and understanding of EW in Australia. The recipient does not need to be an AOC member. If there is any person or group of people in your organization who you believe deserve recognition for their efforts in any of the award categories, please forward your name and contact details together with the name of the recipient and a brief description of the nomination including the applicable award and nominated achievements to the Secretary, Wayne Maltby at wjmaltby@bigpond.com.au Visit www.oldcrows.org.au/

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

12-15 May 2008: SimTecT 2008, Simulation Conference. Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre The major theme is "Simulation – Maximising Organisational Benefits" www.simtect.com/2008

20-22 May, 2008 CeBIT Australia: Leading Business Technology Event for a Digital World. Darling Harbour, Sydney. CeBIT Australia showcases the latest technology solutions for business. The event aggregates thousands of products that will increase productivity, optimize business processes and give results.

A range of solutions in over 30 categories including Business Software, IT Security, CRM tools, e-Commerce, VoIP & IP Comms, will be there.

Additionally a series of one day conferences will take place again in 2008. Attendants will receive valuable information about topics such as Open Source Software for Business, e-Marketing and Search Engine Optimisation (SEO), Web 2.0 solutions, VoIP and IP Comms, Australian R&D, and e-Government.

Readers of the AIDN can receive free exhibition entry and save \$65+GST by Registering on-line at www.cebit.com.au/ and entering the promotional code wbaidnca08. This offer ends 16th May 2008.

21-23 May 2008: Young Strategic Leaders' Congress ANU Coastal Campus, Canberra. Join some of Australia's leading strategic thinkers – including Michael Pezzullo, Defence, Defence White Paper Review Team member Professor Ross Babbage, and former CDF ADM Chris Barrie (Ret'd) – in debating the key themes that should characterise the pending national security statement and the new Defence White Paper.

The Congress should be a priority for young professionals employed in all parts of the Australian national security community and for graduates who aspire to work within it. For enquiries email manager@kokodafoundation.org

26-27 May 2008: Association of Old Crows International Exhibition & Symposium 2008. The convention will explore the theme "Maximising EW & IO Potential - A Testing Challenge". Adelaide Convention Centre, SA. www.oldcrows.org.au

27-29 May 2008 DefDoc08 Rydges Melbourne Australia: DefDoc08 provides a three day forum to share information on current initiatives, future intentions and common issues regarding the creation, training and through life support of documentation in Defence and Industry.

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27-29 May 2008: Heli Pacific 2008. Heli-Pacific is the only dedicated Military, Civil and Parapublic helicopter event for Australasia. Royal Pines Resort Gold Coast Qld. www.shephard.co.uk/heli-pacific

16-20 June 2008 France Eurosatory 2008 The international land, air, land and homeland defence exhibition Paris Nord Villepinte www.eurosatory.com/

14 - 18 July 2008, Defence Simulation Week, National Wine Centre, Adelaide. For more info visit www.cdcin.adelaide.edu.au/DefSimWeek

14 - 20 July 2008: Farnborough International Airshow 2008 www.farnborough.com

2-5 Sept 2008: RADAR 2008. Maritime Surveillance Following the successful conduct of the 'Radar 2006' (China) and 'Radar 2007' (United Kingdom) international conferences on radar technologies, 'Radar 2008' is to be held in Adelaide. Australia. 'Radar 2008' is aiming to cover all aspects of radar technologies and systems for civil, security and Defence applications. Adelaide www.radar2008.com/

23-25 Sept 2008: India International Civil & Defence Equipment & Systems Exhibition & Conference 2008 (IICDES 2008). The Show covers both the Integrated Defence & Civil sectors, including Defence, Defence R & D, Defence Production & Supplies. Ashok Convention, New Delhi satcon@nde.vsnl.net.in

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (Continued)

1 -5 October 2008 Japan International Aerospace Exhibition 2008 Japan has around 2,000 aerospace related companies and is well regarded as an international partner which began with Japan's participation in international development projects with major aircraft manufacturers. Pacifico Yokohama www.japanaerospace.jp/english/index.html

19-22 October 2008: QUALCON 08 The theme for the conference is "QUALITY: Process, Innovation and Adaptability". Innovation and Adaptability were chosen as part of the theme as they stem from the Third Generation of Quality being explored by leading researchers in the Quality arena. Hyatt Regency Adelaide. www.qualcon.com.au

28-31 October 2008: Land Warfare Conference 2008. The Land Warfare Conference (LWC) is a major event for users, providers, academics, designers and manufacturers to meet and present new and visionary ideas on Land Systems to a focused audience in Australia. Brisbane lwcc@dsto.defence.gov.au

24-29 March 2009 Australian International Air Show 2009: Avalon Airport, Victoria, Australia Visit www.airshow.net.au/index1.html

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable. - Seneca



News Items for Future Editions

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AIDN ACTIVITIES LIST FOR 2008

Month	Day	Activity	Chapter
	15	AIDN-NT Defence Education & Learning	AIDN-NT
	17	Capability and Technology Demonstrator (CTD) program Breakfast	AIDN-Vic
	21-24	DSA Kuala Lumpur Team Australia	
	23	Defence Industry Skills Unit (DISU) Networking Event	AIDN-WA
	24	AIDN-ACT Member's Lunch: Michael Flowers, Managing Director, Chemring Australia	AIDN-ACT
May	1	Networking Breakfast - Broens Industries	AIDN-NSW
	1	Advanced Manufacturing Australia/AIDN-Vic function with DEU, EFIC & EDAG	AIDN-Vic

	6	Export Controls on Defence and Strategic Goods - Practitioners' Workshop Course - Adelaide	AIDN-SA/DTC
	7	Export Controls on Defence and Strategic Goods - Practitioners' Workshop Course - Perth	AIDN-WA
	12-15	SimTect 08 stand	AIDN
	13	Doing Business with Defence	AIDN-NSW
	16	B2B seminar with Netherlands Industry for Defence and Security	AIDN-Vic
	19	Manufacturing Hall of Fame dinner	AIDN-Vic
	21	Design Victoria breakfast	AIDN-Vic
	20	Export Controls on Defence and Strategic Goods - Practitioners' Workshop Course - Melbourne	AIDN-Vic
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	28	Land Systems briefing	
	29	AIDN-ACT Member's Lunch: Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, AC, Chief of Army	AIDN-ACT
		Productivity Breakfast	AIDN-Vic
		Evening Networking Function with the Defence Reserves Association	AIDN-WA
June	4	Networking Breakfast	AIDN-NSW
	18 tbc	AIDN-NSW AGM	AIDN-NSW
	25	Dining In Night Officers Mess	AIDN-QLD
		Breakfast	AIDN-Vic
	June/July	Function and Tour of Parliament House	AIDN-WA
July		AIDN National Meeting Perth	AIDN
	2	Networking Breakfast	AIDN-NSW
	14-18 tbc	Farnborough Airshow DEU Trade Mission	
		Industry Day	AIDN-Vic
		Dining In Night Vic Barracks	AIDN-Vic
	TBA	Lunch General Meeting Vigil Anti-Slip Facility, Henderson	AIDN-WA
August	6	Export Networking Project Performance	AIDN-Vic
	13	New Members drinks after Exec meeting	AIDN-Vic
	29	Export Networking Metaltec	AIDN-Vic
		Breakfast	AIDN-Vic
		Networking Function and Tour of Ship at HMAS STIRLING	AIDN-WA
September		Tendering workshop	AIDN-Vic
	18	AIDN-NSW Annual Dinner Sydney	AIDN-NSW
	19	AIDN National Meeting Sydney	AIDN
	24	Breakfast Networking Function with the Australian Institute of Project Managers (AIPM). Timings to be confirmed.	AIDN-WA
	26	Annual General Meeting and Lunch	AIDN-WA
October	27-31	Land Warfare Conference Brisbane	
		Networking Function with the Australian Institute of Project Managers (AIPM).	AIDN-WA
November	19	AIDN-NT Dinner Darwin	AIDN-NT
	20	AIDN National Meeting	AIDN
	20	Export Networking GKN	AIDN-Vic
	25	AIDN-Vic Special Awards function & AGM	AIDN-Vic
		General Meeting Dinner and presentation of the AIDN-WA Young Achiever Award.	AIDN-WA
December		Evening XMAS Networking Function	AIDN-WA