



HUNTER DEFENCE CONFERENCE

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EVENT PROGRAM

21st August 2025

Q&A

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DAY TWO EVENT PROGRAM

Thursday, 21st August 2025

0800 – 0900 Morning Networking and Exhibition

0900 – 0910 Day Two Welcome
Katherine Ziesing

0910 – 1000 Aus / US Defence Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities
Joel Fitzgibbon and Arthur Sinodinos

1000 – 1100 AUKUS and Global Defence Politics
Joel Fitzgibbon interviewing Chris Mills (UNSW), Bec Shrimpton and Greg Chaffin (The Asia Group)

1100 – 1130 Morning Tea and Exhibition

1130 – 1215 Defence Workforce Panel | Challenges and Approaches
Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

Paloma Siles | CSIRO workforces/STEM/Aero programs and perspectives

Damien Crawley | TAFE Wodonga: ADF National Workforce Training Contract Administrators

Liana Nadalin | Industry Workforce Programs, NSW Dept Education

Georgette Elston | BAE Head of Resourcing and Early Careers, Ongoing national and local programs to develop A/C and Systems Maintenance Workforce



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1215 - 1300

Defence Infrastructure and Estate |
Approaches and Opportunities

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

Linc Horton | ASTRA Aerolab and Newcastle Airport

Gavan Reynolds | Dalmore Park Industrial Precinct

Kieran Sarri | BUILT Australia

1300 - 1350

Lunch and Exhibition

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1350 - 1430

Prime / SME Collaboration and National
Defence Networks

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

HunterNet, Hunter Defence, University of Newcastle
Defence and Aerospace BD Lead | Bret Barton, Senior
Industry Advisor

Babcock Australia | Andy Davis, Executive Director
AUKUS and Strategic Growth

AIDN | Mike Johnson, CEO

1430 - 1530

Modern Warfare Technology Trends

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

Sypaq | Michael Partridge, GM Integrated Solutions

Bohemia Interactive | Ryan Stephenson, MD

DroneShield | Terry van Haren, VP Strategy

1530 - 1600

Conference Wrap Up



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Cocktail Drinks and Networking

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1900

Gala Dinner

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Keynote | The Hon Pat Conroy MP

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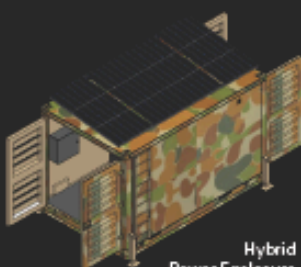


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