



HUNTER
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EVENT PROGRAM

26th & 27th August 2026



DAY ONE WELCOME PACK

Wednesday, 26th August 2026

0800 - 0845 Registrations Open and Networking

Morning Tea and coffee + Visit Exhibition

0845 - 0905 Conference Welcome

Tim Owen AM

0905 - 0915 Welcome to Country

0915 - 0925 Emcee Overview of the Conference

Katherine Ziesing

0925 - 1025 Conference Theme | National and Global Defence Picture

Presentation and Q&A | Mick Ryan AM

1030 - 1125 Aus / US Defence Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities (Presentation and Q&A)

1125 - 1145 Morning Tea and Exhibition

Sponsor | UON/UNSW

1145 - 1245 ADF Capability Roundtable and Q&A

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

1145 - 1205 Defence Delivery Agency: DDA



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1205 - 1240 Joint Capabilities

1240 - 1300 Q&A: All

1300 - 1400 Lunch and Exhibition

Sponsor | Boeing

1400 - 1430 Defence Prime Panel 1: Regional and National Perspectives

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

BAE Systems | Andrew Chapman

KONGSBERG Australia | John Fry

1400 - 1430 Defence Prime Panel 2: Regional and National Perspectives

Moderator | Katherine Ziesing

1500 - 1515 Afternoon Tea and Networking Setup

Sponsor | UON/UNSW

1515 - 1630 Small Group Networking with Primes and Defence

1630 Welcome Cocktail Event and Exhibition

Sponsor | BAE Systems



DAY TWO WELCOME PACK

Thursday, 27th August 2026

0800 - 0900 **Networking**

Morning Tea and coffee + Visit Exhibition

0900 - 0910 Day Two Welcome

Katherine Ziesing

0910 - 1000 Aus / US Defence Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities (Presentation and Q&A)

1000 - 1045 You Defence Strategy amongst Realistic Government Perspectives

Michael Shoebridge

1045 - 1115 **Morning Tea and Exhibition**

1115 - 1215 Modern Technology (Presentation and Q&A)

Dr Oleksandra Molloy

1215 - 1245 New Zealand Industry Connection and AUSTRADE (Presentation and Q&A)

Moderator | Tim Owen AM

**Taranaki Alliance | Josh Wineera &
AUSTRADE | Animika**



DAY TWO WELCOME PACK

Thursday, 27th August 2026

1245 - 1345 Lunch and Exhibition

1345 - 1430 AI in your Business Strategy – A practical demonstration of today’s toolsets
Live Demonstration
UON/I2N | Nick Stevens

1430 - 1510 The Roles, Issues and Trends of AI within Defence and Defence Industry
(Presentation and Q&A)
DAIRNet | Mel McDowell
Palo Alto Networks | Nicole Quinn

Afternoon Tea

1510 - 1545 Setting up a Defence Connected Board and Network (Panel Q&A)
Moderator | Bret Barton
Tim Owen AM | Hunter Defence Task Force & Board Director



DAY TWO WELCOME PACK

Thursday, 27th August 2026

1545 - 1600 Conference Wrap Up
Tim Owen AM

1815 **Cocktail Drinks and Networking**
Sponsor | THALES

1900 **Gala Dinner**
Sponsor | Lockheed Martin
Keynote | The Hon Pat Conroy MP

Agenda subject to change.

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