

# Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative Newsletter | June 2020

## A message from Commodore Jonathan Earley, Program Manager

As the nation slowly emerges from COVID-19, now is the time to look forward and enable businesses to realise the opportunities afforded by Defence's investment in Central and North Queensland. The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (ASMTI) is one of the key construction and development projects supporting this focus. Under the ASMTI, Singapore will invest around A\$2.25 billion for Australia to develop and enhance training areas to meet the future needs of the Australian Defence Force and facilitate an increased presence of Singapore Armed Forces personnel.



Earlier this month, the Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Melissa Price MP, announced a Gladstone-based company, Golding Contractors, has been awarded a contract worth more than \$18 million as part of the ASMTI. The civil works package will see the construction of an access road on the south eastern boundary of the training area which is being expanded under the ASMTI.

In addition, the Minister announced that Tunuba Pty Ltd, a joint venture between the Darumbal People, who are the Traditional Owners of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA), and Central Queensland Group Consulting, has been awarded a \$140,000 for internal traffic management.

Last month, the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, announced the awarding of three contracts to Central Queensland businesses based in the Rockhampton and Livingstone Shire Council regions worth over \$5.7 million. This also includes Tunuba Pty Ltd.

There are still numerous opportunities available for Queensland businesses to access work, with around 85% of work under the ASMTI SWBTA project not yet awarded.

## Defence Jobs Queensland Webinar

Earlier this month, more than 280 people participated in a webinar hosted by Defence Jobs Queensland and Regional Development Australia. The panel included Defence's ASMTI Business Community Liaison Officer and representatives from Defence's Capital Facilities and Infrastructure Branch and Aurecon (ASMTI's Project Manager/Contract Administrator).

The webinar provided an update on the development of the new military training area near Greenvale, an overview of the market sounding process and a description of early works packages.

It's estimated that there will be in the order of ten early works packages, each ranging up to \$4 million, which may include minor construction works, road repairs, firebreaks and demolition. Main works at Greenvale will involve construction of camp accommodation, kitchen facilities, mock villages for Urban Operations Live Fire, maintenance, vehicle wash down facilities, ICT for simulation training, and possible airfield construction.



There will be an estimated 200 trade packages. Design work is set to begin later this year, with construction due to take place from 2022 through to 2027.

*Image middle right: webinar hosts & map*

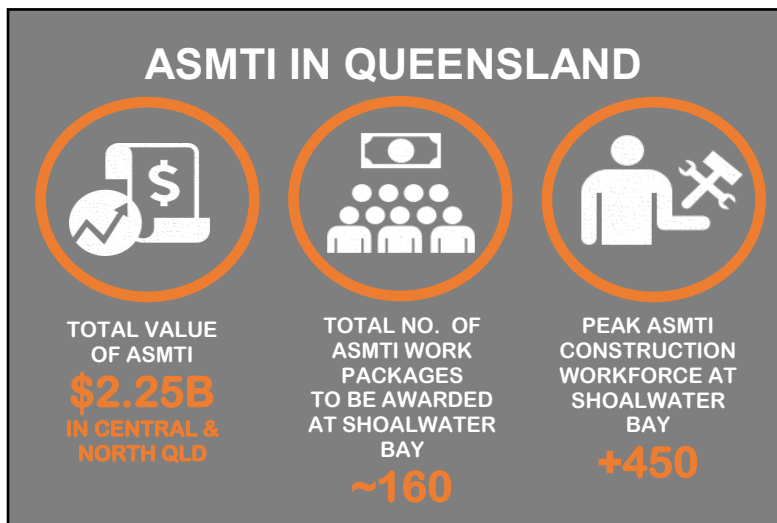
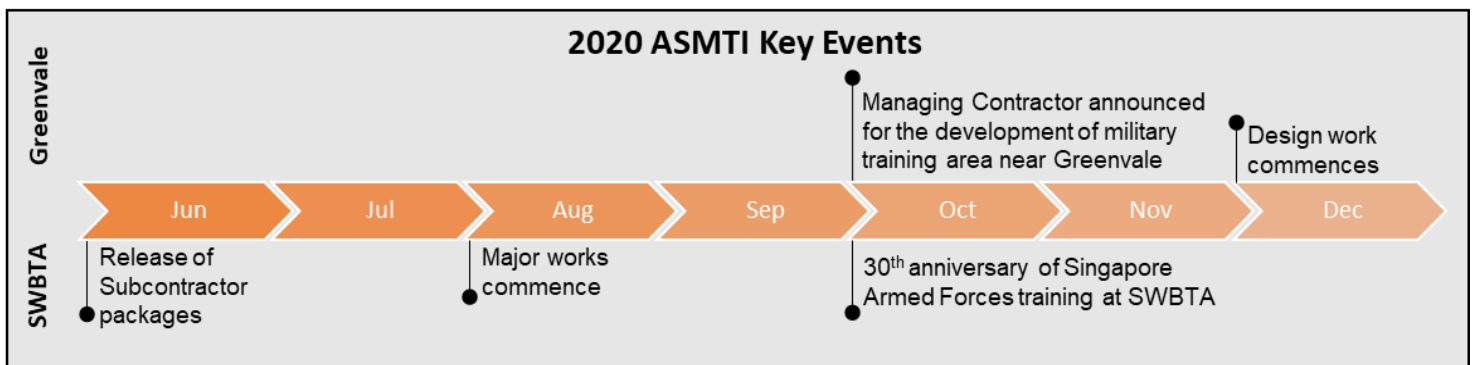


## Greenvale Managing Contractor shortlist announced



Image: Greenvale

In late May, the Minister for Defence also announced the shortlist of managing contractors tendering for the contract to deliver an estimated \$800 million of works for the development of the military training area near Greenvale in North Queensland. The shortlisted companies are CPB Contractors Pty Limited, Laing O'Rourke Australia Construction Pty Ltd and Lendlease Building Pty Ltd. An announcement on the successful Managing Contractor will be made in coming months.



### ASMTI Q&A

**Q: Why is Defence doing Market Sounding?**  
**A:** Market sounding is being used by Defence to gather knowledge about the capability and capacity of the local industry in North Queensland to service early works packages being released over the next two years near Greenvale. The process will also provide an opportunity for industry to find out about upcoming work so they can submit information on their services and skills.

### Fast Fact:

Collectively, the ASMTI Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) and the Shoalwater Bay Training Area Remediation Project will see in the order of \$900 million invested in the Central Queensland region.

### Have a question or comment?

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### Key Websites:

[Market Sounding of Early Works Contractors](#)  
 This is a link to where contractors can provide their information to potentially access early works packages. Market sounding is open for applications until the end of 2022.

[Regional Development Australia](#)  
 This is a link to view a recording of the recent RDA webinar.

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