



A new year for the Initiative, Brigadier Mark Brewer

The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative provides the Australian Defence Force with the training areas, facilities and environment we need to allow our people to fully utilise the protected and networked platforms we are introducing over the next decade. Throughout my early career in Army, I had the benefit of training in Central and North QLD, and I cannot overstate how valuable training in realistic settings is to a young soldier.

As we enter into 2018, the program office is focused on progressing implementation activities, which include buying land from willing sellers and maximising opportunities for local industry. Presently, we are conducting property valuations and due diligence in Central and North QLD.

Like my predecessor, Brigadier Tim Bayliss, I place a priority on the views of the community. I have seen first-hand the great relationships that the ADF and local residents share in towns across Australia, and it is my hope that strong relationships are formed with our Singapore partners as part of this Initiative. I encourage you to reach out to my office – we value your feedback and are here to answer your questions.



Message from the Business and Community

Welcome to 2018 and I wish you the best for the year. The Initiative continues to develop as planned and we will have more detail to share both in the ASMTI construction space and in the broader Defence infrastructure in Central and North Queensland. It has been great for the Defence Liaison Officer, Sean Hawkins and I to meet a number of businesses, large and small, local to Central and North Queensland, Queensland based and internationally. There have been a number of major national and international companies visiting the region over the last few months, looking to talk individually to relevant groups. I'm glad a number of you have been able to meet them at the events hosted locally in the different regions.

I know that a number of you have made introductions and are looking at how you might approach the upcoming opportunities. I would encourage you to keep exploring those commercial relationships and informing other businesses of your capabilities. The local Councils and Development agencies and in particular Capricorn and Townsville Enterprises have been excellent in supporting information and I encourage you to sign up to this newsletter and if appropriate to the AUSTENDER site. The Industry sessions we will hold in early March in Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton will be a great time to catch up with what's happening in Defence and potentially with other interested partners and I look forward to seeing you there. Regards Mick Reilly, Business and Community Liaison.

Upcoming events

Construction Industry Briefings

Across March, Defence is hosting briefings for local businesses and industry representatives in Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton. Tailored for the construction industry, these briefings will provide an update on the Initiative and other Defence projects.

[Check the website for times and locations.](#)

Keep in touch

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**Register now for
Industry Briefings**

- Townsville 5 March
- Mackay 6 March
- Rockhampton 7 March

