



## The year in review – Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative

### A message from Brigadier Mark Brewer



There is no doubt 2018 has been a year of progress for the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative. Significant advancements have been made to acquire land in both Central and North Queensland and the Initiative is on track to commence construction at both sites in 2019. Our focus can now turn to designing and delivering training areas that are technologically advanced and will ensure the best training outcomes for the Singapore Armed Forces and the Australian Defence Force.

Our progress to date would not be possible without the cooperation and collaboration of communities in the Central and North Queensland regions and local industry. We remain committed to maximising opportunities for local businesses across the life of the Initiative and will continue to keep you informed of developments and opportunities throughout the New Year.

As 2018 draws to a close, the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy festive season.

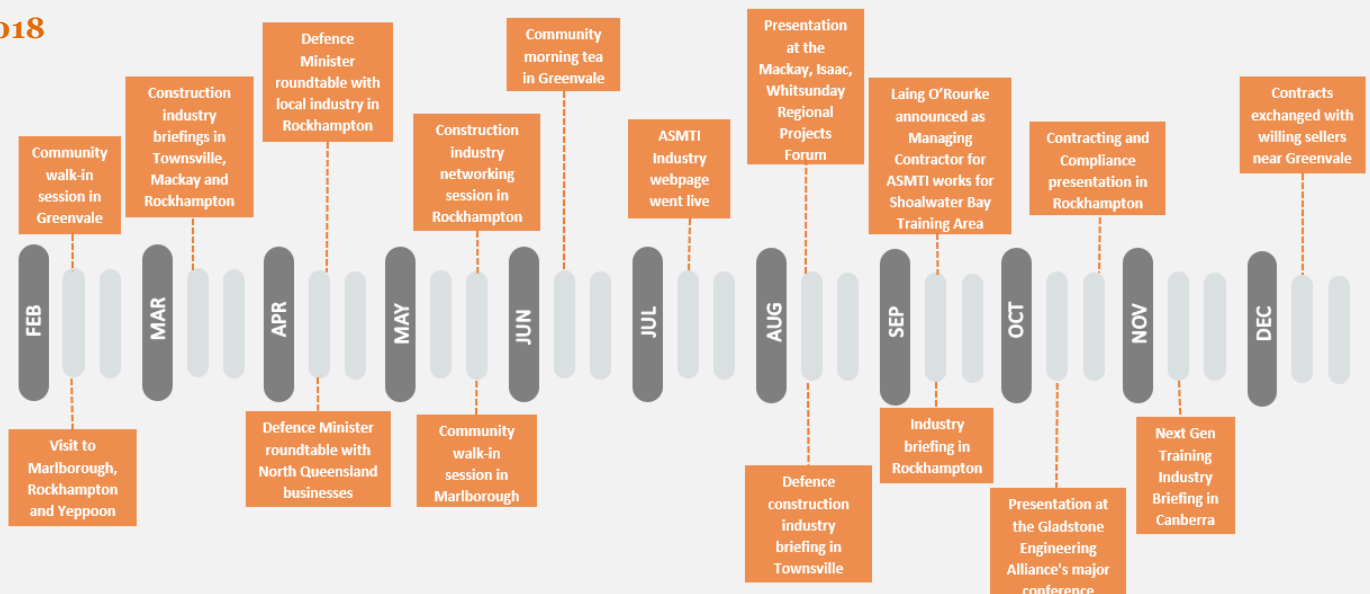
### Highlights from 2018

**Land:** Defence exchanged contracts with willing sellers near Greenvale in North Queensland to establish a new military training area. Good progress has been made to acquire land to expand the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Central Queensland. Our negotiations with the Darumbal people on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement have also been positive.

**Industry:** Laing O'Rourke Australia was announced as the Managing Contractor for the Shoalwater Bay Training Area Facilities Project in September 2018. Local businesses will be able to take advantage of construction works, with Laing O'Rourke committed to sourcing in the order of 80 per cent of its workforce from the Central Queensland region.

**Community:** The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative held over 15 community and industry events throughout 2018, including community walk-in sessions and major industry briefings in the Central and North Queensland regions.

### 2018



### What's next for the Initiative?

Defence will also host a community briefing in Greenvale, North Queensland in the first quarter of 2019 to provide an update on the Initiative.

Check the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative [website](http://www.defence.gov.au/Initiatives/ASMTI/) for details of upcoming events.

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