



Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative

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A message from Brigadier Mark Brewer

It has been a busy start to 2019 for the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (ASMTI). Great progress has been made to acquire land at Greenvale in North Queensland and design the training area expansion at Shoalwater Bay in Central Queensland.



I visited Greenvale last month to brief the community on the range of activities that will take place over the coming months and years to establish a military training area. It was a very positive meeting.

As the ASMTI progresses, we remain committed to meeting with local communities and businesses to answer questions and listen to their feedback.

Central Queensland businesses are helping deliver the ASMTI

Central Queensland businesses are already benefitting from the economic opportunities being generated by the expansion of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area under the ASMTI.

There are 16 companies from Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gladstone and the surrounding region participating in the project's design and development phase so far, which is anticipated to generate around \$4 million for the local economy.

Assistant Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, met with Managing Contractor Laing O'Rourke and some of the locally engaged businesses delivering key aspects of the expansion this month.

Industry briefings will be held in Central Queensland in due course to provide details of upcoming work opportunities. Check the [ASMTI website](#) for details.

A new military training area at Greenvale is confirmed

The ASMTI marked a significant milestone in February, settling on enough properties in the Greenvale area to establish a new training area after eight months of negotiations.

In his announcement, Assistant Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, said securing the land at Greenvale marked the continuation of a long and enduring relationship with communities in North Queensland. You can read Senator Fawcett's media release [here](#).

The announcement followed a community briefing at Greenvale, where representatives from Defence provided an update to more than 60 locals and graziers.



Brigadier Mark Brewer updates the Greenvale community on the development of the military training area in North Queensland under the ASMTI.





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Upcoming work opportunities in North Queensland

Defence will soon begin to plan the design of the training area at Greenvale and is expected to commence preliminary construction works from the third quarter of this year. This will generate immediate opportunities for local businesses in North Queensland.

Minor construction works will focus on safety and security, such as the removal of redundant infrastructure, the removal of contaminated sites like old dumpsites, the installation of security signage and boundary fencing, and the creation of a firebreak corridor.

The first early works packages will be available as soon as mid-year, and will continue to be released progressively through to 2022.

Defence will continue to keep industry and communities up-to-date about these work opportunities and will host information sessions and briefings.

Check the [ASMTI website](#) for details.



'Next gen' training and the ASMTI

The ASMTI presents a unique opportunity to develop technologically advanced military training areas, or 'next gen' training areas, in the new training area at Greenvale and the expanded training area at Shoalwater Bay.

Industry representatives attended a workshop in November last year to identify potential developments for future military training areas, including integrating augmented reality and robotics with traditional training environments. Click [here](#) for the workshop summary.

Defence continues to engage with industry to leverage the opportunity to incorporate 'next gen' training into the ASMTI training areas.

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