



Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative

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A message from Brigadier Mark Brewer

We recently marked a significant milestone for the ASMTI, with construction commencing in both Central and North Queensland. We are excited about the opportunities this will generate and are committed to continuing to meet with local businesses to provide updates and answer questions as construction progresses. Last month we visited Marlborough in Central Queensland for a community drop-in session and look forward to hosting information sessions about early works in North Queensland this month.



Regional Queensland to reap benefits of military training area construction

Construction for the Shoalwater Bay Training Area expansion in Central Queensland and the establishment of a new training area near Greenvale in North Queensland has commenced.

To date, local businesses from Central and North Queensland have been engaged in design and construction of the new training area valued at \$28 million, creating local jobs and opportunities.

For example, in Central Queensland, two Rockhampton-based companies have been awarded contracts worth \$5 million to deliver fauna management and fire breaks.

In North Queensland, a Charters Towers-based company has been contracted to commence initial fencing and signage work, worth around \$750,000.

You can read the full announcement from Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC [here](#).

Information sessions for potential early works in North Queensland

Join Defence for information sessions on how local businesses can participate in the development of the new military training area near Greenvale, North Queensland as part of the ASMTI.

Charters Towers

When: 14 October 2019, 6.00 – 6.30pm (including networking up until 7.30pm)

Where: Gold and Beef Rooms, Charters Towers Regional Council Administration Complex, 12 Mosman Street, Charters Towers

Ingham

When: 15 October 2019, 5.00 – 5.30pm (including networking up until 6.30pm)

Where: TYTO Centre, 73/75 McIlwraith Street, Ingham

Townsville

When: 16 October 2019, 9.30 – 10.00am (including networking up until 10.30am)

Where: Townsville RSL, 139 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park

Early works packages near Greenvale are anticipated to be delivered between 2020 - 2022 and may include survey, demolition, contamination and remediation works, fencing, minor track construction/repair works and relocation of services.

Defence is using a new open-ended Market Sounding process to seek information from contractors who may be interested in these opportunities.

Visit [AusTender](#) to download a Market Sounding Information Response Form.



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Darumbal and Defence mark Indigenous Land Use Agreement

A ceremony was held at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre in Rockhampton in late August 2019 to mark the registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement between Defence and the Traditional Owners of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, the Darumbal people.

The Agreement recognises the 20 year relationship between Defence and the Darumbal Traditional Owners and is an important milestone in the expansion of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area under the ASMTI.

The Agreement will also have enormous benefits to both the Darumbal Traditional Owners and the Australian Defence Force for generations to come. It puts in place mechanisms that will continue Defence and Darumbal's collaboration, provides certainty around land access and cultural heritage for the Darumbal and establishes pathways for working together in the future.

Click [here](#) to read Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC's announcement.



A/g Deputy Secretary Estate and Infrastructure, Mr Chris Birrer, gifts Darumbal Registered Native Title Body Corporate Director, Mr Warren Malone, a plaque commemorating the registration of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement.



The Gurriddalla dancers perform at the ceremony marking the registration of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

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