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Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

August 2025 Edition

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Brisbane Hackathon **TAKHACK 2025**

TAKHACK 2025 is a three-day tactical innovation hackathon that brings together veterans, operators, engineers, creators, and technologists to solve real-world operational challenges using the ATAKit (Android Team Awareness Kit) platform.

 **22-24 August 2025**

 **The Precinct, Fortitude Valley**

Expressions of interest are open to participants, mentors and sponsors.

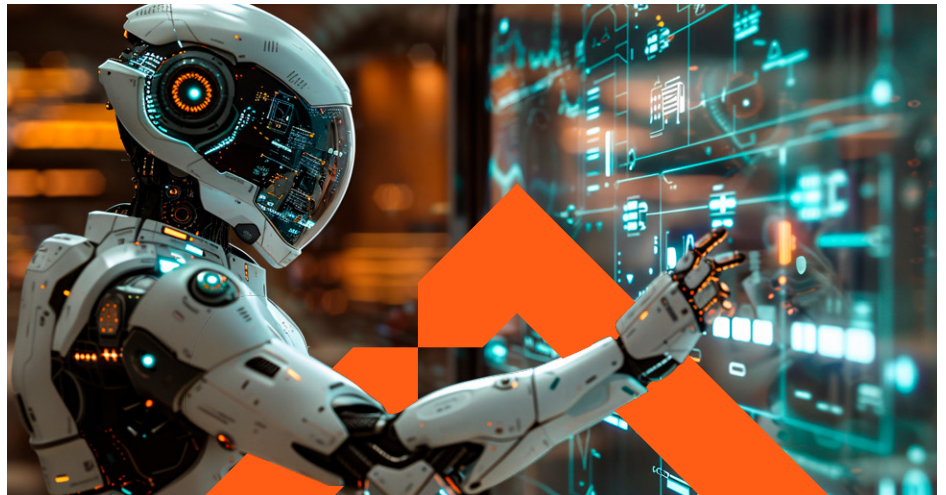
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Partner with CSIRO Virtual Work Experience Program

Inspire the Next Gen Industry STEM Workforce



The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is seeking expressions of interest from **businesses in the defence sector** to participate in the **Virtual Work Experience Program (VWEP)** – a school pathways program that connects Year 10 and 11 students with real-world STEM opportunities through virtual mentoring. The program is aimed at inspiring and equipping the next generation of Australia's future defence workforce. By participating in VWEP, businesses will:

- **Mentor emerging STEM talent** through real-world project scenarios.
- **Showcase career pathways** by sharing personal journeys and insights.
- **Strengthen internal leadership** with supervisors gaining experience in coaching and mentoring.
- **Make a national impact** by contributing to the growth of Australia's STEM pipeline in Defence.

Each placement runs for **five days**, with VWEP supervisors connecting virtually with a small cohort of students **twice daily**. CSIRO provides full guidance and support throughout the program. To recognise the valuable contribution of participating businesses, a **\$500 payment is provided** per business per placement. Applications close on Sunday 31 August 2025.



For further information, interested businesses can contact workexperience@csiro.au.

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Industry Development Grants Program

Call for NPS Applications for SIP Stream

The Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) program funds eligible Australian SMEs to build capacity, capability, and technical skills, as well as uplift their security posture.

For a limited period, businesses preparing to participate in the AUKUS nuclear-powered submarine (NPS) supply chain may have an additional opportunity for grant support.

The **DIDG Sovereign Industrial Priority grant batch closes on Saturday 31 August 2025** and offers **up to \$1 million in matching funds** to build capability and capacity. Eligible projects seeking grant support under the NPS funding must be able to be completed between December 2025 and April 2026. Secure government support now to strengthen your role in Australia's sovereign defence industry.

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Contracting Template Continuous Capability Development and Delivery

As part of the National Defence Strategy, Defence is developing a contemporary contracting template for effecting continuous capability development and delivery (C2D2).

This initiative will provide a standardised approach and facilitate a faster approach to market for projects that are seeking an agile approach. It provides all projects with an alternative to the standard waterfall-based templates.

Defence is interested in engaging with industry on the agile project management methodologies currently utilised within industry, as well as aspects of the current ASDEFCON template that may be considered to impede an agile project approach or impede continuous capability development and delivery.

Industry members wanting to engage with the C2D2 team can contact agile.c2d2@defence.gov.au.

Maritime SIA Conference 2025

The SIA Conference is coming to Perth this August 2025. The program theme is **'Nuclear Submarines in Australia'** and will cover a range of topics including:

- Infrastructure and society
- Industry and supply chain
- Education, training and workforce
- Safety and technology.

18-20 August 2025

Pan Pacific Perth Hotel

Find out more about the [program and speakers](#) that will be attending the conference.

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Team Defence Australia Events Calendar

The premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

DSEI

Location: London, England
Date: 9-12 September
Domain: Tri Service
EOI: Closed

AUSA

Location: Washington DC, USA
Date: 13-15 October
Domain: Land
EOI: Closed

Dubai Airshow

Location: Dubai, UAE
Date: 17-21 November
Domain: Aerospace
EOI: 4-17 August

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page. Companies must register on ICN in order to submit an EOI.

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Industry Support Useful resources



AusTender

Search **AusTender** to find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

BenchOn

With one free profile, access opportunities with government agencies and Primes through **BenchOn Industry Portals**. One platform. Many insights.

ICN Gateway

Join **ICN Gateway** and gain access to Australia and New Zealand's largest network of suppliers and projects.

Defence Business Readiness Tool

Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) will help businesses assess their level of defence readiness.

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