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Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Plan to work for a foreign military or government?

Are you or your company delivering or planning to deliver services that benefit a foreign military or government?

**Check in to see if you
require a Foreign Work
Authorisation.**

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Know your obligations.



Agenda Released

The agenda for the 2026 Defence Capability Symposium has now been released, marking a significant milestone in preparations for one of Defence's key capability events.

The virtual presentation of the Symposium on **Thursday 26 March 2026**, will bring together leaders and practitioners from across Defence, industry and academia to examine the reforms shaping Defence capability during a period of major strategic and organisational change.

With foundational reform progressing following the release of the One Defence Capability System (ODCS), the Symposium will provide timely insights into Defence's strategic intent, current progress, and preparations for the establishment of the independent Defence Delivery Agency. Attendees will also receive early messaging ahead of the 2026 National Defence Strategy and Defence Integrated Investment Program.

The program features sessions across three themes (The Strategic Environment, People and Partnerships, and Driving Defence Capability) including panels, live project case studies and a showcase of VCDF Capability Award finalists.

Registration is required using a valid work email address. Session recordings will be available to registered attendees after the event.

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Australian Signals Directorate ASD launches malware analysis tool to help strengthen cyber defences globally

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has publicly released its open source malware analysis tool called Azul. The tool is designed to safely handle and analyse malware and support malware investigators, incident responders and cyber teams. Azul enables government and private sector partners to collaborate on threat understanding, quickly identify common malware behaviours, and improve the speed and precision of response activities. It provides 3 major capabilities including:

- Acting as a storage for malware and suspicious files to aid malware analysts and to share malicious files safely.
- Performing automated malware analysis, such as sandbox execution, config extraction and file carving.
- Correlation of different samples of malware that share similar functionality or c2 information.

Azul is highly scalable, browser based and built on industry-standard technologies. It combines a structured repository with plugins and tooling to extract metadata, perform binary analysis and support clustering of related samples.

Azul is now available on ASD's ACSC GitHub, including documentation and components for integrating additional analytical features or building custom workflows aligned with organisational needs.

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ASCA Pitch Day 2026

Got an innovative idea?



The Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator (ASCA) has released an advance notice for the **ASCA Pitch Day 2026 – Resilient Command and Control (C2)**. This is an exciting opportunity for industry and academia to directly showcase their ideas to Defence and gain new insights into industry capabilities and innovations.

The Request for Information (RFI) will focus on new capabilities and innovations that ensure resilient command and control.

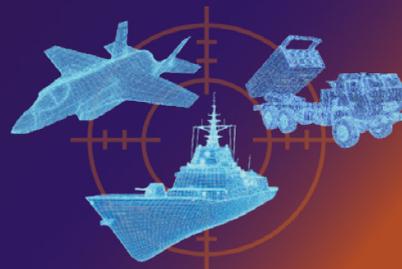
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EXPLOSIVE
ORDNANCE
SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

Proportional Safety – From Competition to Conflict

24-26 November 2026 National Convention Centre Canberra, Australia



Explosive Ordnance Safety Symposium

Become a sponsor for PARARI 2026



24-26 November 2026 **National Convention Centre, Canberra**

PARARI is the premier explosive safety event held in the southern hemisphere, and is a key engagement point for Defence, allied forces, industry and academia.

Sponsoring PARARI will position your organisation as a key contributor to Australia's sovereign capability and operational readiness.

Benefits:

- Connect with Defence stakeholders and key decision makers.
- Showcase your products and technologies through live and interactive engagement.
- Gain an improved understanding of Defence needs, emerging trends in explosive safety, and research and development insights.

- Increased brand visibility within a highly focused domestic and international technical community.
- Customised sponsorship packages are now available for organisations of all sizes, and offers a direct pathway to international explosive ordnance safety community who are ready to engage.
- Meaningful business conversations that go beyond traditional marketing channels.

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Shaping the future of Australia's Defence innovation

ADSTAR Summit 2026

 4-6 August 2026  Adelaide Convention Centre

Registrations are now open

Australian Defence, Technology and Research (ADSTAR) Summit is Defence's premier national science and technology summit, bringing together the brightest minds from Defence, government, industry and academia to collaborate, challenge and accelerate capability development to shape the future of Australia's Defence innovation.

Hosted by the Chief Defence Scientist, the summit will feature keynote presentations, panel discussions, demonstrations, e-posters, workshops and exhibitions across a range of Innovation, Science and Technology (IS&T) topics relevant to Defence. The program is designed to showcase cutting-edge research, innovation and collaboration across the Defence IS&T ecosystem under the theme 'Delivering More, Together'.

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Call for abstract submissions

As part of the summit, ADSTAR is seeking abstract submissions across the four strategic lines of effort, from the Defence (IS&T) Strategy 'Accelerating Asymmetric Advantage – Delivering More, Together'.

Submissions should explore:

- Anticipating the future
- Experimentation
- Integrated ecosystem
- Mission driven.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to present research, contribute to Defence innovation discussions and engage with Defence and the wider IS&T ecosystem.

 **Abstract submissions close Friday 27 March 2026.**

[SUBMIT PAPER](#) 

DINAMIC Innovation Program

Support for innovators in Defence

 April to November 2026

DINAMIC is a program supporting innovators seeking to enter the Defence market with new products or technologies.

The program helps participants to better understand Defence requirements and navigate Australia's defence innovation ecosystem.

DINAMIC delivers a series of Defence-focused activities designed to equip founders with commercial insights, technical discipline and stakeholder engagement skills, including:

- Information sessions
- Commercial and technical bootcamps
- An enhanced Entrepreneurial Foundations for Defence (EFD+) program.

The EFD+ program includes in-person intensives, online mentoring, webinars and a showcase event connecting innovators with Defence, industry and investors. Specialist bootcamps cover areas such as product development, certification, export readiness and digital engineering.

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AIC Practitioner Course

The AIC Practitioner Course brings together professionals from Defence and defence industry to foster a broader understanding of AIC requirements across the sector. Participants will gain valuable insights into Defence Industry Policy, including how AIC is implemented and applied through the Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) framework.

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Enrolments now open

Combat Systems Engineering micro-credentials

The Combat Systems Engineering (CSE) micro-credentials are structured, modular courses co-designed by industry and university partners, with content aligned to real-world defence delivery environments.

The micro-credentials are intended for engineers and technical professionals working in integration-centric programs and may be completed individually to address specific skills gaps or combined as a broader suite. Topics include combat engineering concepts relevant to defence capability development and delivery.

The courses are designed to support professional development across multi-disciplinary engineering teams involved in complex systems.

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Systems Engineering Test and Evaluation Conference 2026

Advancing Complex Systems Delivery for Defence and industry.

 **27-30 April 2026**  **Hilton Sydney**

The Systems Engineering Test and Evaluation Conference (SETE 2026) is a national conference focused on systems engineering and test and evaluation. Hosted by Systems Engineering Society of Australia, in collaboration with the International Test and Evaluation Association, the event brings together defence, industry, government and academic practitioners.

The **conference program** includes systems integration, assurance, digital engineering, test and evaluation and complex systems delivery, including discussion on the integration of artificial intelligence and data engineering, system modelling, task automation and agile practices across applied systems engineering contexts.

SETE 2026 may be of interest to organisations involved in defence capability development and delivery.

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Australian Signals Directorate

Old tech lets threats thrive. Take action now.

The Australian Signals Directorate's Australian Cyber Security Centre is urging Australian organisations to take action on their legacy technology now.

Legacy technology is any technology that is no longer supported by the manufacturer, developer or vendor and cannot receive important security updates. This can leave your business exposed to cyber attacks. The average self-reported cost of cybercrime last financial year was \$80,000, so it may be cheaper to replace your legacy technology than suffer a cyber attack.

Is your legacy technology ready for retirement? Learn how to take action.

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Industry resources

Business opportunities



AusTender

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Access opportunities with government agencies and Primes. One platform. Many insights.

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Team Defence Australia Events Calendar

Team Defence Australia is the premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

Special Operations Forces (SOF) Week

Location: Tampa Bay, USA

Date: 18-22 May 2026

Domain: Special Forces

Eurosatory

Location: Paris, France

Date: 15-19 June 2026

Domain: Land

Farnborough Airshow

Location: Farnborough, UK

Date: 20-24 July 2026

Domain: Aerospace

EOI: 3 April 2026

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page.

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