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A successful showcase for Australian defence industry

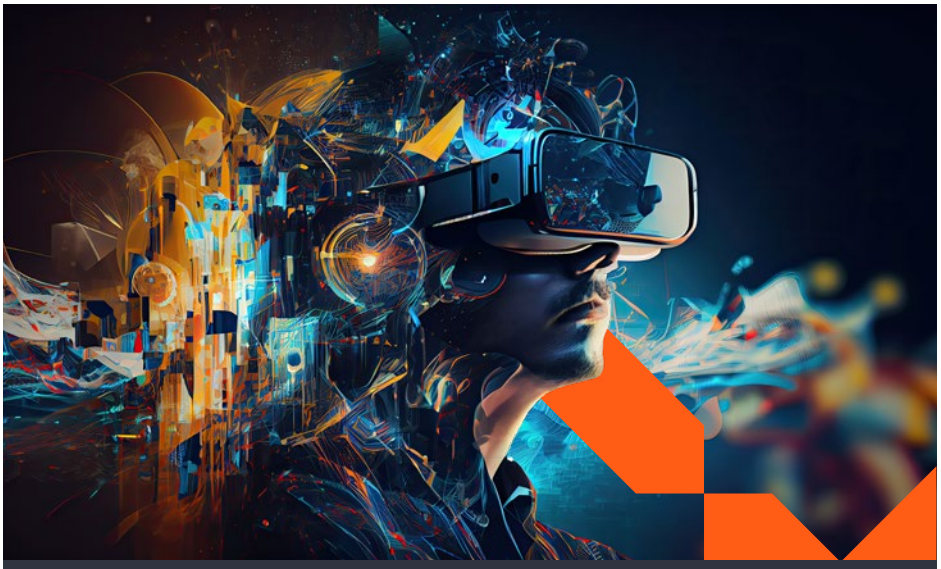
Land Forces 2026 brought together Defence, industry and international partners in Perth from 6-8 October, providing a valuable platform to showcase Australian defence capabilities, strengthen partnerships and explore new business opportunities.

The event attracted approximately **22,000 attendances**, more than **1,000 exhibitors** and representatives from **60 nations**, highlighting the strength of Australia's defence industry and the importance of collaboration in delivering future capability.

Thank you to everyone who attended, exhibited and engaged with Defence throughout the event.

What's next? Avalon 2027!
The Australian International Airshow returns from 23-28 February 2027, bringing together the global aerospace and defence community for another major industry engagement opportunity.

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Defence Industry Development Grants Program
Revised Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Revised Grant Opportunity Guidelines have been released for the Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) program, reflecting changes aligned with the **Defence Industry Development Strategy 2026**.

The Australian Government has extended the program through to 2029-30, including expanding the former *Security* stream to *Quality & Security* stream, providing additional support for recognised certifications.

The updated guidelines also introduce a new prioritisation framework aligned with the **Detailed Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities**.

Applications will be assessed against *Grow, Guide and Monitor* priorities, with greater emphasis on alignment with sovereign defence capability needs.

Businesses considering an application are encouraged to review the updated **Grant Opportunity Guidelines** and supporting documentation to understand the revised requirements and eligibility criteria.

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Australian Signals Directorate

Annual Cyber Threat Report 2025-26

The Australian Signals Directorate's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ASD's ACSC) has recently released its seventh **Annual Cyber Threat Report**.

During 2025-26, ASD's ACSC received more than **82,000 cybercrime reports**, equivalent to **one report every 6 minutes**, and responded to more than 1,500 cyber security incidents, representing a 20 per cent increase.

The rapid adoption and evolution of artificial intelligence, is amplifying the scale speed and sophistication of malicious cyber activity.

For **critical infrastructure** (CI) organisations and organisations supporting Defence capability, understanding the evolving cyber threat environment is critical to maintaining Australia's economy, security and way of life.

CI entities remain attractive targets for malicious cyber actors seeking strategic advantage, espionage or financial gain, including through **supply chain pathways**.

Read the Annual Cyber Threat Report 2025-26 and access supporting resources to take action against malicious cyber actors at **cyber.gov.au**.

READ THE REPORT



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Australian Explosive Ordnance Safety Symposium

Proportional Safety – From Competition to Conflict



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

The international Explosive Ordnance (EO) safety community is convening in Canberra for its premier biennial safety event.

Looking for the latest insights across the sector? Want to connect with Defence, industry and international representatives?

The 2026 Integrated Investment Program sets out $26-36 billion over the decade for guided weapons and explosive ordnance. Bringing together representatives from the **Five Eyes nations, Singapore, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden and the Republic of Korea,** PARARI 2026 provides a valuable platform to exchange ideas, explore emerging capabilities and strengthen international collaboration.

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Want to put your organisation and capability in the spotlight? Become a sponsor at PARARI!

Customised packages can help to:

- maximise your brand visibility
- secure a seat at the table and directly engage with Defence, allied forces, industry and international leaders
- showcase products and capabilities through live interactive engagement
- position your organisation as a trusted partner in Australia's sovereign explosive ordnance safety sector.

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ASD launches the Essentials

The Essential Eight has evolved

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has launched **the Essentials**, an evolution of Australia's widely adopted **Essential Eight framework**. Designed for a broad range of technology environments, it helps organisations strengthen resilience against evolving cyber threats and better protect their systems, data and operations.

The new ASD Essentials gives Commonwealth entities, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and large organisations threat-informed and prioritised measures to strengthen their cyber defences. Providing practical, risk-based guidance for enterprise IT, operational technology and cloud environments, the Essentials helps organisations strengthen cyber resilience in an increasingly complex threat landscape.

ASD recommends organisations begin adopting the Essentials as soon as possible. During the transition period, both the Essential Eight and Essentials frameworks will remain available on **cyber.gov.au**.

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Industry Support

Is your business Defence ready?

The Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) is designed to support SMEs test their 'Defence preparedness' and capabilities prior to commencing their journey into the Defence supply chain.

TEST YOUR READINESS

Know your obligations

Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Planning to work for or provide training to a foreign military, foreign government, or foreign government controlled entity?

Check in to see if you require a Foreign Work Authorisation





Defence Export Controls

Webinar: Export Controls in Academia

Thursday 3 December 2026 **1:30-2:30 pm AEDT**

Is your business

- partnering with foreign researchers?
- sharing technical information?
- supervising international students?
- presenting research internationally?

Export controls may apply to you!

Join this webinar and explore defence export controls in the Higher Education and Research sector.

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