

Rapid Award

Rapid Context has been awarded the ACT Telstra Small and Succeeding Business of the Year for 2018. The company has provided significant research and analysis services to Defence and defence industry over the last four years and this award recognises it as a thriving disruptor in the consulting market. "Rapid Context is a research consultancy that is passionate about providing robust evidence and analysis to help our clients solve complex problems and support senior leaders to make the important decisions that lead to enduring change," said Director, Dr Samantha Cromptvoets.

Intercultural Capability

Delegates attending Land Forces and other international standard exhibitions need to think carefully about their intercultural capability, which can be critical to success in the defence sector.

"You may not even be aware of mistakes you are making in dealing with high level contacts from other countries," said Pamela Murphy, Director at Intercultural Tailored Solutions, which offers CQ (Cultural Intelligence) Assessments.

Cobra Certification



EM Solutions' Cobra M2 Maritime Satcom Terminal has successfully completed the WGS testing and certification process, and been notified by the certification authority that the terminals are now able to operate at Ka-Band on the WGS Satellite Network. The testing phases of the certification process

were completed by the Australian Certification Authority within the Satcom Systems Program Office.

Best Business Class

In the 2018 Skytrax World Airline awards, Qatar Airways has been awarded the World's Best Business Class, Best First Class Airline Lounge, Best Airline Middle East, and the Best Business Class Seat.

"Through our pursuit of excellence, we promise to keep innovating, expanding our network, and delivering an unparalleled passenger experience that continues to revolutionise the future of air travel," the company said.

Defence Tour

SAGE Automation opened its doors to 60 Defence and defence industry personnel during a 'behind the scenes' tour of its Tonsley manufacturing facility and head office in Adelaide. The company showcased its system engineering, manufacturing and supply chain capabilities, highlighting its all-encompassing work on the Collins Class submarine Chilled Water Project. The tour was part of the Defence Industry Study Course (DISC).



Workforce Expansion



APC Technology has appointed Ben Hodge in the new role of Defence Business Development Manager. This hire is part of the company's recent employment expansion, which has included new staff within the engineering and manufacturing teams.

"Over the last two financial years we have experienced significant business growth, with a 52% increase in orders putting us in a strong position to expand our work force," said Scott Begbie, Managing Director of APC Technology.

Robot Rumble

More than 80 Adelaide school students put their robots through their paces at the inaugural ASC Robot Rumble, with ASC graduate engineers and experts teaming up with students to impart their knowledge and experience and encourage STEM education.

"This is part of ASC's efforts to encourage young people to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects, and ultimately pursue STEM-related careers to grow the talent pipeline needed in South Australia to resource the future submarine and future frigate projects," said ASC Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Stuart Whitley.

AWD Brisbane Delivered

Navy's second Air Warfare Destroyer, Brisbane, has officially been handed over to Defence. It is the second of three ships being delivered by the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance which comprises the Department of Defence, Raytheon Australia and ASC Shipbuilding supported by Navantia Australia.

Over the past decade more than 5,000 skilled Australians have worked on the three Air Warfare Destroyers.

"This has laid the foundation for an Australian shipbuilding and systems integration industry which will construct the new Hunter class frigates in South Australia," said Minister for Defence Industry, Christopher Pyne.

Global Welding News

AWS was represented by principal engineer Neville Cornish and lead engineer Rahim Kurji at the 71st International Welding Institute (IWI) General Assembly and International Conference. AWS presented a paper on the "Techno-economic Feasibility of Modified Pulse Arc Deposition on Thick Sections of Quenched and Tempered Steel". This has been a collaborative project, between AWS partners at The University of Adelaide, Bisalloy, Adelaide Microscop and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO). This project is one of the core elements of AWS' "Defence Ready Program," where it has been working on, among other things, the development of optimisation techniques for the welding of quench and tempered (Q&T) steels.

New Office

Helping Heroes has opened a new office in Geelong, to complement its offices in Adelaide and Melbourne. Services now cover all of Victoria and South Australia, specialising in assistance to employers with recruitment of transitioning ADF members via preliminary screening of applicants, tailored training packages including costs, on job support, ergonomic or worksite assessments, short term work placements (including insurance coverage) and organisation of Employer Incentive payments.



Minister for Defence Industry, Christopher Pyne (right) and Premier of South Australia, Steven Marshall, receive a brief on the bridge of Air Warfare Destroyer, NUSHIP Brisbane, during a visit Techport, Outer Harbour, South Australia.

"The AWD Program has also built a vast Australian supply chain, comprising more than 2,700 suppliers."