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AIDN YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED IN CANBERRA

The Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) National Young Achiever Award (YAA) for 2018 has been awarded to Tim Ryan from Nova Systems, who was the AIDN-Queensland State winner.

The award was announced at AIDN National Annual Dinner last night in Canberra.

The Minister for Defence Industry, Christopher Pyne delivered the main address at the National Gallery of Australia and co-presented the award.

In introducing the national finalists, Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) *Cath Roberts*, said, 'this year's AIDN National YAA competition had five outstanding finalists and I encourage companies in all states to put forward their young professionals for the 2019 award.' Rob Forbes, National President expressed AIDN's gratitude for the ongoing support provided by the Department of Defence, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG).

In announcing the winner, AVM Cath Roberts, emphasised the importance of acknowledging and encouraging all talented young Australians involved in the defence industry. "These fine young Australians are the key to our future and initiatives, such as the AIDN Young Achiever Award, continue to recognise this emerging talent," AVM Cath Roberts.

The AIDN YAA State finalists were:

ACT – Zachory Major, Codarra Advanced Systems

NSW – Ella Dion, Thales Australia

QLD – Tim Ryan, Nova Systems

SA - Henry Schilg, Supershock

WA - Adam Britto, Thales Australia

The annual Young Achiever award was created in 2008 to recognise the important contribution made by young people in Australia's defence industry. The award is held at the AIDN Chapter (State and Territory) level with chapter winners competing for the national award.

AIDN is an association which aims to generate business opportunities for its SME defence industry members both in Australia and the global markets. The network operates in each State and Territory and has over 800 members.

The gala dinner was kindly sponsored by Leidos, Thales and Fincantieri Australia, CKI Group, BAE Systems, Naval Ship Management (NSM) Australia, RUAG, Rheinmetall Defence Australia, CEA Technologies, Goal Group Professional Services, Boeing Defence, Aviall Boeing and Navy Health.

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