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SPECIAL THANKS
We were indeed fortunate to have Brig Ian Lillie, address members on “The Bougainville Story” at our end of the year function on Thursday 25 November. Guests were also addressed by Guest of Honour Mr Tim Holding MP, Minister for Manufacturing & Export. Attendance was excellent and the networking opportunities evident with many members staying on for quite a while after the formalities were completed. Our thanks are extended to our hosts the Department of Innovation, Industry & Regional Development and Tenix Defence who sponsored this very successful event. This sponsorship allows AIDN-Vic to provide small-to-medium sized members with opportunities to attend functions without incurring additional costs.

TERRY KELLY MEMORIAL AWARD
Mr Tim Holding MP, presented the 2nd Terry Kelly Memorial Award to Bev Lyttle, Director of Defence Materiel Organisation for Vic & Tas, at the above function.

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MEMBERS’ NEWS

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TENIX DEFENCE MARINE DIVISION APPOINTS NEW EGM

Former US Navy Officer David Miller has been appointed Executive General Manager of Tenix Defence’s Marine Division. Mr Miller has 11 years experience in the defence sector, following on from more than 20 years in the US
Navy. Mr Miller comes to Tenix after five years at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse, New York, most recently as Director of Airborne Radar Programs. He has held management positions on programs commissioned by the US Department of Defence including the Tomahawk Cruise Missile, the Joint Stand-off Weapon, the Extended Range Guided Munition, the F-22 phased array radar and the Advanced Hawkeye radar.

Mr Miller worked in Australia throughout 2002 and 2003 as Director of the successful Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) Project at RLM Systems Pty Ltd, a Tenix/Lockheed Martin joint venture. Mr Miller succeeds Jerry Trammel, who has completed his contract and returned to the United States.

A400M AIRLIFTER CONTRACT AWARDED TO GKN

GKN Aerospace has been awarded a US$160m contract, the second for 2004, to supply metal and composite wing trailing edge subassemblies for the Airbus Military A400M strategic air lifter. This most recent contract, when combined with the advanced composite wing spar contract awarded in March, now takes the value of the company’s A400M involvement past $1m per aircraft. GKN Aerospace now takes prime responsibility for the design, development and supply of all wing trailing edge subassembly packages, including the shroud box and outer falsework, ribs and panels for the A400M wing trailing edge. The contract also covers the drawings for the trailing edge assembly installation. Advancing the procurement of either A400Ms or Boeing C-17s is currently being examined via an ADF strategic lift study spanning both naval and air platforms.

RUTLEDGE ENGINEERING NATIONAL NECA AWARD WINNER

Following the state NECA Award, Rutledge has just received the NATIONAL NECA award for the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital project. This award was in the category for Large Projects for Voice/Data greater than $300,000. The award was for the Kerry Packer Education Centre, an auditorium with fully integrated audiovisual systems including conferencing and integration with operating theatres. The control system provides a simple user interface at both the lectern and in the bio box for full manual or automated operator control.

Rutledge NSW Operations Manager Nick Orsatti (left) with Project Consultant Rod Brown

AIDN-Vic ACTIVITIES

AIDN-VIC/DMO FUNCTION - AIR7000/MMA Briefing#2
Friday 10 December 2004
09:00 am – 12:00 noon
Defence Plaza (Auditorium 1)
Please register with aidnvic@aidnvic.org.au for security reasons.

AIRSHOW 2005 FUNCTION

In 2001 and in 2003, the City of Melbourne hosted a welcoming reception for delegates to the Australian International Airshow. For the 2005 Australian International Airshow, the City of Melbourne will again be hosting a welcoming reception on the evening of the first day of the Airshow Tuesday 15th March 05. The event will be held at Zinc @ Federation Square from 6 pm-7:30 pm. As was the case in 2003, the City of Melbourne would like to invite AIDN members to attend the event and network with some of the interstate and international delegates in a social setting. Invitations will go out early in the New Year but in the meantime AIDN members looking to attend the event could send an email to enquiries@businessmelbourne.com.au expressing an interest and providing mailing and contact details.

DEFENCE INDUSTRY

AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE US OVER COLLINS SUBS

The new combat system being provided for Australia’s Collins Class Submarines, called the AN/BYG-1 Combat Control System, will be installed in both US Navy and Royal Australian Navy submarines under an Armaments Cooperation Project.
A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by Australia and the United States for future joint development, production and support of the combat system. “The cooperative approach also provides opportunities for Australian industry to inject Australian innovative technology into the joint program and to participate in supporting the systems while in service. “The MOU specifically provides for industry from both countries to bid for work on equal terms and to be selected competitively” Senator Hill said.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE INTERNATIONAL
SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TRAINING COURSES
AIDN-Vic member Project Performance International (PPI) delivers leading-edge training and consultancy in systems engineering and its constituent disciplines to clients worldwide. PPI advises of upcoming Australian 5-day public courses in systems engineering, as follows:
P006-227 Sydney 28 Feb – 4 March 2005
P006-228 Canberra 7 – 11 March 2005
P006-232 Melbourne 11 – 15 April 2005
P006-233 Perth 2 – 6 May 2005
P006-236 Canberra 23 – 27 May 2005
P006-243 Melbourne 1 – 5 August 2005
P006-247 Sydney 29 August – 2 Sept 2005
P006-250 Adelaide 26 – 30 September 2005

For further information contact Maryanne Murphy, Administration and Training Manager, at mmurphy@taa.com.au, or phone Maryanne on 03 9876 7345. For a complete course listing including dates and locations worldwide, and detailed course description, visit www.taa.com.au

NEW CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER APPOINTED
The Secretary of the Department of Defence, Mr Ric Smith, today announced the appointment of Air Vice-Marshal John Monaghan as the new Chief Information Officer (CIO).
Changes to the CIO portfolio come after an August 2004 decision by the Defence Committee to change the way the Defence Information Environment (DIE) is managed. "The existing Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Information Systems Division (ISD) and a number of other enterprise systems development and support functions will join together as one Group on 3 December, 2004. Under the new organisational and governance arrangements, the authority of the CIO will encompass all aspects of the DIE capability management, including strategy, planning, prioritisation, development, implementation and support.

AUSTRALIA MAY HOST JSF REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
Lockheed Martin JSF Program Chief, Tom Burbage, is supporting the idea that Australia could be the location for a regional JSF pilot training centre. The establishment of such a facility would offer many opportunities for value-adding. Burbage is looking to see the formation of a co-ordination group to manage the process, with the group comprising Lockheed Martin, local JSF contractors and the Australian and US Governments. Defence Minister Hill has confirmed that BAE Systems (BAES) Australia will spearhead a joint industry-Government bid to establish Australia as the regional service hub for the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) aircraft.

DEFENCE TESTS NEW UNDERWATER VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY
DSTO demonstrated its latest technology for undersea navigation and surveillance capability by taking an unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) through its paces off Portland, Victoria. The trial saw the DSTO-developed UUV Wayamba hunt dummy sea mines. One of the key features of the Wayamba underwater vehicle technology is the ability to navigate and communicate with the outside world without the need to surface. This is being achieved through a collaborative research project between DSTO and WA company Nautronix Ltd.

RAN SUPPORT THE FOCUS AT DSTO STIRLING
The Chief Defence Scientist, Dr Roger Lough, has officially opened a $3m extension to Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) facilities at HMAS ‘Stirling’, south of Perth (WA). The newly expanded structure can now accommodate up to 70 staff, and includes four new submarine-related research laboratories focusing on: Materials Investigation; Noise and Vibration; Combat Systems; and Sonar Processing. The extensions now provide the DSTO with: a replica of a ‘Collins’-class submarine control room (to study interactions between submarine systems and operators); improved computer-based facilities for modelling studies and submarine tactical war games; an expanded trials support capability; and a better ability to undertake materials failure analysis and data-mining activities.
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MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games together with the Victorian State Government and Industry Capability Network (Victoria) have developed the Games Industry Link website, to connect businesses with opportunities to supply goods/services to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. If you have not already registered following the AIDN-Vic function on 24 September 2003 then visit www.melbourne2006.com.au/tenders/tenders2.asp for more information.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
Asia-Pacific Microtechnology & Nanotechnology Commercialisation Forum 9-10 Dec, Melbourne. The focus of the forum will be on the challenges and opportunities for the development and commercialisation of micro, nano, bio and information technologies for health-related applications. The forum will hear from industry, research and government speakers from Europe, America and the Asia-Pacific. Visit www.innovation.vic.gov.au/healthconf/index.asp

ISSNIP Conference, 14-17 Dec Melbourne.
The second International Conference on Information Systems, Sensor Networks and Information Processing has been organised by the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Melbourne and local chapters of the IEEE. It brings together the many disciplines that sensor network research involves. The Conference will attract a large number of international delegates from disciplines such as electrical engineering, biology, mathematics, mechanical engineering and statistics. Visit www.issnip.org/

ADM2005, Australian Defence Magazine’s second annual defence industry conference. ADM2005 will be held in Canberra on 22-23 February 2005. To receive conference program details, please email Judy Hinz, defmag@yaffa.com.au.

CeBIT Hannover, 10-15 Mar 2005, Hannover Germany. CeBIT Hannover offers the world's biggest forum for B2B solutions and remains the world's most popular meeting place for the ICT industry. The progressive convergence of the IT, telecom, software, content and services markets will be reflected. In 2005, CeBIT will see the establishment of new exhibit sectors: business processes; communications and digital equipment & services. Vertical sectors will remain: banking & finance; card technology; future parc and public sector parc. Expressions of interest are sought from Victorian ICT companies interested in attending CeBIT Hannover. Visit the following site for info www.mmv.vic.gov.au/tradefairnews

Australian International AirShow 2005 will be held from Tuesday to Sunday, 15-20 March 2005 (note revised dates). The theme adopted for the 2005 show is 'The Shape of Things to Come', and will present the latest in aviation and aerospace hardware and technologies. For further information visit www.airshow.net.au

Warehouse & Transport Association of Australia. ENQUIRIES: Pamela Adams, Conference Director, Smart 2005 Conference, Phone (02) 9279 3255; pamela.adams@smartconference.com.au www.smartconference.com.au


GENERAL NEWS

EMBRAER SIGNS AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Hawker Pacific is to acquire Embraer’s entire inventory of spares under an exclusive five-year distribution and logistics agreement which will see it take on responsibility for the supply, order processing and distribution of all EMB 110 and EMB 120 spare parts in the region. Hawker Pacific says it plans to transfer inventory, currently housed at its facility in Melbourne, to its main warehouse facility at Bankstown Airport.

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