

# DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the second Defence SA quarterly update. Defence SA is now fully operational and focussed on facilitating the development and growth of Defence and sustainable defence industries in South Australia.

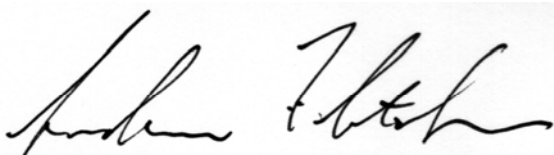
Congratulations to the Defence SA team in raising over \$3000 in Movember to promote awareness about male health issues!

Recent milestones on major defence initiatives include:

- BAE Systems selected as preferred tenderer for the medium and heavy vehicle component of the \$3b Land 121 Project Overlander
- Adelaide hosted over 2200 attendees including 600 companies at the successful Land Warfare Conference from 22 to 26 October
- sixty teachers attended a careers exhibition in conjunction with the Edinburgh Airshow aimed at driving skills development in defence industries
- finalisation of the draft masterplan for a world class defence and industrial precinct on the Northern Lefevre Peninsula, in readiness for Government consideration in the new year.
- delivery of Techport Australia continues to track on schedule:
  - Maritime Skills Centre will be complete early 2008
  - construction of the Common User Facility is going strong, with 80 staff currently on site, and expected to peak at 200+ in Q2 2008
  - local company RPG Australia won a \$10m sub-contract to supply the steel and build the platform for the shiplift, and
  - commenced procurement process for selection of development partner to deliver the Commercial Campus including the AWD Systems Centre.
- participated in the AWD Alliance's AWD Roadshow on 30 October, with over 450 people in attendance to learn more about project status and supply opportunities, and
- hosted Chief of Army visit on 11 October to discuss the 7RAR battalion relocation to Edinburgh in 2010.

I look forward to seeing a number of you in Sydney at PACIFIC 2008 (28 January – 1 February) and of course in Adelaide for the *Clipsal 500 Adelaide*, round one of the V8 Supercar Championship Series (21-24 February 2008).

Please call me on 08 8463 7144 if you need further information on our activities. Best wishes from all at Defence SA for an enjoyable, relaxed and safe festive season.



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