

Defence Industry Education and Skills Consortium (DIESC)

Date and time: 10.00am – 11.00pm on Tuesday 22 May 2018

Venue: Experience Design Centre, RMIT

Chair: Margot Forster (MF) Chief Executive Officer, Defence Teaming Centre I

Secretary: April McLennan (AM) Director Skilling and Workforce, Defence Teaming Centre

Present:

Kristian Galanti (KG) Senior Adviser Government Relations, Policy and Impact Team, RMIT University

Penny Johnston (PJ) Director, Defence Industries, TAFE SA

Andy Koronios Dean, Industry & Enterprise, University of South Australia

John Roddick (JR) Chair of Information Technology, Flinders University

Michael Webb (MW) Director, Defence & Security, University of Adelaide

George Mifsud (GM) Director Indigenous Defence Consortium

Luke Taylor (LT) Manager SA/NT Indigenous Defence Consortium

Sarah Taylor (ST) Director Strategy and Communications, Defence Teaming Centre

Andrew Dowse (AD) Air Vice-Marshal (retd) Director, Defence Research and Engagement
Edith Cowan University

Michael Woodward (MW) Director, National Centre for Maritime Engineering and Hydrodynamics, Australian Maritime College (AMC)

Bill Docalovich Program Manager, Naval Shipbuilding College (NSC)

Helen Whitehead Associate Director, RMIT

Melanie Bois Director, Three Chairs Consulting

Item 1 Apologies

Adam Goodes (AG) CEO Indigenous Defence Consortium

Brian Rungie Executive Director Education at TAFESA

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Darshi Ganeson-Oats (DG) Director Strategic Partnerships at South Metropolitan TAFE (SMTAFE)

Matt Opie (MP) Director, Defence, University of South Australia

Katrina Falkner Deputy Dean (students) Faculty of

Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Studies, University of Adelaide

Absent:

George Mifsud, Indigenous Defence Consortium

Matthew Wyatt-Smith, CEO, Australian Student Veterans Association

Item 2 Welcome and Introductions

MF welcomed everyone and asked each participants in the room to do a brief introduction.

MF advised the group of the order of events for the day, (DIESC meeting followed by the governance workshop), and thanked RMIT for hosting the event and organising the facilitation of the workshop.

Item 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

KG and MW confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 were an accurate record of the meeting.

Item 4 Action Items

2017-08-04

MF welcomed Michael Woodward from AMC to the meeting, and advised that AMC have expressed a strong interest in joining the DIESC.

To send out a formal letter of offer for AMC to join the DIESC and include (once drafted) a copy of the DIESC TOR.

2017-08-05

MF advised that there is potential for DIESC to adapt some of the course content from ADC program. MW volunteered to review the ADC course content.

MF to organise introduction for MW to Colonial Michael Kent who is the ADC program director.

2017-08-06

To merge this action into 2017-11-10

2017-08-09

MF advised that she met with DG however, did not visit to SMTAFE.

MF to follow up with DG, re SMTAFE's model for engaging with the oil and gas industry.

2017-11-10

The 5th element has been added. JR has received feedback and is in the process of putting a list together. Workshop today should assist with determining which activities from the Education and Skills initiative list the DIESC should focus on.

Item 5 Australian Veterans Association

Matthew Wyatt-Smith from the Australian Student Veterans Association was to present to the group however, was a no show.

Item 6 General Business

Luerssen Scholarship Update

DTC has received a draft agreement from Luerssen regarding the Shipbuilding, Education and Apprenticeship Scholarship Program, which provides opportunity for 12 Australian applicants to undertake study and training in relevant shipbuilding courses, from a certificate 3 to a PHD. In addition, 3 of the most promising scholars will be offered an (unpaid) internship with either Luerssen, ACS or Civmec. The Scholarship Program is to run for 12 months starting on 1 July 2018. If successful Luerssen may consider continuing the program.

It was discussed by the Consortium as to whether there would be more value to both the students and the employer, if the scholarships were to run over 3 years rather than for only 12 months. This could be considered if the program were to continue beyond 2017/2018.

Item 7 Naval Shipbuilding College

Bill Docalovich, Program Manager NSC provided a briefing/update to the group on the Naval Shipbuilding College.

The college has been up and running since 1 March 18, and is a joint venture between KBR and HII (Naval Shipbuilding Institute), and is to focus on all things workforce supporting shipbuilding, sustainment and supply. The NSC has commenced its engagement with industry and education and skills providers, to ensure Australia has the naval shipbuilding workforce it requires to achieve sovereign capability.

The Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AIRC) is establishing a specific-purpose Naval Shipbuilding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) and the Naval Shipbuilding College will be an active member of this committee.

MF advised that the DIESC have also been invited to be a member of the Naval Shipbuilding IRC. This position will be rotational, MF to attend the first meeting.

The NSC has also established a Delivery Advisory Council (DAC) to support and provide oversight to the Institute in delivering the required NSC outputs of the recruitment, training, retraining and continuing education of the workforce. It recently held its first meeting which was attended by a number of representatives from various stakeholders, including TAFESA, AMC and the DIESC.

MF advised that it is imperative that the DAC understand the value and assistance that can be provided by the DIESC.

Action Item 2018-05-01

Circulate to DIESC copy of Delivery Advisory Council document (TOR and minutes).

Item 8 Governance Workshop

A governance workshop was facilitated by Three Chairs Consulting addressing the following items:

- Strategic Intent of DIESC
- Key Industry Bodies and their roles
- DIESC scope (high level)
- DIESC roles and responsibilities
- DIESC value proposition

Action Item: 2018-05-02

A copy of the governance workshop presentation to be to be circulated to the DIESC for comments/feedback.

Item 9 Next meeting - TBD