



AOC Asia Symposium 2026

(Current Working Program)

Note: This working program reflects the current speaker placements and session formats for AOC Asia 2026. Further adjustments may occur as keynote speakers, invited presentations and program details are confirmed.

Date: 4–6 August 2026

Venue: AOC Hall, Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia

Tuesday 4 August 2026

Time	Programme
08:45–10:30	ADSTAR Opening Plenary (All Delegates)
10:30–11:15	Morning Tea
11:15–12:45	Opening Plenary Strategic Perspectives AOC Welcome & Welcome to Country (10 minutes) Dr Nathan Johnson , President of the Board, AOC ANZ Chapter Master of Ceremonies Welcome (10 minutes) Mr Flo Sindel , C4ISREW Solution Architect, Nova Systems AOC HQ / Asia Pacific Update (20 minutes) Anthony (Tony) Lisuzzo , President, Association of Old Crows Ministerial / Keynote Address (20 minutes) TBC The Global Adaptation War: Implications for the Pacific and the 2026 NDS (20 minutes) MAJGEN (Retd) Mick Ryan AM , Senior Fellow for Military Studies, Lowy Institute
12:45–13:45	Lunch and Networking
13:45–15:15	Plenary Session 2 International and Regional Perspectives Keynote Address (20 minutes) COL James Delton Beall , US Army INDOPACOM USFK



	The Coming Shockwave: Global Innovation and the EW Enterprise (30 minutes) Dr Karen Zita Haigh, Cognitive EW SME, Haskill Consulting, USA Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations in China: Military-Civil Fusion, AI Integration, and Strategic Implications (30 minutes) Chen-Yi Tu, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute for National Defense and Security Research, Taiwan
15:15–15:30	Afternoon Break
15:30–17:00	Plenary Session 3 Operational Capability Counter-Uncrewed Aerial Systems (C-UAS) Technical Forum (90 minutes) Format: Short technical presentations from each contributor, followed by moderated discussion and audience Q&A. Forum contributors: • Glenn Murray, CEO, SOIO – School of Information Operations <i>Introduction to Counter-Uncrewed Aerial Systems (C-UAS) Operations</i> • Aaron Logue, Deputy CTO, & Jacob de Lang, DEWC Services <i>MOSAIC – C-UAS Planning</i> • Dr Venkata Gutta, Founder and CEO, MILLIBEAM <i>Closing the Squad-Level Counter-UAS Gap: An Engineering Diagnosis</i> • Andrew Piotrowski, Principal EW Consultant, DEWC Services <i>Loitering Munitions and their Vulnerabilities to Electronic Attack based on Shahed-136 and Geran-2</i> Moderated by AOC ANZ Board Member
17:00–18:00	ADSTAR Networking Reception



Wednesday 5 August 2026

Time	Programme
08:45–10:30	ADSTAR Plenary Sessions (All Delegates)
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea
11:00–12:30	Industry Perspectives Forum Format: Chatham House Rules. Each contributor will provide a brief introduction to their topic, followed by a facilitated discussion and audience Q&A. Forum contributors: • Peter La Franchi, National Defence Director, TBH <i>Asymmetric by Design: Alliance Contracting as an Enabler of Resilient and Scalable EW Capability in Australia</i> • Dr Len Sciacca, CEO, ASR Defence & Phil Guy, Managing Director, Mellori Solutions <i>Behavioural Signals Exploitation – Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations in the Next 10 Years</i> • Hope Sneddon, Embedded Software Engineer, Designworks <i>Lessons EW Enabled Systems Can Take from the Game Development Industry</i> • Martin Blake, Defence Research Academic, Curtin University <i>Clocks You Cannot Jam: Pulsar Timing for a GPS-Denied Australia</i> Moderated by AOC ANZ Board Member
12:30–13:30	Lunch and Networking
13:30–15:00	Plenary Session 5 Emerging Capability and Technology Keynote Address (20 minutes) Dr David Galligan, Director, Defence Science and Technology and Chief Defence Scientist, New Zealand The Electromagnetic Ocean: Lessons in Maritime Electronic Support and Distributed Sensing (30 minutes) Peter Jenkins, Managing Director, JEDS AI – Opportunities, Risk and Predictions in the Context of Electronic Warfare, with Special Consideration of Ethical Aspects (30 minutes)



	Sven Wittchen , Program Manager EW, Nova Systems
15:00–15:15	Afternoon Break
15:15–16:45	Plenary Session 6 Advancing EMS Capability Sovereign Spectrum CRC Briefing (30 minutes) Katherine Head, AOC ANZ Board Member, and Director, Euca Group A Passive Radar Experiment: Multi-Static with FM Signal (30 minutes) Khaled Mahbub Morshed, Acting Discipline Lead and Senior Researcher, Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) Closing the Recognised Electromagnetic Picture Gap: Vertically Integrating Tactical Electromagnetic Spectrum Operation for Decision Advantage at Speed (30 minutes) Kuba Kabacinski, CEO, Consunet
18:00–22:00	ADSTAR Gala Dinner



Thursday 6 August 2026

Time	Programme
08:45–10:30	ADSTAR Plenary Sessions (All Delegates)
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea
11:00–12:30	Plenary Session 7 Operational Adaptation Keynote Address (20 minutes) TBC From Signals to Behaviour: Closing the RF System Control Loop (30 minutes) Dr Len Sciacca, CEO, ASR Defence & Phil Guy, Managing Director, Mellori Solutions A Case Study in Rapid Adaptation (30 minutes) David Enchelmaier, Advanced Concepts Engineer, L3Harris Australia & David Kinnaird, Chief Executive Officer, RFTEQ
12:30–13:30	Lunch and Networking
13:30–14:30	Closing Plenary Future Warfare Keynote Address (20 minutes) TBC Panel Discussion (40 minutes) Moderated by AOC ANZ Board Member, in conversation with 3 panellists • MAJGEN (Retd) Mick Ryan AM, Senior Fellow for Military Studies, Lowy Institute • TBC • TBC
14:30–15:00	AOC ANZ Annual General Meeting 2026
15:00–15:15	Afternoon Break
15:15–16:45	ADSTAR Closing Plenary (All Delegates)