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INNOVATION AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 29 JULY

Australian innovators now have until close of business Monday 29 July to enter the 2019 Pacific International Maritime Exposition (Pacific 2019) Innovation Awards, worth some \$60,000.

The **PACIFIC 2019 Innovation Awards** recognise and reward those Australian companies and individuals who are at the forefront of both naval and commercial maritime innovation. They will be presented in Sydney at Pacific 2019 in October. Entries opened on 1 April and close on 1 July.

Ten awards will be presented in total for the following categories:

- National Defence Innovation Award
- National Civil Innovation Award
- Defence SME Innovation Grant
- Civil SME Innovation Grant
- Young Defence Innovator Award
- Young Civil Innovator Award

There will also be four specialist categories:

- Autonomous and Unmanned Systems (airborne, surface and sub-surface)
- C4ISR, EW, Space and Cyber, including Counter-Drone systems
- Maritime operations
- Platforms and Propulsion

The two winning SMEs will each receive a \$15,000 Innovation Grant while the two successful Young Innovators will each win a \$15,000 Innovation Scholarship. The winners of the National defence and civil innovation awards will be presented with trophies.

“With the Commonwealth government investing nearly \$90 billion over the next generation in Australia’s submarine and surface fleets, there is great opportunity for Australian industry to develop innovations in how those vessels will be built, operated and maintained,” said PACIFIC 2019 CEO Ian Honnery.

“The Pacific 2019 Innovation Awards exist to highlight and foster skills and expertise within Australian industry and individuals. The awards resonate with our mission of promoting development of Australia’s maritime industrial and technological capability.”

The awards are open to Australian companies or the Australian subsidiaries of overseas parent companies, and the innovation could be anything from a new product or service to a new approach to business. Entries will be judged on originality and understanding of user needs.

The Convenor of Pacific 2019 will present the Innovation Awards during the Pacific International Maritime Exposition. To find out further information about the eligibility criteria or to submit an entry for the Maritime Industry Innovation Awards go to: www.pacificexpo.com.au .

About the Innovation Awards

These Pacific 2019 Innovation Awards are part of an awards program developed by the not-for-profit Industry Defence and Security Australia Limited (IDSAL), which organises the biennial Pacific International Maritime Exposition at Sydney’s International Convention Centre (ICC) in Darling Harbour on 8-10 October.

The Innovation Awards were first presented in 2013. Since then the program has presented SME Innovation Grants and Young Innovator Awards to a total value of \$350,000 at the Pacific International Maritime Exposition and its sister events, the Land Forces Exposition, CivSec Civil Security Exposition and the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition.

About Pacific 2019

Pacific 2019, the 2019 Pacific International Maritime Exposition, will be held at Sydney’s International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour from 8-10 October 2019 and is supported by the Australian Defence Force, in particular the Royal Australian Navy, and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

About Industry Defence and Security Australia

Industry Defence and Security Australia Limited is a not-for-profit organisation established to promote the development of Australian industrial and technological capability with respect to defence and security. It is a member of the not-for profit group established by the Aerospace Maritime Defence and Security Foundation of Australia Limited. Other group activities include the biennial *Australian International Air Show and Aerospace & Defence Exposition* at Avalon, the *Land Forces land warfare exposition* in Brisbane, the *Rotortech* Helicopter Industry Exposition in Brisbane and the *CivSec* International Civil Security Exposition and Congress in Melbourne.

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