

Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Location: Australia House, The Strand, London WC2B 4LA

8:20	Delegate arrival and Registration <i>(Please bring photo ID for access to Australia House)</i>
8:45	Welcome: Brigadier Andrew Dudgeon AM (Retd) , Chair, Australian British Defence Catalyst
8:50	Australian Government Address: His Excellency the Hon Stephen Smith, Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom; Co-Author of the Defence Strategic Review
9:15	Message from Ukraine: Mykhailo Federov, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Digital Transformation
9:20	Call to Arms: Virtual live in conversation with Andrii Hrytseniuk , CEO, Brave1
9:45	UK Government Address: Luke Pollard MP, Minister for the Armed Forces; MP for Plymouth Sutton and Devonport
10:15	Strategic Context <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Russia and Ukraine▪ China/US and the Pacific▪ Short war fallacy and modern warfighting Keynote: Sir Lawrence Freedman KCMG CBE FBA, Emeritus Professor of War Studies, King's College London
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Campaigning in the Indo-Pacific Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Multi-domain warfighting in the Indo-Pacific▪ The importance of multinational interoperability Keynote followed by Q&A: Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC RAN, Chief of Joint Operations
11:30	Inter-operative Capability – Testing the reach <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting battlespace management▪ Digital disruption in the field Keynote followed by Q&A: Lieutenant General Sir Tom Copinger-Symes KCB CBE, Deputy Commander of UK Cyber & Specialist Operations Command
12:00	Sixth Generation Capability <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GCAP report card▪ Collaborative Combat Aircraft – GCAP opportunity Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Air Vice-Marshal Jim Beck OBE, Director Capability & Programmes, Royal Air Force▪ John Stocker, Regional Managing Director — Americas, BAE Systems Panel joined by Simon Murray , Autonomous Systems Europe Business Development and Strategy Lead, Boeing
1:00	Lunch
2:00	Strategic Intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gathering from Ukraine▪ Forward leaning intelligence▪ Fresh challenges in the digital era

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2:00	<p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Andy Bamford, CEO, National Security Strategic Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General Sir Richard Barrons KCB CBE, Co-Author, Strategic Defence Review 2025▪ Air Vice-Marshal Di Turton AM, Australian Military Representative to NATO (and incoming Head Intelligence Capability)▪ John Ridge CBE, Chief Adoption Officer, NATO Innovation Fund
3:00	<p>T&E's role in Strategic Intelligence</p> <p>Keynote and Q&A: Steve Wadey OBE, Group CEO, QinetiQ</p>
3:15	Afternoon Tea
3:45	<p>Strategic Investment – the framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Growth stage investment market▪ AUKUS and NATO lens▪ The NSSIF model▪ Government role in shaping startup missions <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Ticky Fullerton, CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Rt Hon Sir Ben Wallace KCB PC, Former Secretary of State for Defence▪ Andy Bamford, CEO, National Security Strategic Investment Fund▪ Fergus Hanson, First Assistant Director General Cyber and Critical Technology Intelligence Centre, Australian Office of National Intelligence
4:45	<p>Strategic Investment – Private Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trusted Capital▪ Changing market appetite▪ Dual use <p>Panel Discussion moderated by Joe Cassidy, Partner, Head of Technology, Media & Telecommunications, KPMG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mike Eakins, Chief Investment Officer, Phoenix Group▪ James Chiswell, CEO, High Tor Capital▪ Paul Wilkes, Partner, Osney Capital
5:30	<p>Welcome Reception at Australia House hosted by His Excellency the Hon Stephen Smith, Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom</p> <p>Sponsored by Palantir Technologies</p>

Thursday, 4 September 2025

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8:00	Delegate arrival
8:25	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
8:30	Ministry of Defence Address: David Williams CB , Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
9:00	Western Australia Ministerial Address: The Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA , Western Australian Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming
9:30	South Australia Ministerial Address: The Hon Stephen Mullighan MP , South Australian Treasurer; Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Police
10:00	Morning Tea
10:30	AUKUS Pillar 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting the imperative▪ Perth 2027 – are we ready?▪ UK Nuclear skills transfer▪ Walking the talk on supply chains Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vice Admiral Sir Chris Gardner KBE, CEO, Submarine Delivery Agency▪ Kate van Hilst, First Assistant Director General SSN Construction, Australian Submarine Agency▪ Craig Lockhart, CEO, BAE Systems Australia▪ Mark Goldsack CBE, Managing Director - Business Growth & AUKUS, Babcock▪ Rich Palmer, Director - Future Programmes, Rolls Royce Submarines
12:00	Western Australia's Capability Reach: Linda Dawson , Head of the Office of Defence Industries, WA Department of Premier and Cabinet
12:10	US Pillar 1 Review: Abe Denmark , Partner, Defense and National Security Practice, The Asia Group; former Senior Advisor to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin
12:20	Lunch
1:20	AUKUS Pillar 1 - The Construction Piece <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Construction legacy▪ Secure by design▪ Early involvement of Defence▪ Security risks in building facilities Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Leah Grantham , Chief of Staff, Babcock Australasia <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dale Connor, COO and CEO Construction, Lendlease▪ Paul Harrison, Divisional General Manager for Defence & Deputy Global Defence Lead, Mott MacDonald Panel joined by Glenn Sheedy , Director of Strategy & Transformation, Laing O'Rourke

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2:20	<p>Sovereign Ready Ports – Stirling showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The first contracts▪ Collaboration pays dividends <p>In conversation with Maria Rennie, UK Consul General for Western Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Andy Mason, Senior Advisor Nuclear and AUKUS (UK) Lead, Empower Advisory▪ Johnny Tripodi, General Manager, Defence and National Security, Lendlease
2:45	<p>Across Capability Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agile AND Innovative▪ The case for a National Armaments Director <p>Keynote Address: Andy Start, UK National Armaments Director</p> <p>Followed by an in conversation with Jonathon Gill, Partner, Global & UK Lead for Industrial Manufacturing & Defence, KPMG</p>
3:15	Afternoon Tea
3:45	<p>Queensland's Capability Reach</p> <p>Keynote Address: The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier of Queensland; Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning; Minister for Industrial Relations</p>
4:00	<p>Building AUKUS Advanced Capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Role of the war fighter▪ Strategic Review influence▪ Change of pace <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Kathryn Essex, Head of the Security and Defence Industry Team, British High Commission Canberra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Major General Hugh Meggitt AM CSC, Head, Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator▪ Damian Parmenter CBE, Senior Counselor, Palantir Technologies
5:00	End of Catalyst Session
7:00	<p>Catalyst Dinner at Mansion House, Walbrook, London EC4N 8BH with Sir Stephen Lovegrove GCMG KCB, Prime Minister's Special Representative on AUKUS</p> <p>Co-Sponsored by MBDA and PentenAmio</p>

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8:45	Delegate arrival
9:00	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:05	Progress and Benefits of AUKUS: Air Chief Marshal The Lord Peach KG GBE KCB DL , Former Chief of the Defence Staff
9:20	Collaboration and Supply Chains across AUKUS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Australia-UK Industry Development▪ Across AUKUS delivery▪ SSNA shipyard: supply chain risk Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by: Brigadier Rory Copinger-Symes CBE (Retd) , Senior Advisor, SecureCloud+ <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Avril Jolliffe, Director-General International Collaboration & Exports, Ministry of Defence▪ Stephen Faulkner, CEO, PMB Defence Panel joined by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ David Goodrich OAM, Executive Chairman & Chief Executive, Anduril APAC▪ Ben James AM DSM, CEO Australia & NZ, NIOA
10:20	Morning Tea
10:50	The License Free Environment and the AUKUS Difference <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Report Card: streamlining AUKUS defence trade▪ ITAR▪ Excluded Technology List Panel Discussion moderated by Kathryn Essex , Security and Defence Industry, British High Commission Canberra <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ UK: Greg Mallitte, Deputy Head, International Collaboration & Exports, Ministry of Defence▪ AUS: David Nockels, First Assistant Secretary, Defence Trade, Regulation and Industrial Collaboration, Department of Defence▪ US: Sarah Heidema, Office Director, Defense Trade Controls Policy, U.S. Department of State
11:30	Defence SA – Osborne to Advanced Capability Keynote: Matt Opie , Chief Executive, Defence SA Followed by a fireside chat with Matthew Jones , Senior Vice President, Codan
11:50	The Growth Alliance Plymouth Keynote: Amanda Ratsey , Head of Economy & Investment, Plymouth City Council
12:00	Social Value and Jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ UK Defence Industrial Strategy▪ Meeting the ask on skills and workforce▪ Bringing the community on board Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce

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12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Rt Hon Lord Spellar, UK Trade and Investment Envoy to Australia; Vice Chair, AUKUS APPG▪ Lee Warren, Director - Engineering & Technology, Rolls Royce Submarines▪ Liz McKinney-Bennett, Defence Strategic Engagement Lead, Mott MacDonald <p>Panel joined by: Trudy Harrison, Market Development Consultant, Westlakes; former Minister for the Future of Transport; former Environment Minister; former MP for Copeland</p>
1:00	Lunch
2:00	<p>Team Hypersonics (UK) in AUKUS – A Complex Weapons focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Framework and HyFliTE programme▪ SDR focus on ‘always on’▪ Industry as a fundamental input to capability▪ Industry-customer collaboration <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Brigadier Andrew Dudgeon AM (Retd), Chair, Australian British Defence Catalyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Paul Wilson, Deputy Director Strategic Programmes & Head Team Hypersonics (UK), Ministry of Defence▪ James Allibone, Group Business Development Director, MBDA UK Ltd
3:00	Afternoon Tea
3:20	<p>Complex Weapons - building the sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local sovereign capability in balance with FMS▪ Guiding role of primes to access investors and support small player innovation▪ Enabling role of government <p>Keynote from: Ben James AM DSM, CEO Australia & NZ, NIOA</p> <p>Followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Samuel Hayes, Global Executive for Defence & National Security, KPMG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ben James AM DSM, CEO Australia & NZ, NIOA▪ Tom Tizard, General Manager, MBDA Australia▪ Brigadier Don Roach AM (Retd), Executive Defence and Industry Engagement, Queensland Government▪ Doug Graham, Vice President, Strategic Defense Initiatives, Lockheed Martin
4:20	<p>GWEO Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supply chain and collaboration showcase▪ Adjacent technology AI and Autonomous <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Matt Hill, CEO, Hypersonix▪ Blake Nikolic, CEO, Black Sky Industries <p>Panel joined by: Jason Murray, Co-Founder and CEO, ARES Armaments Australia</p>
5:00	The Take Out
5:20	End of Catalyst