



# INDO PACIFIC

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### \$30,000 INDO PACIFIC INNOVATION AWARDS OPEN DECEMBER 1

If you have an innovation that could benefit the Navy or Australia's civil or defence maritime community, stand by for a chance to shine on an international stage at the INDO PACIFIC 2022 International Maritime Exposition, set for Sydney on 10-12 May 2022.

Entries will open on 1 December for the INDO PACIFIC 2022 Innovation Awards. Innovative Australian individuals and Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) businesses could win \$15,000. Entries close 1 March 2022.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- **INDO PACIFIC 2022** National Innovation Award
- **INDO PACIFIC 2022** SME Innovation Award (including a \$15,000 cash award)
- **INDO PACIFIC 2022** Young Innovator Award (including a \$15,000 cash award)

Award winners will be announced at an online event two weeks before INDO PACIFIC 2022. This will enable attendance by Awards entrants and provide time for the winners to make plans to attend INDO PACIFIC 2022 and receive their award in person.

Past winners include prominent Australian companies and organisations such as DMTC Limited, EM Solutions and DroneShield Limited. In many cases winners have further developed their winning entries in to market leading products.

"The awards reflect our mission, which is to promote the development of aviation and Australia's industrial, manufacturing and information/communications technology resources in the fields of aviation, aerospace, maritime, defence and security," said Ian Honnery, CEO of the national not-for-profit AMDA Foundation which organises the biennial INDO PACIFIC Exposition.

"Since we launched the Awards in 2012 we have presented \$425,000 in SME and Young Innovator Awards to encourage and reward excellence by our small companies and emerging engineers and scientists."

Australia's defence industry is now recognised by the Department of Defence as a Fundamental Input to Defence Capability (FIC) and Defence is putting ever-greater emphasis on industry innovation.

"Industry's ability to deliver on behalf of Defence and the ADF is underpinned by its ability to innovate and bring to the market new defence products and services. That's what our Awards seek to encourage," Mr Honnery said.

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

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The Indo Pacific Innovation Awards program stands alongside the Innovation Awards which are presented biennially at the Australian International Air Show and Aerospace & Defence Exposition at Avalon Airport and the LAND FORCES International Land Defence Exposition in Brisbane.

To find out further information about the eligibility criteria or to submit an entry for the INDO PACIFIC 2022 Industry Innovation Awards go to: **[WWW.INDOPACIFICEXPO.COM.AU](http://WWW.INDOPACIFICEXPO.COM.AU)** .

The 2019 award winners included:

**National Civil Innovation Award:** DroneShield Limited (WA)

**National Defence Innovation Award:** DMTC Limited (VIC)

**Defence SME Innovation Grant (\$15,000):** EM Solutions Pty Limited (SA)

**Young Civil Innovator Award (\$15,000):** Mr Lawrence Marychurch, DroneShield Limited (VIC)

**Young Defence Innovator Award (\$15,000):** Mr Ryan McGrath, Mr Thomas Churack and Mr Jason Sardi, Thales Australia (VIC)

**Innovation Award for C4ISREW, Space, Cyber and Counter-Drone Systems:** Ultra Electronics Avalon Systems Pty Limited (SA)

**Innovation Award for Autonomous and Unmanned Systems:** Advanced Navigation

**Innovation Award for Platforms and Propulsion:** DMTC Limited

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