



Australian Government  
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# ADF Propulsion Systems Symposium



*Propulsion Systems Integrity: Contributing to Deterrence*

19-21 May 2026

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Victoria, Australia



For more information and to register go to:

<https://dasa.defence.gov.au/adf-propulsion-systems-symposium-apss>

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## INTRODUCTION

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Propulsion Systems Symposium (APSS) is the only dedicated forum for military propulsion systems in Australasia. The event is sponsored by the Propulsion Systems Integrity (PSI) section of the Defence Aviation Safety Authority (DASA).

The theme for the 2026 APSS is “Propulsion Systems Integrity: Contributing to Deterrence” and promises a captivating exploration of how PSI contributes to military power in our current complex and challenging strategic environment. The Symposium provides an excellent opportunity for organisations and personnel in the ADF propulsion systems community to network and share their knowledge and experience, while promoting partnerships and networking amongst professionals and vendors in the aero-propulsion industry.

The Symposium is targeted at to all personnel involved in the acquisition and in-service management of ADF fixed and rotary-wing propulsion systems. Attendance extends to representatives from foreign militaries, science and technology organisations, universities, industry, and aviation authorities.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- › Propulsion system integrity management
- › Propulsion system certification
- › Critical part lifting
- › Health and usage monitoring systems
- › Condition monitoring
- › Risk analyses
- › RAM applications
- › Maintenance and MRD
- › Emerging propulsion trends

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### Monday 18 May

6:00pm Pre-Symposium Drinks

### Tuesday 19 May

9:00am – 9:30am Registration

9:30am – 5:00pm Symposium Day 1

### Wednesday 20 May

9:00am – 5:00pm Symposium Day 2

7:00pm Symposium Dinner

### Thursday 21 May

9:00am – 3.00pm Symposium Day 3



## REGISTRATION

To register, please complete the electronic form by visiting the [Symposium website](#). The form is to be submitted electronically by **17 April 2026**. Please submit one form per delegate.

## COST

There is no registration cost to attend the Symposium. Units/Organisations of delegates are responsible for all travel related costs. Delegates will be responsible for funding attendance at both the pre-Symposium drinks and the Symposium dinner (approximately \$60-\$70pp - details to follow).

## VENUE

The Symposium will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, located next to the Yarra River in South Wharf, Melbourne. The address is 1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006.

## DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Civilian business attire for all delegates including military personnel due to the off-site venue location.

## PRE-SYMPOSIUM DRINKS

Pre-Symposium drinks (delegate pays) will be held on Monday evening in Melbourne's CBD, allowing you to network with fellow delegates. Please indicate your intention to attend on the registration form. Details will be provided closer to the event.

## SYMPOSIUM DINNER

The Symposium dinner (delegate pays, with pre-payment required) will be held on Wednesday evening in Melbourne's CBD. Please indicate your intention to attend on the registration form. Details will be provided closer to the event.

## MEALS

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on days 1 and 2, with only morning tea provided on day 3.

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Nominations to present are open to all delegates provided the content they wish to present is relevant to the audience. The theme of "Propulsion Systems Integrity: Contributing to Deterrence" may be used as a reference point for your presentation, though it is not a requirement. Time slots will be 30 minutes, including question time, but may be tailored upon request. Please contact the event organiser for questions regarding presentation topics and time slots.

Those wishing to present may nominate via the registration process. An abstract of approximately 100 words and a short biography will be required by e-mail to the event organiser at [adf.apss@defence.gov.au](mailto:adf.apss@defence.gov.au) or [trevor.buiter@defence.gov.au](mailto:trevor.buiter@defence.gov.au) by **17 April 2026**.

## SIDE MEETINGS

There will be opportunities for delegates to hold side meetings with organisations in attendance at the Symposium. Please contact the event organiser for details.

## KEY DATES

Abstracts / Biographies Due:	<b>17 April 2026</b>
Registrations Due:	<b>17 April 2026</b>
Presentations Due:	<b>01 May 2026</b>
Symposium:	<b>19-21 May 2026</b>

## EVENT ORGANISER AND PRESENTATION ENQUIRIES

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## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for organising and funding their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre is located in South Wharf, an inner-city suburb of Melbourne. There are a large quantity of commercial hotels within this local vicinity as well as within CBD area.

## TRAVEL TO VENUE

It is recommended that attendees utilise the public transport options available within Melbourne, or walk to Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Parking is available at the venue for those who need to drive, but this option comes at a cost that will need to be covered by the delegate's Unit/Organisation. Refer to <https://www.wilsonparking.com.au/parking-locations/victoria/southbank/melbourne-exhibition-centre-car-park/>.

### TRAM

The No.124A Tram Stop on Clarendon Street is located directly out the front of Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Additional tram stops are located on Spencer Street and are within only a few minutes walk. Melbourne offers a free tram zone service for everyone within the Melbourne CBD area, noting that you do not require a ticket to utilise these free tram zone services.

### TRAIN

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre is located only a few minutes walk from Flinders Street and/or Southern Cross Train Stations, which services all major metropolitan and regional train lines.

For general information on public transport, visit [www.transport.vic.gov.au](http://www.transport.vic.gov.au).

