

## Wednesday, 15 October

## Day 1 Conference Program

8.50am	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Geoff Hird</b> – Events Director, Comms Connect, and MC, <b>Chris Stevens</b>		
9.00am	<b>From whoa to go – lessons learned on New Zealand's Public Safety Network cellular service journey</b> <b>Matthew Hansen</b> – Senior Program Manager, PSN Program, NGCC; <b>Sam Newton</b> – Enterprise Architect, Hourua; <b>Inspector Kerei Gray</b> – New Zealand Police		
9.30am	<b>Australian PSMB progress update</b> <b>Kylie De Courteney</b> – Managing Director, NSW Telco Authority		
10.00am	<b>PANEL: International Public Safety Fireside Chat</b> <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Tero Pesonen</b> – Vice Chair & Board Director, TCCA; <b>Sara Olsson</b> – Project Manager, MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency); <b>Superintendent Fredrik Ryberg</b> – Head of Operation RG2, Swedish Policy Authority		
10.30am	<b>Morning Break — Exhibition Hall</b>		
	<b>Public Safety – Theatre 1</b>	<b>Technology – Theatre 2</b>	<b>Industry – Theatre 3</b>
11.15am	<b>P25 global update</b> <b>Cheryl Giggetts</b> – Board Member, Project 25 Technology Interest Group (USA)	<b>The future of LMR in Australia and USA</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Andrew Maxymillian</b> – President, GWTCA; <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Hamish Duff</b> - President, ARCIA; <b>Dr David Lund</b> – Project Coordinator, EUCCS Preparation; Public Safety Communication Europe	<b>Australia's competitive digital future depends on affordable access to spectrum</b> <b>Louise Hyland</b> – CEO, Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association
11.45am	<b>PANEL: Critical Communications – an eye on the horizon   Moderator: Luke Marchant</b> – GM, Customer & Advisory Services, Telstra Enterprise; <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Iain Russell</b> – Industry CTO, Telstra; <b>Frank Savaglio</b> – Senior Technology Specialist, Telstra Networks; <b>Nancy MacDonald</b> - VP, International Sales, Comtech Solacom; <b>Dhananjaya Ponnampereuma</b> – CTO - Telstra KA, Ericsson	<b>PANEL: Addressing the LMR Wireless Workforce crisis</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Andrew Maxymillian</b> – President, GWTCA / <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Cheryl Giggetts</b> – Board Member, Project 25 Technology Interest Group (USA); <b>Hamish Duff</b> - President, ARCIA	<b>Energy company responding to a cyclone</b> <b>James Lowe</b> – Network Engineer, Ergon Energy
12.15pm	<b>Vehicle as a Node (VaaN) – the NSW Rural Fire Service story</b> <b>Matthew White</b> – Manager Operational Platforms, NSW Rural Fire Service	<b>The hybrid future – weaving public, private and virtual networks for critical communications</b> <b>Julian Gorman</b> – Head of APAC, GSMA	<b>Dedicated network solutions for industries with a focus on LTE/5G in the 400 MHz bands</b> <b>Gösta Kallner</b> – Executive Chairman, 450 MHz Alliance
12.45pm	<b>Lunch Break — Exhibition Hall — Sponsored by Radlink Communications</b>		
1.45pm	<b>The importance of rapid response during critical emergency events</b> <b>Inspector Kerei Gray</b> – Business Change Leader, PSN Program, New Zealand Police; <b>Dylan Earle</b> – Customer Solutions Manager, Tait Communication	<b>Developing technically innovative solutions for public safety and disaster resilience</b> <b>Genie Tan</b> – Chief Operating Officer, Connectivity Innovation Network	<b>Keeping communities connected with rapidly deployable connectivity when it matters most</b> <b>Shane Fitzsimmons</b> – Managing Director, SAF Leading Advisory; <b>Rania Wannous</b> – Executive Director, Emergency Management, NSW Telco Authority; <b>Darren Cooley</b> – Head of Sales & Marketing, Pivotal Satellite
2.15pm	<b>Providing a pathway for the future of the critical link between the community and first responders – NECWG white paper</b> <b>Matt Wormald</b> – Commander Operational Communications, Fire & Rescue NSW	<b>Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system</b> <b>Allan Cambridge</b> – Comms & IT Project Leader, Coastguard Nelson	<b>When (rapid) connectivity matters most</b> <b>Luke Wadeson</b> – CEO, Exceed ICT
2.45pm	<b>Coastal emergency alerting system – enhancing public safety through integration</b> <b>David Potter</b> – Senior Manager – Capability, Life Saving Victoria; <b>Sebastian Walker-Staalkjaer</b> – Communications Supervisor, Emergency Management Capability and Response	<b>Cyber risk management in P25 and LMR environments – insights from recent large-scale projects</b> <b>Harry Brown</b> – Cyber Security Consultant, Phronesis Security; <b>Barry Grek</b> – GRC Director, Phronesis Security	<b>NGX &amp; MCX – two sides of the same coin</b> <b>Manuel Hintermayr</b> – Global Head of Public Safety, Frequentis <b>Martin Rampl</b> – Managing Director, Frequentis Australasia
3.15pm	<b>Afternoon Break — Exhibition Hall</b>		
3.45pm	<b>Mission-critical console deployment integrates multiple vendor tech for interoperability</b> <b>Leslie Scott</b> – Systems Manager, Zetron	<b>WISPAU Update – Automatic Frequency Coordination (AFC) 6Ghz Trial in Australia, the SOCI Act and Compliance updates for WISPs in Australia</b> <b>Adrian Robertson</b> – President WISPAU and Director of WISP, Dreamtilt	<b>How Public Safety agencies optimised critical comms during the Paris Olympics</b> <b>Brad Welch</b> – GM, TPL Systems
4.15pm	<b>PANEL: Women in Critical Communications – progress with purpose</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Natalie Kolodziej</b> – Group Owner – Commercial, Private and Emergency Services, Telstra <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Bidar Homsey</b> – Chair, Australian Critical Communications Forum; <b>Genie Tan</b> – COO, Connectivity Innovation Network; <b>Cheryl Giggetts</b> – Board Member, P25 Technology Interest Group; <b>Rania Wannous</b> – Executive Director, Emergency Management, NSW Telco Authority; <b>Ruth Tovo</b> – Operations Support Officer, South Australian SES		
5.00pm	<b>NETWORKING DRINKS — EXHIBITION HALL — sponsored by Hypha</b>		
6.30pm	<b>ARCIA ANNUAL INDUSTRY GALA DINNER – Sofitel Melbourne on Collins</b>		

## Thursday, 16 October

## Day 2 Conference Program

8.55am	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Chris Stevens</b> , MC, Comms Connect		
9.00am	<b>Establishing the European Critical Communication System (EUCCS)</b> <b>Dr David Lund</b> – Project Coordinator, EUCCS Preparation; Public Safety Communication Europe		
9.30am	<b>Space and land convergence – how rapid developments in satellite tech are revolutionising critical mobile connectivity</b> <b>Luke Coleman</b> – CEO, Australian Telecommunications Alliance		
10.00am	<b>FirstNet from concept to reality: a standards-based approach to building the US 3GPP Public Safety Broadband Network</b> <b>Ryan Burchnell</b> – CEO, Emergent and past Area Vice President, FirstNet; <b>David Deacon</b> – CEO, Etherstack		
10.30am	<b>Morning Break — Exhibition Hall</b>		
	<b>Public Safety – Theatre 1</b>	<b>Technology – Theatre 2</b>	<b>Industry – Theatre 3</b>
11.15am	<b>New Zealand's new Cellular Network Visibility service – boosting emergency services capabilities</b> <b>Steve Lawrence</b> – Chief Technical Director, NGCC <b>Sam Newton</b> – Enterprise Architect, Hourua	<b>LEO Satellite market update – resilient connectivity for remote &amp; mission critical operations</b> <b>Ashley Neale</b> – Head of Space & Wireless Operations, Vocus	<b>Australia's first 5G mmWave community – a new era in wireless connectivity</b> <b>Carly Irving-Dolan</b> – Executive Director, Prospecta Utilities
11.45am	<b>Intelligence at the Edge: AI &amp; IoT for Ultra-Early Fire Detection</b> <b>Sohan Domingo</b> – VP Sales & Operations, Dryad Networks	<b>Cyber security &amp; digital radio – protecting mission-critical comms</b> <b>Paul Whitfield</b> – Research & Development Manager, Omnitronics	<b>Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport Metro Link</b> <b>Vishal Kohil</b> – Senior Solutions Specialist LTW, 5G & LMR, CommTel Network Solutions
12.15pm	<b>Powering public safety with 5G – secure, resilient, cyber-ready</b> <b>Enrique Garcia</b> – Head of Mission-Critical Networks, Ericsson	<b>Digital transformation in mission-critical comms - from traditional to hybrid operations with PTToc</b> <b>Eliam-Jay Bendavid</b> – Lead Solutions Architect, Streamwide	<b>As mission-critical technology evolves, are you keeping an eye on your network?</b> <b>Senthil Sundram</b> – Head of Telecommunications, Rohde & Schwarz
12.45pm	<b>Lunch Break — Exhibition Hall – Sponsored by Radlink Communications</b>		
1.45pm	<b>Beyond interoperability – designing mission-driven networks for emergency response &amp; defence</b> <b>Leith Mudge</b> – Senior Systems Engineer, DTC	<b>Network sensing for flood monitoring and prediction</b> <b>Jay Guo</b> – Distinguished Professor, UTS	<b>What has changed to allow broadband-first in mission-critical communications</b> <b>Lee Mason</b> – Public Safety Leader, L3Harris
2.15pm	<b>From Narrowband to Mission Critical to Broadband, through standards</b> <b>Alain Ruinet</b> – Head of APAC Program Delivery, Public Safety & Security, Airbus Defence & Space	<b>Designing for urgency: Lessons from deploying cell broadcast early warning systems in the Pacific</b> <b>Molly James</b> – Service Delivery & Roaming Manager, Omnitouch Network Services	<b>Selecting the correct PTP solution for your application</b> <b>Eddie Stephanou</b> – Technical Manager, Cambium Networks
2.45pm	<b>AI &amp; mission-critical comms – current trends, complexities, applications &amp; opportunities</b> <b>Ashwin Dinkar</b> – VP Defence & International Business, Eventide Communications Group	<b>Evolution Of Critical Infrastructure Security</b> <b>Bhuvneshwar Tyagi</b> – APAC Presales Leader, Nokia Australia	<b>Cell on Wheels &amp; shared infrastructure</b> <b>Matthew Schultz</b> – Partner, Gravelroad
3.15pm	<b>PANEL: Satellites, space and secure critical comms – a current reality check and future possibilities</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Chris Stevens</b> – Managing Director, CartGIS <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Luke Coleman</b> – CEO, Australian Telecommunications Alliance; <b>Frank Savaglio</b> – Senior Technology Specialist, Telstra Networks; <b>Ashley Neale</b> – Head of Space & Wireless Operations, Vocus; <b>Hamish Duff</b> – President, ARCIA; <b>Neil Jamieson</b> – Group CEO, Hypha		
4.00pm	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSES</b>		

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