

Wednesday, 15 October

Day 1 Conference Program

	Plenary – Eureka Rooms		
8.50am	Welcome and opening remarks Geoff Hird – Events Director, Comms Connect, and MC, Chris Stevens		
9.00am	From whoa to go – lessons learned on New Zealand's Public Safety Network cellular service journey Matthew Hansen – Senior Program Manager, PSN Program, NGCC; Sam Piper – Operations Manager, Hourua; Inspector Kerei Gray – New Zealand Police		
9.30am	Australian PSMB progress update Kylie De Courteney – Managing Director, NSW Telco Authority		
10.00am	PANEL: International Public Safety Fireside Chat Panellists: Tero Pesonen – Vice Chair & Board Director, TCCA; Sara Olsson – Deputy Program Manager & Head of Procurements, SWEN, MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency); Superintendent Fredrik Ryberg – Head of Operation RG2, Swedish Police Authority		
10.30am	MORNING BREAK – Exhibition Hall		
	Stream 1 – Eureka 3	Stream 2 – Eureka 1	Stream 3 – Courtyard 2
11.15am	P25 global update Cheryl Giggetts – Board Member, Project 25 Technology Interest Group (USA)	The future of LMR in Australia and USA Moderator: Andrew Maxymillian – President, GWTC Panellists: Hamish Duff – President, ARCIA; Dr David Lund – Project Coordinator, EUCCS Preparation; Public Safety Communication Europe	Australia's competitive digital future depends on affordable access to spectrum Louise Hyland – CEO, Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association
11.45am	PANEL: Critical communications – an eye on the horizon Moderator: Luke Marchant – Industry Customer Advisory Principal, Telstra Panellists: Iain Russell – Industry CTO – Enterprise and Government, Telstra; Frank Savaglio – Senior Technology Specialist, Telstra Networks; Nancy MacDonald – VP, International Sales, Comtech Solacom Technologies; Dhana Ponnampereuma – CTO – Telstra KA, Ericsson	PANEL: Addressing the LMR wireless workforce crisis Moderator: Andrew Maxymillian – President, GWTC Panellists: Cheryl Giggetts – Board Member, Project 25 Technology Interest Group (USA); Hamish Duff – President, ARCIA	Energy company responding to a cyclone James Lowe – Network Engineer, Ergon Energy
12.15pm	Vehicle as a Node (VaaN) – the NSW Rural Fire Service story Matthew White – Manager Operational Platforms, NSW Rural Fire Service	The hybrid future – weaving public, private and virtual networks for critical communications Julian Gorman – Head of APAC, GSMA	Dedicated network solutions for industries with a focus on LTE/5G in the 400 MHz bands Gösta Kallner – Executive Chairman, 450 MHz Alliance
12.45pm	LUNCH BREAK – Exhibition Hall – Sponsored by Radlink Communications		
1.45pm	The importance of rapid response during critical emergency events Inspector Kerei Gray – Business Change Leader, PSN Program, New Zealand Police; Dylan Earle – Customer Solutions Manager, Tait Communication	Keeping communities connected with rapidly deployable connectivity when it matters most Shane Fitzsimmons – Managing Director, SAF Leading Advisory; Rania Wannous – Executive Director, Customer and Emergency Management, NSW Telco Authority; Darren Cooley – Head of Sales & Marketing, Pivotal Satellite	Developing technically innovative solutions for public safety and disaster resilience Genie Tan – Chief Operating Officer, Connectivity Innovation Network
2.15pm	Providing a pathway for the future of the critical link between the community and first responders – NECWG white paper Matt Wormald – Commander Operational Communications, Fire & Rescue NSW	Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system Allan Cambridge – Comms & IT Project Leader, Coastguard Nelson	When (rapid) connectivity matters most Luke Wadeson – CEO, Exceed ICT
2.45pm	Coastal emergency alerting system – enhancing public safety through integration David Potter – Senior Manager – Capability, Life Saving Victoria; Sebastian Walker-Staalkjaer – Communications Supervisor, Emergency Management Capability and Response	Cyber risk management in P25 and LMR environments – insights from recent large-scale projects Harry Brown – Cyber Security Consultant, Phronesis Security; Barry Grek – GRC Director, Phronesis Security	NGX & MCX – two sides of the same coin Manuel Hintermayr – Global Head of Public Safety, Frequentis Martin Rampl – Managing Director, Frequentis Australasia
3.15pm	Multicast/Broadcast on 4G/5G private network Willy Thierry – Senior Project Manager, ENENSYS Technologies	WISPAU update – Automatic Frequency Coordination (AFC) 6 GHz trial in Australia, the SOCI Act and compliance updates for WISPs in Australia Adrian Robertson – President WISPAU and Director of WISP, Dreamtilt	How public safety agencies optimised critical comms during the Paris Olympics Brad Welch – General Manager, TPL Systems
3.45pm	AFTERNOON BREAK – Exhibition Hall		
4.15pm	PANEL: Women in critical communications – progress with purpose Moderator: Natalie Kolodziej – Group Owner – Commercial, Private and Emergency Services Networks, Telstra Panellists: Bidar Homsey – Chair, Australian Critical Communications Forum; Genie Tan – COO, Connectivity Innovation Network; Cheryl Giggetts – Board Member, P25 Technology Interest Group; Rania Wannous – Executive Director, Customer and Emergency Management, NSW Telco Authority; Ruth Tovo – Operations Support Officer, South Australian SES		
5.00pm	NETWORKING DRINKS – EXHIBITION HALL – sponsored by Hypha		
6.30pm	ARCIA ANNUAL INDUSTRY GALA DINNER – Sofitel Melbourne on Collins		

Thursday, 16 October

Day 2 Conference Program

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

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