

## **Introduction to 2023 Goldrick Seminar**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the 2023 Goldrick Seminar. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples and pay my respect to the their elders past and present.

Since 2015 the Goldrick Series of seminars have been held annually. The aim of the Goldrick Series is to to discuss and better understand subjects that are topical for the Navy. Each topic is selected by the Chief of Navy of the day. The events bring together experts from Defence, industry and academia. The title of this year's event chosen by Vice Admiral Hammond is *The Influence of Seapower on Australia's Future*.

These events are very much educational in nature and I am delighted to see so many ADFA midshipmen, Defence grads and university students here today.

The series is named after former ADFA Commandant, former ANI President, acclaimed naval historian and strategist Rear Admiral James Goldrick who passed away on 17 March. This is the first Goldrick event without his wise and friendly presence. The Naval Studies Group, here at UNSW, is collating James' papers for accession into the ADFA Library Special Collections. It is, as some of you will guess, a mammoth task and will be the largest collection of papers of nay RAN officers. Having been involved in this work, I can attest, it will be a most valuable source for future scholars and the Navy.

This Seminar is a result of a long standing partnership with the University of New South Wales Canberra, the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Seapower Centre.

This year the Seminar has greatly benefitted from the sponsorship of the Australian Missile Corporation, Kongsberg Defence Australia and Luerssen Australia. Among other things their sponsorship will allow for three podcasts to be produced from some of our presentations given today as part of the ANI's *Saltwater Strategist* series.

Finally, I would like to thank our distinguished group of speakers and panelists today. I am keenly aware not only of your time you have allocated to today's events but also the time you gave in preparing for your talk.

Thank you everyone and I hope you enjoy the day.