

Symposia's Theme: Innovation, Smart Manufacturing & Commercialisation Venue: Dandenong's Drum Theatre Date: 17 May 2016

Designed to provide insight and practical solutions on what innovation, advanced manufacturing, R&D and commercialisation mean to local manufacturers and businesses.

Time / Venue	Theatre	Rehearsal Room	Committee Room / Reading Room
9:30 – 10:30am	Pathways in Manufacturing Hear demonstrations of career successes from leaders in industry. Learn about the suite of jobs available and the pathways to get you there. Speakers from Australian Fresh Leaf, General Electric, Bombardier, Whytehall Services Pty Ltd	How do I fund my innovation? Structuring organisation, grants, venture capital, crowd funding and case studies in funding new product development. Speakers from Outerspace Design, Fat Hen Ventures, Brandon Capital	
11:00am -12:00pm	CSIRO's metallic 3D Printing and putting Innovation to work	Trade and Cashflow Finance	
12:30 -1:30pm	Smart Manufacturing: Leaders in our midst Local leaders share their experiences and a glimpse into the future for their industry, the skills they will need and the type of partners they will need to collaborate with. Speakers from Successful Endeavours, Australian Precision Technologies, Yarra Valley Gourmet Foods, Food Innovation Australia		Industry Skills Fund A government initiative to support eligible businesses with growth opportunities by providing grants to upskill and re-skill workers.
1:30 -2:00pm			Finance for AU Exporters
2:15 – 3:15pm	Commercialisation and Export Know the ins & outs of protecting rights, distribution agreements, China Australia FTA, and how to take product to the market.	What does 3D Printing mean for business? Australia's leaders in 3D printing on practical applications of 3D printing for local business, processes, success stories, costs etc.	
3:45 – 4:45pm	Defence: The Local and Global Supply chain VIC is the largest defence state with 7,000 workers manufacturing equipment and providing services, defence is a key sector identified by government to drive the economy and create jobs. Workshop will cover what opportunities exist, how the procurement process works and key requirements to supply to defence primes. Speakers from Thales, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, Defence Materials Technology Centre, Defence Industry Innovation Centre	Skills of the Future In-depth perspective from two successful manufacturers of different sizes and the relationship between workforce innovation to productivity, safety, innovation and profitability. Speakers from Hilton Manufacturing and Bombardier Transportation	

