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### AIDN National Young Achiever Award

Jessica White from MEMKO Pty Ltd (an AIDN-Vic member) was announced as the national winner of the 2013 Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) Young Achiever Award (YAA) at the ADM2013 Congress awards dinner on Tuesday 12 February in Canberra.

In introducing the national finalists the AIDN National President, Graham Priestnall said 'that although the finalists worked in diverse backgrounds within the defence industry, each YAA displayed outstanding qualities in their profession and are a credit to themselves and their employers.' Mr Priestnall also remarked that, 'this year's AIDN National YAA competition had six finalists, which the most numerous one of the strongest in the award's history. Mr Priestnall thanked the AIDN Chapters for 'their excellent work in conducting their Chapter competition and providing such a talented group of individuals.' He also expressed AIDN's gratitude for the ongoing support provided by the DMO and the ADM.

In announcing the winner the DMO's General Manager Joint Systems and Air, Shireane McKinnie, emphasised the importance of acknowledging and encouraging all talented young Australians involved in the defence industry. "These fine young Australians are the key to our future and initiatives, such as the AIDN Young Achiever Award, continue to nurture this talent," Ms McKinnie said.

The other national finalists were:

Timothy Cervenjak, Australian Aerospace – AIDN-Qld Finalist

Tammy Chau, Babcock – DTC Finalist

Anthony Galea, GHD – AIDN-NSW Finalist

Matthew Shelley, Raytheon Australia – AIDN-WA Finalist

Joshua Zvargulis, CEA Technologies – AIDN-ACT Finalist

All finalists represented their State magnificently in the national finals.

The annual Young Achiever award was created to recognise the important contribution made by young people in Australia's defence industry. The award is held at the State and Territory level with winners competing for the national award.

The Australian Industry & Defence Network is an association which aims to generate business opportunities for its SME members both locally and via global supply chains. The network operates nationally with over 800 members.

Images are available by contacting the AIDN office.

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