

An aerial photograph of the University of Queensland campus. In the foreground, there's a large green lawn with a central path lined with trees. A building with a prominent dome is visible. In the middle ground, a wide river flows horizontally across the frame. Beyond the river, more campus buildings and a cityscape are visible, with rolling hills in the background under a blue sky with scattered clouds. A large black rectangular box is positioned on the left side, containing the title text.

# ACSS Stakeholder Update

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# ACSS General Updates

## ACSS PODCAST - S3E9 with Robert Pratten

In the ninth episode of the ACSS Podcast's third season, Jacob Huth sits down with Robert Pratten, CEO of Conductrr, to discuss Conductrr's place in the world and the role of crisis simulations in an increasingly complex society.

*"simulations accelerate experience...young people can start to develop their confidence in high-intensity environments"*

Robert Pratten

The podcast offers an engaging discussion on a wide range of topics. From strategies to manage delegate stress and information overload to a brief foray into science fiction, it is a great listen and highly worthwhile whether you are a delegate, stakeholder, or simply browsing. You can listen to this episode and all prior episodes of the ACSS podcast on spotify!



Listen to the  
ACSS Podcast on  
Spotify!

## Media Training with Tom McIlroy

We are pleased to announce that Tom McIlroy, the Australian Financial Review's political correspondent, will be conducting a media training session for our 2023 Delegates during Summit Week.

Media training is of utmost importance for young university students as it equips them with essential skills to navigate the dynamic world of communication effectively. In today's digital age, where information spreads rapidly and misinformation abounds, media training helps students enhance their media literacy, public speaking, interviewing, and storytelling skills, enabling them to articulate their ideas confidently and persuasively.

Tom McIlroy's experience in the federal press gallery at Parliament House for the AFR provides an exciting opportunity for our delegates to hear and learn from a knowledgeable and experienced source, adding yet another exciting event for our 2023 delegates to look forward to!

More information regarding the session will be available soon.







# ACSS Gala Night 2023

Whether you are an established professional seeking to expand your network, a passionate student eager to learn from industry leaders, or an aspiring national security advocate looking to foster meaningful relationships, the ACSS Gala Night is an event not to be missed.

Students have the chance to engage with guest speakers who are experts in the field of national security. These speakers will share invaluable insights and perspectives, providing a unique learning opportunity for students interested in this area of study. The gala night brings together professionals from diverse backgrounds, including past delegates, mentors, and esteemed team members.

The Gala Night presents an excellent chance to network with influential figures in the security field, potentially opening doors to future career opportunities. As students, attending the ACSS Gala Night creates exposure to the landscape of national security, helping you gain a better understanding of the current trends and challenges in the realm of national security. This exposure can be highly beneficial for students aspiring to pursue careers or research in this dynamic and critical field.

For professionals, the event will provide the chance to network with fellow academics, researchers, and experts from government agencies and private organisations. Our lineup of guest speakers are experts in their respective fields and will provide cutting-edge insights and perspectives on the evolving landscape of national security. As a professional, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and stay updated on the latest trends and challenges in this ever-evolving and fascinating environment.

Our keynote speaker for the event will be revealed very soon! The next page will outline two more exciting speakers that will be joining us for Gala Night 2023.

## WHEN



Wednesday 6  
September 2023  
at 6:00 pm

## WHERE



1 London Cct  
Canberra, ACT 2601,  
Australia

STUDENTS - \$30 per person

PROFESSIONALS - \$45 per person

The following link can be used to access your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acss-gala-night-2023-tickets-646695372267?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshwebdesktop>





# Gala Night 2023 Speakers

## Professor Rory Medcalf AM



## Admiral (Ret.) Chris Barrie AC

Chris Barrie retired in 2002 after 42 years in the RAN, ending in four years of service as the Chief of the Defence Force (CDF). Since then he has worked on strategic leadership issues as consultant, teacher and mentor at Oxford University, the National Defense University in Washington DC, and at the Australian National University.

At ANU Chris has been Chair of the London Foundation and a Commissioner for the Kioloa Coastal Campus, and a Director in the Tuckwell Foundation. He teaches occasionally on campus and at the Australian Command and Staff College and at one time facilitated induction courses for new APS entrants into the Department of Defence.

He has also co-facilitated executive education courses for the National Security College on risk. A key current commitment is the conduct of an annual 15-day scenario game for the Department of Pacific Affairs.







# Summit Week Schedule

## Summit Week 2023 is less than a month away!

We have a packed schedule of exciting events prepared for our delegates - as seen below!

More details will be revealed closer to the Summit.

### FRIDAY 1ST

- 12pm - 1pm: General Summit Briefing and AFR Media Workshop
- 2pm - 4pm: Maritime Mini-Simulation (includes plenary and debrief)
- 5pm - 6pm: General Q&A

### WEDNESDAY 6TH

- Wednesday will feature a number of events aimed at improving the skills of delegates, and engaging them in broader security thinking.
- Exact timings and details will be confirmed soon, keep an eye out!

### MONDAY 4TH

- 9am - 10am: Opening Ceremony
- 11am - 12pm: Plenary
- 12pm - 5pm: Regional Simulation
- 5pm - 6pm: Debrief

### THURSDAY 7TH

- 9am - 10am: Plenary
- 11am - 4pm: Domestic Simulation
- 4pm - 5pm: Debrief
- 5pm - 6pm: Closing Ceremony

### TUESDAY 5TH

- 9am - 10am: Hub Manager Event
- 11am - 12pm: Plenary
- 12pm - 5pm: Non-Traditional Simulation
- 5pm - 6pm: Debrief

### FRIDAY 8TH

- 9am - 4pm: Networking Day





# Non-Traditional Simulation in Focus

## Non-Traditional Security is an area more relevant than ever before.

With the Summit less than a month away, we asked our Crisis Writers for the Non-Traditional Simulation to outline the valuable learning outcomes this scenario aims to promote for our delegates.

'The key learning objectives for the Non-Traditional Crisis Simulation include:

- Understanding the vulnerability of our supply chains to climate induced crisis.
- Understanding how one crisis can trigger various humanitarian and political issues.'



'These objectives emphasize the importance of effective crisis management in an era of misinformation, requiring skill in discerning truth and verifying sources. Co-operation, decision-making under pressure, balancing foreign and domestic interests, and recognizing the relationship between crises and systemic injustice are all vital aspects.'

'The challenges of modern crises such as cybersecurity, that blur civilian and military concerns, and the risk of misinformation escalating emergencies to chaos, are also integral learning objectives. The non-traditional scenario challenges delegates' conceptions of security and explores new understudied aspects of security including space security.'



**'Together, our scenario aims to create a multifaceted understanding of what non-traditional security is and how to manage non-traditional crisis scenarios.'**

Olivia Nolan and Darcy Mellor, Non-Traditional Simulation Crisis Writers





# What's Next?

## Next SHU

Keep an eye out for our next Stakeholder Update which will detail how the partnership between the NSC and the ACSS is enhancing the Summit's development and what Prof. Rory Medcalf's new role as Strategic Advisor means for the ACSS, our delegates, and our legacy!

## Delegates

Delegates are going through the onboarding process as we speak. We extend our congratulations to our 2023 Delegates and look forward to their contributions to the ACSS this year!

As recommended to our delegates, please take the time to read through this article written by Ben Scott, Senior Advisor at the Australian National University's National Security College:

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/publications/sharper-choices-how-australia-can-make-better-national-security-decisions-for-further-research>

The article provides a comprehensive analysis of the current global security landscape, highlighting the challenges arising from the disorder in the world as well as China's increasing influence. Read through this article to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities and uncertainties impacting our national security and find out what we can do to create better solutions in the decision-making process of our national security strategy.

