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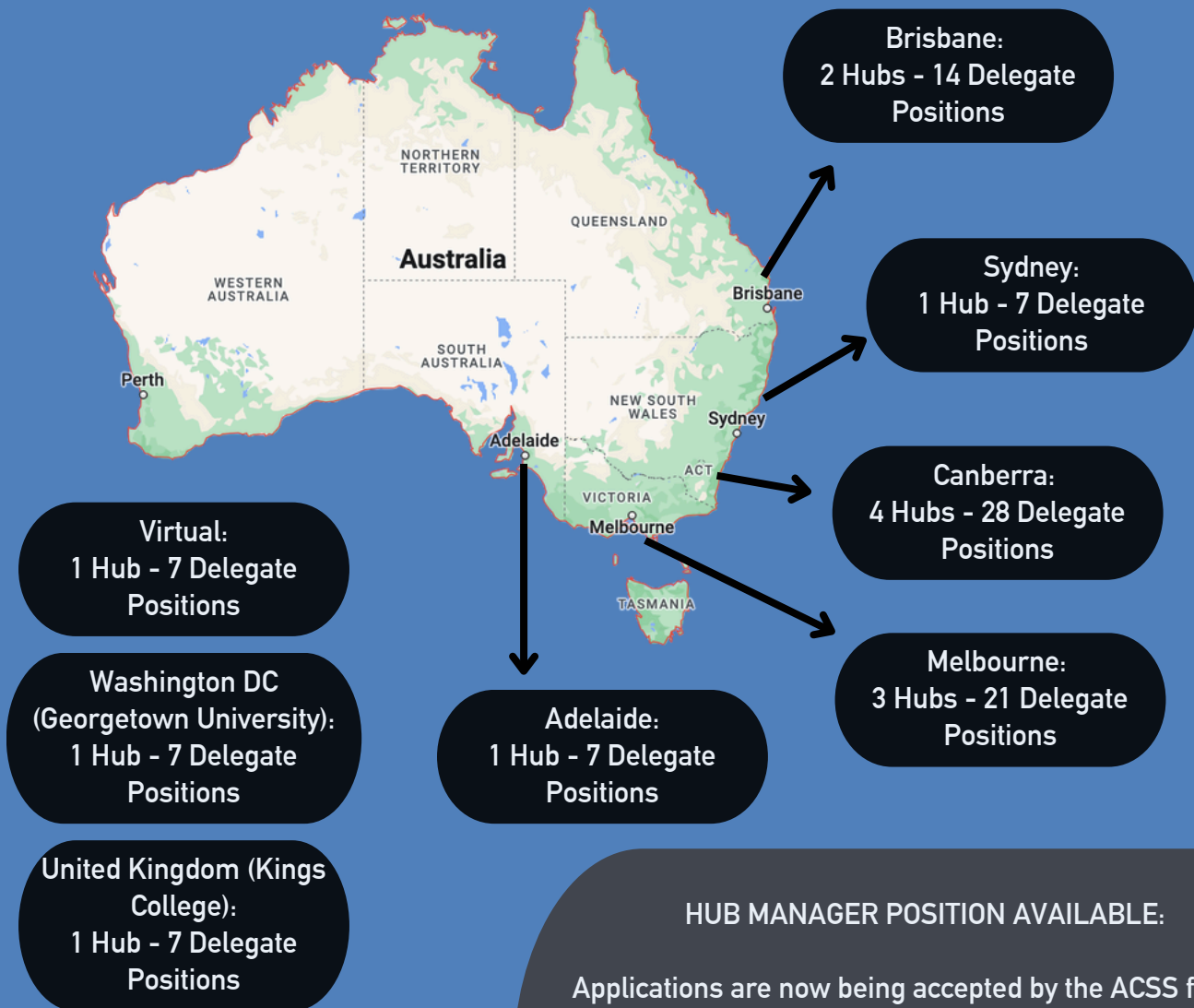


Delegate Applications and Hub Manager Position Available

Building on the success of our 2020, 2021, and 2022 Summits, the ACSS in 2023 will give delegates a forum where like-minded, enthusiastic young Australians who wish to influence the future of our country's security to network, advance their knowledge, and put their skills to the test in difficult, realistic, and intense crisis simulations.

For the annual Summit, 84 of Australia's future national security leaders gather from throughout the country to participate in the "COVID-19 Safe" national security conference, which is hosted by the Australian National University (ANU).

Students enrolled in 2023 at an Australian University from any discipline, first-years to postgraduates, are encouraged to apply.



HUB MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE:

Applications are now being accepted by the ACSS for Hub Managers. Details for both delegate applications and the Hub Manager position can be found on the website. Please reach out via email with any further queries - acss@anu.edu.au.

<https://australiancrisissimulationsummit.com/delegate-applications/>



Crisis Operations Update



Hannah Koorockin – Head of Crisis Operations

Over the past few months, the ACSS crisis writers and research teams have been working exceedingly hard to produce complex and sophisticated crisis simulations in the lead up to the launch of summit week, taking place from the 4th to the 7th September. As Head of Crisis Operations, it is a rewarding experience to watch and facilitate highly driven individuals to produce such a high calibre of work.

This year, one of our main focuses throughout the development of the summit is broadening the scope of delegate participation and involvement by fostering a multidisciplinary approach within the crisis simulations themselves. Broadening our scope this year is crucial. Throughout the everchanging and precarious climates across the globe, ensuring delegate and wider ACSS collaboration from those who do not come from a traditional security background is the next step.

No matter your academic or professional background, skills developed from disciplines and such as history, music and environmental studies are not to be ignored, and play a crucial role in the realm of global and national security. At the ACSS, our goal is to engage with the minds of anyone who has an interest in national security, challenging them to make tough decisions under high pressure environments whilst acknowledging the real-world constraints associated with the crisis simulations.

With just under two months to go before we launch into Summit Week, the ACSS team is working exceedingly hard towards achieving its end goal of producing high calibre, complex and sophisticated crisis simulations, and I have no doubt that such will be achieved. The efforts of our committed crisis teams and broader ACSS community never go unnoticed.

I am incredibly excited for the weeks to come and look forward of continuing my work with the ACSS team to ensure that our goals are met to create the next generation of Australia's security leaders.





National Security College

Letter of Support from Deputy Head, Caroline van Heuzen, National Security College

In my capacity as Deputy Head of College at the ANU National Security College, I have had the pleasure over the past few years to engage with students leading and developing the annual Australian Crisis Simulation Summit (ACSS).

ACSS creates realistic crisis simulations with complex systems and discipline-diversity at the heart of the design. This year, 84 carefully selected student delegates from Australia, US and UK will take on the roles of decision makers, while challenged by real-world constraints, during the 4th iteration of the Australian Crisis Simulation Summit, to be held from 1-8 September 2023.

The ACSS leadership team, led by Jacob Huth, has been laying the foundations for a successful Summit since the beginning of the year. This will include a number of career and mentoring activities during and alongside the Summit that will benefit from expert involvement.

The National Security College has employed a number of previous ACSS leaders—all of whom are now forging careers in national security. Jacob and the other delegates are the national security workforce of the future. I ask that you, like the NSC, consider favourably their request for support, ensuring this ambitious and dedicated group of students deliver a successful event and achieve their mission “to learn and grow beyond what their university degree requires of them”

Thank you,

Caroline van Heuzen
Deputy Head of College



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ACSS Gala Night 2023

Join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and networking at the highly anticipated **ACSS Gala Night 2023!** This exclusive event provides a remarkable platform for professionals and students alike to come together and honour the incredible journey and achievements of the ACSS over the past four years.

Taking place in the **QT Ballroom**, the ACSS Gala Night promises an atmosphere of sophistication and excitement where like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds will gather together to forge meaningful connections. As you mingle and engage in organic networking, you will have the extraordinary opportunity to interact with past delegates, mentors, and esteemed team members who have played pivotal roles in shaping the ACSS' success.

We have curated a lineup of captivating guest speakers who will share their invaluable insights, shedding light on the evolving landscape of national security. Their expertise and thought-provoking perspectives are bound to leave you inspired and enlightened.

Moreover, the ACSS Gala Night serves as a gateway to connect with our esteemed key stakeholders—prominent figures and organizations shaping the realm of national security. These connections could potentially open doors for collaborations, mentorship, and career opportunities that could shape your future in this dynamic field.

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. Be part of this exclusive gathering and pave the way for the next generation of national security leaders.

Mark your calendars and secure your place at the 2023 ACSS Gala Night. Prepare to be enthralled, inspired, and surrounded by a community of individuals driven by a shared commitment to the future of national security.



WHERE:

1 London Cct Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia



WHEN:

Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 6:00 pm



What's Next?

ACSS Podcast Update Episode 7

Dennis Richardson's views on the function of government in society, crucial leadership qualities, the resilience of the United States in Asia, and the value of wargaming over the course of a long career in the APS are further discussed by Jackson Skinner in the seventh episode of the ACSS' third season (part two of the conversation with Dennis Richardson). Our podcast is available for listening at

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1m3Ey4nONY4FmuKKj1BSST?si=1d926535594d4687>

ACSS Hub Managers

The ACSS has established centres in all of Australia's key cities as part of its efforts to expand the organisation to a national scale. Through teleconferencing, live streaming, the Conductrr crisis simulation software, virtual event management software, and other technologies, a headquarters situated at the ANU in Canberra will be connected to a critical mass of students across the nation. Next edition, we will be delving deeper into the role of the hub managers for 2023.

ACSS New Website

A reminder that our new website is live! As we enter our fourth year, our communications officers have been working hard to update our web presence! Have a look at australiancrisisissimulationsummit.com.

CyberCX and CommBank

Our focus for the next few weeks involves connecting with our sponsorships, a security update from CyberCX and a statement from the Commonwealth Bank including their involvement with the ACSS



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