



Sydney
14 May 2026

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre

ARCIA Critical Communications Conference

8.15am-8.50am		REGISTRATION / TEA & COFFEE
Conference stream		
9.00 am-9.30 am	Public Safety Mobile Broadband Update Craig Parnham — <i>Executive Director, Digital, Technology and Innovation, NSW Telco Authority</i>	
9.30 am-10.00 am	Drone-in-a-Box for Emergency Services: Resilient Connectivity Beyond Terrestrial Networks James Bassam — <i>Australia UAV Service Manager, Surf Life Saving</i> & Riley Porteous — <i>Communications Systems Team Leader, Surf Life Saving</i>	
10.00 am-10.30 am	The Resilient Future of Land Mobile Radio Paul Elmes — <i>Managing Director (Asia-Pacific), Tait Communications</i>	
10.30 am-11.00 am		MORNING BREAK
11.00 am-11.30 am	Star Wars, The LEO Strikes Back - An Impartial Review of the Satellite Industry Revolution Currently Underway Dale Stacey — <i>Managing Director, SAT Pty Ltd</i>	
11.30 am-12 Noon	The Evolution of Narrowband to Broadband for Critical Communications Enterprise Rhys Clare — <i>National Manager ANZ of Airbus and Director, Australasian Critical Communications Forum, Regional Chapter of TCCA</i>	
12 Noon-12.30 pm	Big Data and AI for Mission Critical Comms Ashwin Dinkar — <i>VP - Defence & International Business, Eventide Communications LLC</i>	
12.30 pm-1.30 pm		LUNCH BREAK
1.30 pm-2.00 pm	Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport Link Vishal Kohli — <i>LTE/5G Specialist, Commtel Network Solutions</i>	
2.00 pm-2.30 pm	Cybersecurity for LMR Systems Alvin Singh — <i>Senior Solutions Architect, Motorola Solutions</i>	
2.30 pm-3.00 pm	ARCIA's Role in a Critical Communications Environment Hamish Duff — <i>Hon. President, ARCIA & Managing Director, Mastercom</i>	
3.00 pm-3.30 pm		AFTERNOON BREAK
3.30 pm-4.30 pm	Panel Discussion: The Evolving Radio and Critical Communications Ecosystem - How Disruptive are Emerging Technologies? Hosted by: Chris Stevens — <i>Managing Director, CartGIS</i> Panel members: Dale Stacey — <i>Managing Director, SAT Pty Ltd</i> Hamish Duff — <i>Managing Director, Mastercom</i> Ashwin Dinkar — <i>VP - Defence & International Business, Eventide Communications LLC</i> Rhys Clare — <i>National Manager ANZ of Airbus and Director, ACCF, Regional Chapter of TCCA</i>	
6.00 pm-10.30 pm		ARCIA NETWORKING DRINKS/ DINNER

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Microwave Engineering Masterclass

Trainer: Trevor Manning — *Director, Trevor Manning Global*

12.5 Hours | ARCIA Member = \$1320 +GST ; Non-member = 1650 +GST

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Introduction to Radio Communications

Trainer: Chris Stevens — *Managing Director, CartGIS*

11.25 Hours | ARCIA Member = \$1320 +GST ; Non-member = 1650 +GST

Date: 9 - 13 November 2026 - [Book Now](#)

This course introduces students to radio communication and associated technologies. Modules include an overview of radio service as a transmission media, how transmitters and receivers work, and an overview of wave propagation and radio antenna systems.

Introduction to Digital Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Standards and Planning

Trainer: Chris Stevens — *Managing Director, CartGIS*

10 Hours | ARCIA Member = \$1320 +GST ; Non-member = 1650 +GST

Date: TBC [Accepting expressions of interest](#)

This course introduces the student to the digital LMR standards and technology. Modules include an overview of digital radio standards as a transmission media including the different standards, modulation, and vocoders.

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