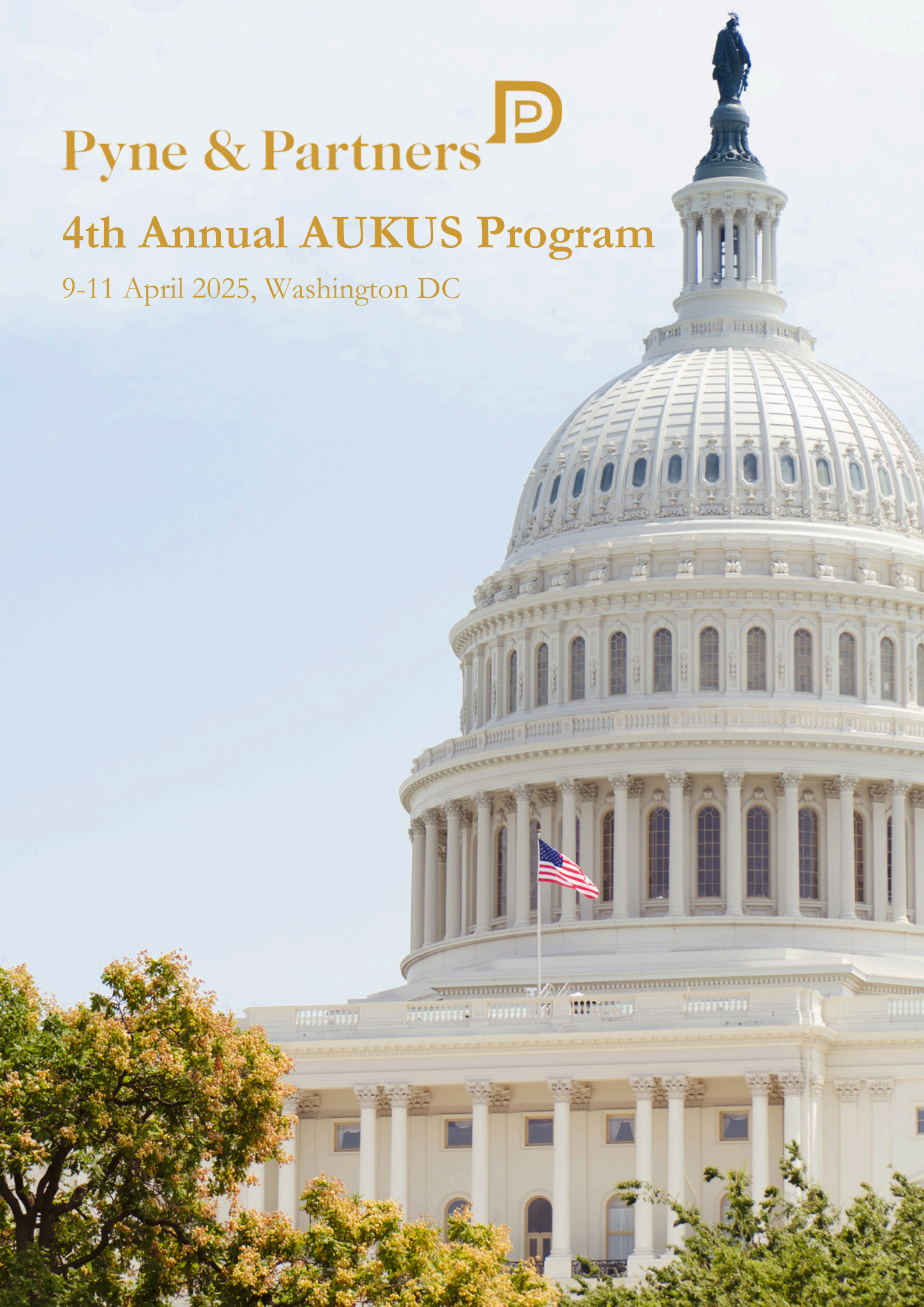


Pyne & Partners 

4th Annual AUKUS Program

9-11 April 2025, Washington DC



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Annual AUKUS Program 2025

You are invited to the Fourth Annual Pyne & Partners AUKUS Program in Washington DC, taking place between Wednesday 9 April and Friday 11 April 2025.

The AUKUS Program brings together government, industry and thought leaders who are interested in shaping the developing conversations around AUKUS.

This will be an opportunity to engage in discussions, forge partnerships, and contribute to the advancement of defence collaboration between the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia.



Participation Cost

Full program

Full Program	AUD\$4,840
Pyne & Partners clients	AUD\$4,400
Baker Donelson clients	AUD\$4,400
AmCham Members	AUD\$4,400

Individual event registration

Pyne & Partners 4th Annual Cosmos Club Dinner	AUD\$1,125
Pyne & Partners Defence Catalyst Participant	AUD\$3,050
Pyne & Partners Defence Catalyst Drinks	AUD\$ 130
Pyne & Partners 4th Annual AUKUS Space and Tech Lunch	AUD\$ 535

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Participation costs include relevant fees and taxes.

Please note the participation cost does not include travel and accommodation.

PROGRAM

Wednesday 9 April 2025

Fourth P&P AUKUS Program

Cosmos Club Dinner

Cosmos Club

2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC

5.00pm-9.00pm

Keynote addresses by:

- **HE the Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC**, Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America.
- **Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon**, Former UK Secretary for Defence and Senior Adviser at GMTL Ltd.

Keynotes introduced by Professor Anton Middelberg

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Adelaide University

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Represented by Professor Anton Middelberg

Deputy Vice-Chancellor



Thursday 10 April 2025

Defence Catalyst

Morning Session - Pillar 1

Cosmos Club
 2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC
 8.30am - 9.45am



The Defence Catalyst is sponsored by SRC Inc.

<p>8.30am-8.45am</p>	<p>Registrations</p>
<p>8.45am-8.50am</p>	<p>Welcome from the Hon Christopher Pyne Executive Chairman of Pyne & Partners Former Australian Minister for Defence</p>
<p>8.50am-9.00am</p>	<p>Welcome from Mr Kevin M. Unger Vice President of International Operations at SRC Inc. Sponsor of Defence Catalyst</p>
<p>9.00am-9.45am</p>	<p>Pillar 1 - AUKUS Legislation and ITAR Barriers Introduced by April Palmerlee, CEO of AmCham Australia. Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep Joe Courtney AO - Representative for the Second Congressional District of Connecticut (Democrat) & Co-Chair of the Friends of Australia Caucus • Rep Andy Barr - Representative for the Sixth District of Kentucky (Republican) & Co-Chair of the Friends of Australia Caucus <p><i>This session is co-hosted by AmCham</i></p> 

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<p>9.45am-10.30am</p>	<p>Fireside Chat Moderated by April Palmerlee, CEO of AmCham Australia With:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jon Ahlstrom - Former Director for AUKUS in the United States National Security Council• The Hon Steven Marshall - President of the American Australian Association and Former Premier of South Australia <p><i>This session is co-hosted by AmCham</i></p> 
<p>10.30am-10.35am</p>	<p>Vote of Thanks from April Palmerlee CEO of AmCham Australia</p>
<p>10.35am-11.10am</p>	<p>Morning Tea</p>

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Defence Catalyst

Afternoon Session - Pillar 2

Cosmos Club
 2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC
 11.10pm - 1.00pm



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<p>11.10am-12.10pm</p>	<p>ITAR and Export Controls: Unpacking Opportunities and Debunking Myths Moderated by Dak Hardwick, Vice President, International Affairs at the Aerospace Industries Association. Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Lisa Loechel, Principal at LK Law; • Mr Andrew Tabler, Government Affairs Advisor at K&L Gates; • Graham Farnsworth, Counsel at UK Embassy in Washington DC; • David Nockels, First Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Policy, Australian Department of Defence. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="614 1294 976 1393" style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 5px 15px; font-weight: bold;">K&L GATES</div> <div data-bbox="1216 1294 1375 1451" style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 10px 15px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">LK</div> </div> <p><i>This session is co-hosted by K&L Gates and LK Law</i></p>
<p>12.10pm-1.00pm</p>	<p>Pillar 2 - Industry Risks and Rewards Moderated by Ms Ellen M. Lord, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment in the first Trump administration. Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr David Goodrich OAM, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive at Anduril; • Ms Phoebe Greentree, Minister Counsellor for AUKUS at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC; • Ms Laura Farhall, Minister Counsellor Defence Acquisition and Technology, UK Embassy in Washginton DC; • Professor John Blaxland, Professor of International Security and Intelligence Studies, Australian National University.

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Afternoon Session - Beyond AUKUS and Conclusion

Cosmos Club
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1.00pm - 3.30pm



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1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm-3.00pm	<p>Keynote Address - Vice Admiral Sir Nick Hine KCB (Retd) Chief Executive, Marine, Babcock International</p> <p>Followed by a panel with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael J. Vacarro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at U.S. Department of State;• RADM (ret) David Goggins of the Australian Submarine Corporation (ASC);• Mr Lee Goddard CSC, CEO of the Australian Missile Corporation. <p>babcockTM</p> <p><i>This session is sponsored by Babcock International</i></p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea

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Afternoon Session - Beyond AUKUS and Conclusion

Cosmos Club
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3.30pm - 4.30pm



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<p>3.30pm-4.15pm</p>	<p>Pillar 2 - 3 minute pitches Moderated by Mr Steven Hyjek, Senior Adviser at Baker Donelson Pitches from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silanna - Rob Lobban, Managing Director• Silentium Defence - Dr James Palmer, CEO and co-founder• Hanwha Defence Australia - Dean Michie, Acting Managing Director• Stärke-AMG - Al Jawhari, Co-founder & Group CEO• Pacific Marine Batteries - Stephen Faulkner, CEO• Redarc - Anthony Kittel, CEO
<p>4.15pm-4.25pm</p>	<p>Concluding Remarks from Defence Catalyst Sponsor Mr Kevin M. Unger Vice President of International Operations at SRC Inc.</p>
<p>4.25pm-4.30pm</p>	<p>Vote of Thanks and Catalyst Close The Hon Christopher Pyne Executive Chairman of Pyne & Partners Former Australian Minister for Defence</p>

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Defence Catalyst

Afternoon Session - Networking Drinks

Cosmos Club
2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC
4.30pm - 6.30pm



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<p>4.30pm-6.30pm</p>	<p>Networking Drinks</p> <p>Keynote address by Col. (USAF, ret) Pam Melroy Former Commander on the International Space Station and former Deputy Administrator of NASA</p> <p>Introduction by Dawn F. Massa Stancavish President / CEO & Chief Innovation Officer Massa Products Corporation</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Massa Products Corporation</i></p>  <p><small>GENERATIONS AHEAD IN SONAR & ULTRASONIC TECHNOLOGY</small></p>
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Friday 11 April 2025

United States New Administration Briefing

Baker Donelson

901 K Street NW, Suite 900, Washington DC

9.30am-11.00am

Presentation from media representatives:

- Annelise Nielsen - Sky News Australia, Washington Correspondent
- Jeff Dufour - National Journal, Editor in Chief
- Cristina Maza - National Journal, Foreign Policy and Defence Correspondent
- Mike Marrow - Breaking Defence, Air Warfare Reporter

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Pyne & Partners 4th Annual

Space and Tech Lunch

General Dynamics

Washington DC

12.00pm-2.30pm

Keynote addresses by:

- Eric Fanning, President and CEO, Aerospace Industries Association
- Matthew Flint, Strategy, Policy and Industry Group, Australian Department of Defence
- The Rt Hon Mark Francois MP, UK Shadow Minister for Defence

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Senior Vice President and General Manager, National Security at MITRE

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