

AIDN & SUT Site visit to James Fisher Defence

Report on James Fisher Defence Site Visit on Friday 22nd April 2016

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On Friday 22nd April, James Fisher Defence (JFD) hosted a site visit at their Bibra Lake facilities for members of the Australian Industry Defence Network (AIDN-WA). Members from the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT – Perth Branch) also attended at the invitation of AIDN.

SUT is a learned society, whose member backgrounds are typically in the marine sciences and engineering streams, often involved in the offshore oil and gas industry.

We were able to witness first hand the level of expertise and preparedness required to support submarine rescue operations. There are parallels with subsea pipeline emergency repair without the human element.

The commercial and military diving equipment on display showed the continual development in these areas by JFD. What was evident were the different drivers and technologies applied to commercial and military diving equipment.

A special thank you to the JFD staff who explained their work with enthusiasm and commitment and to JFD for making the site visit possible.

This was the first joint activity between AIDN and SUT and our expectation is there will be further opportunities for collaboration between our members.