



Shane 'Buzz' Sarlin

Shane 'Buzz' Sarlin has over 20 years of experience in Defence and working with Defence and industry, initially as an Infantry Reconnaissance Officer, then motorised Infantry Company Commander (experienced senior user), then as Program Manager Load Carriage Equipment at Diggerworks, in CASG.

Since leaving Defence in January 2018 Buzz has worked at Deloitte, where he started a 'Support to Defence Industry' business unit, based out of Brisbane. Buzz has spent over 5 years supporting Primes, SMEs and start-ups to navigate and prosper in challenging operating environments, including assisting them with strategy, operations, planning and execution, grants, operational transformation, digital supply networking, automation and use of AI.

In August 2020 Buzz co-founded Buzzworks with his partner Nathalie. Buzzworks is a veteran-owned company serving Defence Industry with military equipment design, rapid prototyping and systems design expertise to evolve their combat systems. Buzzworks provides military end-user expertise to innovatively design and produce proof of concept products to increase capability across the spectrum of Integrated Soldier Systems (ISS).

Buzzworks assists Primes and OEMs with technical aspects of tendering to Defence, designing modifications to existing military equipment to better fit user needs and designing new equipment that fills current soldier capability gaps. In its first 2 years, Buzzworks has worked for two Primes, gained 7 Australian Patents for soldier systems technology with patents pending globally, won 3 grants and achieved ISO 9001. Buzzworks is a true Australian Defence Industry startup, winning Startup of the Year in the Defence Connect Defence Industry Awards 2021 and Innovator of the Year in 2022, with several Finalist awards in 2023.