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**Austech unveils extensive co-hosted conference program**

*Austech has collaborated with National Manufacturing Week (NMW) and the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) to produce an impressive conference program during the Austech and NMW 2019 exhibitions, at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC) from 14-17 May.*

The speaker program will be spread across two dedicated conference theatres within the exhibition itself: the Industry 4.0 Theatre and the Connected Manufacturing Theatre. In total, more than 70 expert speakers will be sharing their insights on the latest developments sweeping manufacturing today.

The program will get underway at 10.15am on Tuesday at the Industry 4.0 Theatre, with an opening address from the Hon Martin Pakula MP, Victorian Minister for Jobs, Innovation & Trade. This will be followed by a keynote address from Dr Alan Finkel AO, Australia’s Chief Scientist. Other speakers over the course of the four days include Dr Jens Goennemann, Managing Director of the AMGC; Dr Nico Adams of Swinburne University; David Chuter, CEO of the Innovative Manufacturing CRC; and Alex Kingsbury, Managing Director of Additive Economics.

The Industry 4.0 Theatre program will present the latest research and expert opinion on the future impact of Industry 4.0 on their businesses. Subjects covered will include innovation & collaboration; advanced materials; digitalisation; the workforce under Industry 4.0; and robotics & automation.

Meanwhile the Connected Manufacturing Theatre will focuse on business management, design and industrial safety. Among the subjects covered are environment & energy; process improvement & optimisation; safety innovation; mental health & well-being; safety; marketing & sales; additive manufacturing & design; and finance, government grants & incentives.

Co-located with NMW, Austech is Australia’s premier advanced manufacturing and machine tool exhibition. Organised by AMTIL, Austech 2019 will be held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC) from 14-17 May. Companies who are interested in exhibiting at Austech 2019 should contact AMTIL on 03 9800 3666 or by emailing AMTIL’s Events Manager Kim Banks on kbanks@amtil.com.au.

If you would like to attend Austech 2019, please register online at: **www.amtil.com.au/austech**

**About AMTIL**

The Australian Manufacturing Technology Institute Limited (AMTIL) is the peak national body that represents the interests of manufacturing technology suppliers and users within the precision engineering and advanced manufacturing sector. Since its establishment in 1999, AMTIL has engaged in a range of initiatives aimed at supporting and promoting the industry in Australia. These include: Austech, Australia’s premier advanced manufacturing and machine tool exhibition; the industry-leading publication AMT Magazine; and an array of other services for its members.

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