



The Regional Maintenance Centre Network

An Overview

Plan Galileo is building a world-class continuous sustainment environment through implementation of the Maritime Sustainment Model (MSM) so that Navy has the vessels it needs, where and when it needs them. Key to this is the concept of Regional Maintenance Centres (RMCs).

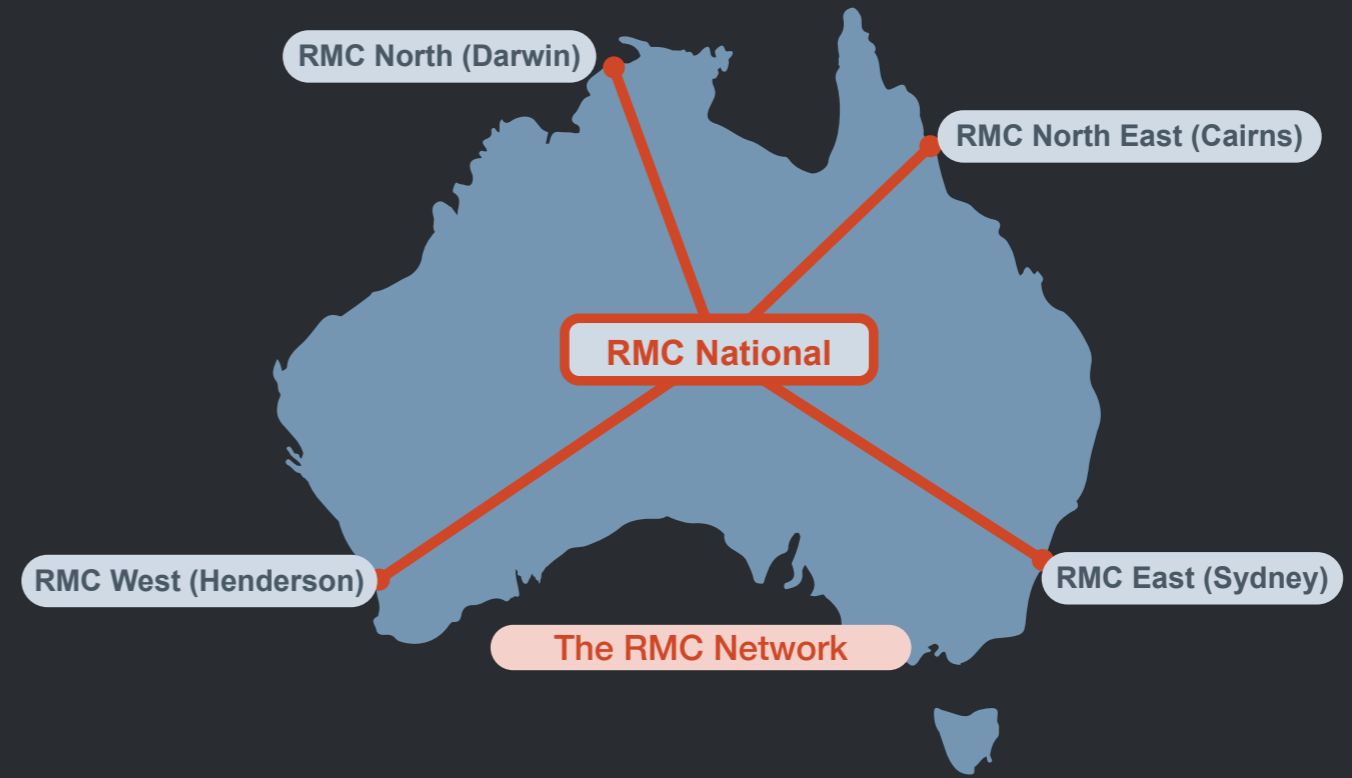


What are RMCs?

A national network of 'sustainment centres' called RMCs has been established. Led by the Commonwealth (CoA), RMCs comprise an integrated CoA and industry workforce focused on developing capability to meet demand in the region. Initially optimised to maintain selected homeported capabilities, RMCs will mature over time to be able to conduct a level of maintenance on all naval fleet units. Each RMC will also eventually have an innovation hub and fly away teams.

Where are the RMCs located?

RMCs have been established in strategic locations around the country in Cairns (RMC North East), Perth (RMC West), Darwin (RMC North) and Sydney (RMC East). Having RMCs in strategic locations will optimise Navy's ability to respond to the increasingly uncertain and evolving strategic environment by making maintenance more efficient and ensuring vessels are ready when and where they are required.



How do RMCs work?

RMCs bring together CoA and industry resources to deliver maintenance regionally. This will involve collaboration between a number of different parties:

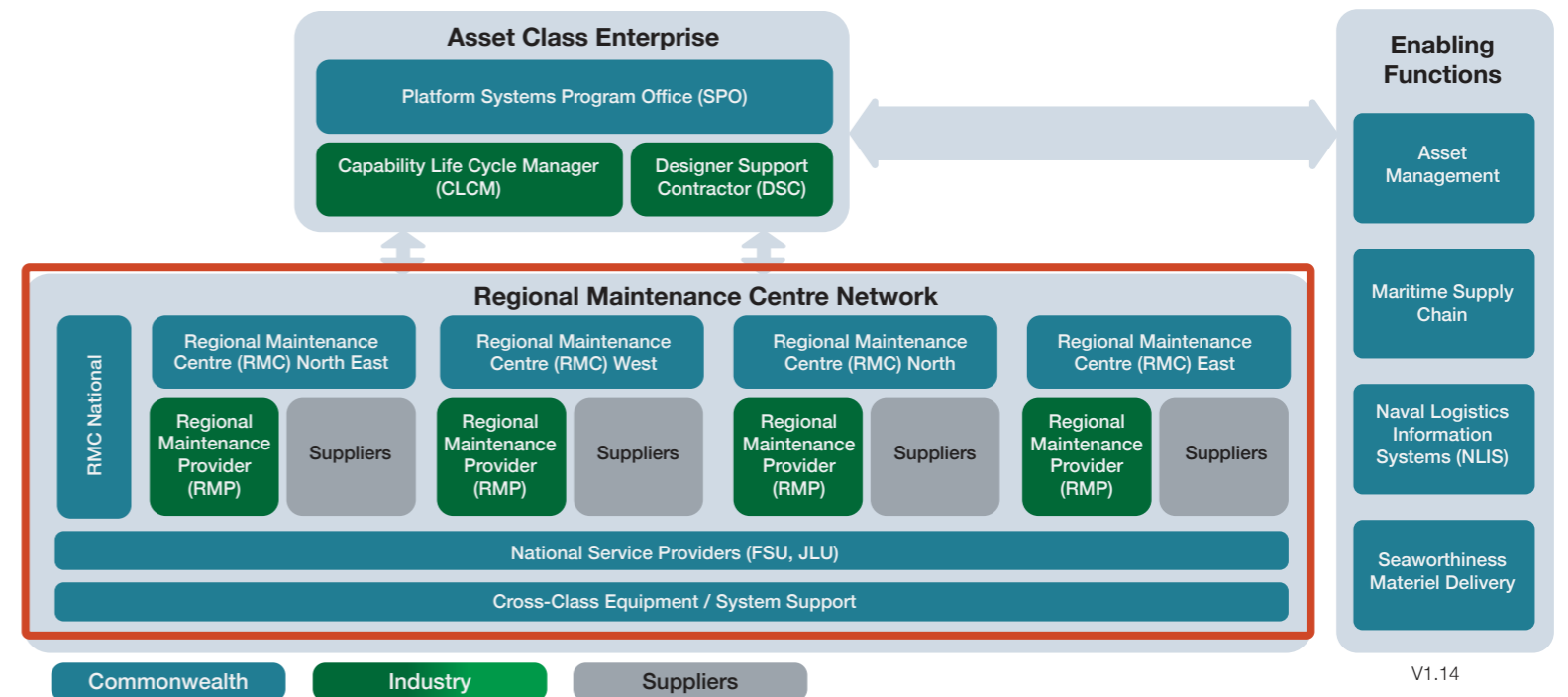
Regional Maintenance Providers (RMPs) perform management services for the CoA focussed on coordinating and scheduling maintenance and building the regional and local industrial base to grow the number of companies (suppliers) equipped, skilled and able to execute the maintenance on Navy ships.

RMC National will work closely with each RMC to provide ongoing coordination and standardisation support to mature and optimise the RMC Network.

Suppliers are the regional industry entities, including small and medium enterprises, that will deliver the maintenance in the regions.

The Fleet Support Unit (FSU) is Navy's technical support workforce that assists in the provision of maintenance and repair in regions to ensure Navy has the technical mastery to support its ships at sea.

The Joint Logistics Unit (JLU) provides logistics, warehousing and distribution support for Navy's inventory.



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Continuous Improvement

The MSM - including the establishment of RMCs - is being implemented through an evolutionary approach, enabling it to continually improve and mature based on Navy requirements and lessons learnt along the way. This means RMCs are initially being tested on limited asset classes and other classes will be added when it makes sense to do so.