

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From all the team at BlueZone Group, we would like to wish all of our customers and suppliers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Our crew has enjoyed supporting your work in Australia's deep oceans, coastal seas, rivers and water infrastructure in 2017. We look forward to working with you in 2018 to stay Ahead of the Tide in all areas of science, business and industry.

Christmas & New Year Opening Hours - Newcastle, Melbourne & Perth last Working Day: Friday 22 December

All offices closed: Monday 25 December to Monday 1 January

All offices re-open: Tuesday 2 January

BlueZone Receives AIDN-WA Collaboration of the Year Award

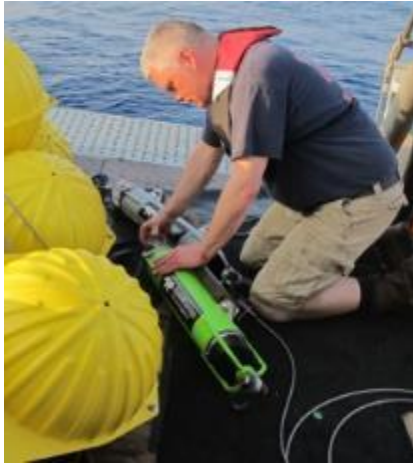
At the AIDN-WA Christmas Party BlueZone Group was very pleased to be presented with the Collaboration of the Year Award. This award is designed to recognise outstanding Collaborations between Western Australian Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and other players in the Defence space. This Award is in recognition of a Collaboration that has benefitted Defence as the end user, and highlights the importance of Collaboration in the current Defence environment.

BlueZone received the award for support of eight "Wave Glider" Unmanned Surface Vehicles for an innovative application associated with the maritime ranges used by Navy in the Western Australia Exercise Area (WAXA). Other organisations involved in the collaboration where L3 Oceania and the Maritime Signature Management & Target SPO.



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Benthos R-Series Acoustic Release for Reliability



Teledyne Benthos R-Series Acoustic Releases are an ideal choice for easy, cost-effective and reliable recovery of valuable oceanographic instrumentation and data. Every R-Series release is tested to its rated depth to ensure system reliability. The frequency hopping acoustic communication scheme ensures reliable transmissions and field replaceable batteries minimise the need for factory service.

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CS24 Camera System for Collins Class Submarine

BlueZone Group is now completing an important project for ASC in support of the Collins Class Submarine. The CS24 Camera System is being upgraded to meet contemporary video and electronics standards and provide increased functionality for the submarine crew. Innovations in the design will include a removable hard disk for secure storage of sensitive data and the provision of spare channels for future upgrade.



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New Products & Services



Pop-Up Buoy Recovery System for Benthos Releases

Deepwater Buoyancy has announced the Pop-Up Buoy Recovery System (PUB) is designed to work with both the legacy Teledyne Benthos 875 shallow water release, as well as the new R500 series release. "Teledyne Benthos has discontinued its long-standing product offering, the PUB-875," explained David Capotosto, Director of Business Development. "This left our distributors and the end users in a supply dilemma. We saw this change and the introduction of the new R500 release from Benthos as an opportunity to serve our clients and, at the same time, to improve the concept. As with all DeepWater Buoyancy designs, the unit is thoughtfully designed and ruggedly-built for the offshore environment."

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Z-Boat 1250 - a Portable, Remotely Operated, Single Beam Survey Boat

Teledyne OceanScience has announced the release of the new Z-Boat 1250, a remotely operated hydrographic survey boat that is sturdy enough for tough terrain but light enough to be one person portable. The new Z-Boat 1250 is outfitted with a single beam echo sounder and is ideally suited for inland waters such as streams, rivers, and lakes.

"The new Z-Boat 1250's lightweight design, IP67 rating, and modest price point make the boat ideal for a multitude of work environments and budgets" stated Shannon Searing, Teledyne OceanScience Sales Manager. "We're very excited to introduce this new product to our customers."



Applications for the Z-Boat 1250 include mining pits and tailing ponds, environmentally sensitive areas, construction and inspection zones, dams and reservoirs, harbours, rivers, and more.

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