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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM ASC

ASC welcomes new apprentices on board



ASC's 26 new apprentices celebrate their first day of work.

We welcomed 26 new apprentices to our team here at ASC at the end of January.

In total ASC now has 76 apprentices making our program one of the largest in South Australia.

The new recruits join a team of people who work on two of the most complex defence programs in Australia - maintenance of the Collins Class submarines and construction of the Hobart Class air warfare destroyers.

They also represent the first intake under ASC's newly established

Apprentice Development Program.

The program will enable us to focus on identifying the future trade and technological skills we need, especially in areas where there is a shortage of trades expertise.

ASC's 2010 Apprentice of the Year was also announced at the end of January.

Robert Wood (21), a graduating electrical apprentice, won the Alan Saunders Memorial Apprentice of the Year Shield in recognition of his strong work ethic and outstanding level of achievement.



ASC's 2010 Apprentice of the Year, Robert Wood.



Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare and SA Premier Mike Rann.

Ministerial visits

During December and January several ministers visited ASC and other facilities in Techport Australia.

In December, Minister for Defence Materiel officially opened the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Systems Centre and then toured ASC's shipyard - ASC South - with Premier Mike Rann.

In January, Minister for Defence Stephen Smith and UK Secretary of State for Defence Dr Liam Fox, stopped by the shipyard as part of a tour of defence facilities in Adelaide.

Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Warren Snowden and Premier Rann was also in the group.

Mr Smith said the facilities at Techport are impressive and demonstrate both the commitment of the South Australian Government and the excellent cooperation between the public and private sectors on a key national project.

ASC completes emergency repairs in record time

In November 2010, ASC's team in Western Australia did a stellar job and, together with industry partners, returned a fully repaired HMAS *Dechaineux* to the Navy only one week after her propeller was damaged in an incident with a tug boat.

ASC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Steve Ludlam described the week of repairs as intense and challenging.

HMAS *Dechaineux* was damaged while carrying out a routine manoeuvre with the tug boat. The hard work from all involved meant that the submarine was still able to participate in the Navy's annual anti-submarine warfare exercise of the Western Australia coast.

Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Russ Crane congratulated all involved,



HMAS *Farncomb* undocks in Western Australia after her successful maintenance activity.

while Commodore Bronko Ogrizek, Defence Materiel Organisation Director General Submarines, per-

sonally thanked the ASC West team, including those who supported the repairs from ASC North.

Air Warfare Destroyer Systems Centre open for business

The new Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Systems Centre in Techport Australia, Osborne, South Australia, was officially opened in December 2010.

Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare was joined by Premier of South

Australia Mike Rann to open the high-tech Systems Centre.

The centre brings together 300 expert naval architects, project managers and combat systems engineers under one roof to meet the challenge of

delivering Australia's new warships.

ASC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Steve Ludlam said the completion of the Systems Centre is integral to ASC's role as Shipbuilder for the AWD project.



The new state-of-the-art AWD Systems Centre at Techport Australia, Osborne.

"The Systems Centre is the central hub and national project headquarters for the \$8 billion AWD project and is crucial to the delivery of one of the most complex engineering projects in Australia," Mr Ludlam said.

During their visit the Minister and Premier also toured ASC's shipyard and received the rare chance to inspect one of the AWD blocks currently under construction.

ASC employees open their hearts

This month ASC employees across the company's three sites opened their hearts and gave generously to assist those affected by the floods in Queensland.

Collectively employees contributed \$6400 with ASC matching this outstanding contribution dollar-for-dollar.

In total, we donated \$12,800 to The Premier's Flood Relief Appeal.

ASC supports Red Cross Blood Service

ASC proudly supports the Red Cross Blood Service several times a year.

We facilitate blood donations on site which makes it easier for our employees to contribute.

In the last two years ASC has facilitated over 960 blood donations through the .Red Cross.

ASC registers for new parental scheme

On 1 January this year, the Federal Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme kicked in, ASC wasted no time in registering the company.

All eligible employees now enjoy 12 weeks paid leave (plus additional weeks pay depending on length of service), and also benefit from the Government's new scheme.

All female employees can take up to 12 months maternity leave.

Briefly

Trades people: we're ready when you are!

ASC will recruit 300 people over the next few years in support of our air warfare destroyer construction program.

We are now recruiting the following trade based roles:

- Welders;
- Boilermakers;
- Operators;
- Pipe fitters;
- Pipe welders; and
- Sheet metal workers.

ASC offers a range of benefits and programs to further develop your skills, including a brand new shipyard, the provision of all tools and equipment, attractive employee benefits and training opportunities.

To apply for these roles or any others, visit the careers section on ASC's website at www.asc.com.au

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