

Hundreds of job opportunities in the AWD Program

The recent launch of the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Systems Centre in Adelaide represented a major step for the AWD Program and unveiled the path forward for the creation of hundreds of new jobs.

The Systems Centre is the central hub for management of the Program, which will initially create up to 200 high-end jobs.

When the final AWD ship design is selected by the Federal Government, which is scheduled to be around the middle of this year, we will be actively recruiting to support design planning, engineering and development, and ship production activities.

It is anticipated that recruitment into the trades positions required for the build phase of the Program will begin late 2008/early 2009.



The official opening of the AWD Systems Centre

HMAS Waller sea trials in full swing

After two years of intense submarine full-cycle docking refurbishment in Adelaide, HMAS Waller is back in the water.

HMAS Waller is the first Collins Class submarine to be fitted with a replacement combat system (RCS), and a new (and more lethal) heavyweight Mk48 torpedo. Our next challenge is to undertake RCS system integration activities, followed by the transition of the complete system into the submarine.

Meanwhile, step-up work has commenced on the weapons handling system, with the first



HMAS Waller returning to the water

water shot fired from the torpedo tubes being executed without a hitch.

HMAS Waller remains on track to be returned to operation with the Royal Australian Navy in April 2007.

Maintenance specialists in demand for submarines

Are you a specialist in maintenance engineering? We are always on the look out for qualified individuals to join our submarine maintenance business at our South Australian and Western Australian facilities.

Maintenance is more than just changing oil and tuning the diesel-electric propulsion system, it's a challenging and demanding exercise.

The Collins Class submarines are the most complex military vessels built in Australia to date, and their maintenance requires highly experienced and capable individuals to keep them running in top condition.

Upgrading the submarines' capabilities is another core activity of the maintenance engineering team, such as the recent installation of the Collins Class' replacement combat system on HMAS Waller.

Further employment opportunities will become available when our submarine maintenance and upgrade facility at the Australian Marine Complex in Western Australia is completed.

Reach will continue to keep you informed as opportunities become available, plus keep an eye on our website www.asc.com.au for further news.



Romlea's career takes a dive!

Picture this. You're a 26-year-old mechanical engineer. You're in your first job out of university. And, right now, you're standing on the bridge of the world's most lethal conventional submarine as it punches its way through mountainous seas somewhere off the east coast of Australia.

Welcome to Romlea Bray's world.

Romlea joined ASC in 2003 via the company's graduate rotation program. She now holds the title of Mechanical Engineer, where she is heavily involved in the ongoing maintenance of the Collins Class submarines.

Last year, she went 'sea riding'; the very casual internal term used to describe the incredible – a five-day observation mission on a fully operational Royal Australian Navy submarine.

"What we do directly impacts on the lives of those who earn their livelihoods in these submarines. You think about that, definitely – there are a lot of people who trust what you are doing," Romlea said.

"These submarines are unique. We get to deal with a lot of technology that you simply don't come across in other jobs. My job is purely aimed at working out better ways of repairing, maintaining and improving the submarines."



Romlea Bray, Mechanical Engineer

On the road... see you in Perth

Come and see us at the National Careers and Employment Expo, at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre between 30 and 31 March 2007.

Employee Relations Officer Karen Miels and Human Resources

Administrator Amanda Sparke will be attending the Expo, and will be joined by an ASC graduate engineer to answer questions and share their experiences of being involved in our Graduate Program.

Karen and Amanda will also be available to discuss our business, operations, and upcoming employment opportunities.

Pop in and see us in Perth.

A Night at the Trots

ASC Social Club members recently switched safety harnesses for racing harnesses to experience an evening at the Globe Derby Trots.

Around thirty of our employees and their families enjoyed a buffet meal at the Globe Derby Park restaurant, where they were able to watch the races while they ate.

Members later ventured outside to the standing area to experience the evening's adrenaline up close while the trotters sped past.

The Globe Derby Trots is just one of the many highlights of our Social Club's busy calendar.

Membership is open to everyone. To join, email us at communications@asc.com.au



ASC employees enjoying the Trots

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SA defence degree a national first

In an Australian first, a new defence Masters degree will result in some engineers an edge over their colleagues.

Co-developed by ASC and the University of Adelaide, the Master of Marine Engineering fills an important void in engineering education for specialist application on ships and submarines.

Enrolments are now open to the general public.

ASC helps master defence skills upgrade

We have joined forces with the University of South Australia (UniSA), BAE Systems and Saab to provide a new course which will give local defence skills a much-needed boost.

The Master of Military Systems Integration (MSI) is a three-year postgraduate engineering qualification aimed to address specific skills shortages in the defence industry.

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