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## A groundbreaking start

**Construction of our \$100 million shipyard facility got off to a groundbreaking start on 7 March 2008.**

An outdated amenities building was demolished and a more traditional soil-turning performed to symbolise the beginning of the development – ASC's biggest infrastructure program since the establishment of the Collins Class submarine facility in 1987.

Located adjacent to Techport Australia's Common User Facility, our Osborne shipyard will be instrumental to our role of shipbuilder in the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Program.

The new shipyard will include state-of-the-art AWD production facilities, new office accommodation for 400 employees and a wharf support building with office space and workshops.

"This is an exciting day in the history of ASC," said ASC Managing Director Greg Tunny at the traditional soil turning event.

"We have begun to build the shipyard in which we will construct and consolidate three air warfare destroyers in what is one of the most complex engineering projects ever performed in this country.

"We have already achieved many planning and design milestones for the AWD Program, and now we're getting down to the business of building ships."

Construction of the shipyard is expected to create up to 350 direct jobs at its peak, with numerous spin-off opportunities for local construction industry.



ASC Managing Director Greg Tunny and Hansen Yuncken Managing Director Peter Kennedy traditionally turn the first soil.

## New project management courses

ASC employees now have the opportunity to take part in a new postgraduate qualification that has, this month, been offered for the first time.

Up to 25 students will undertake the first components in the Master of Project Management program, to be delivered through the University of South Australia.

The courses, funded by Defence Materiel Organisation's Skilling Australia's Defence Industry (SADI) program, will be delivered through the South Australian Government's new Maritime Skills Centre; part of the Techport Australia precinct at Osborne.

Students will receive a strong theoretical framework in which to develop their project management skills. First-year subjects include risk management, procurement and quality management.

ASC Managing Director Greg Tunny said that the complexity of the company's through-life support services for the Collins Class submarines and construction role in the Air Warfare Destroyer Program meant that employing the best project managers is essential.

"We are committed to providing our staff with the right training and professional development opportunities that not only boosts the professional capabilities of our people, but also our overall capability as a company," Mr Tunny said.

"The new Project Management program shows that we are delivering on this commitment."



Project Management courses will be taught at the new Maritime Skills Centre in Osborne, South Australia.



## ASC reservedly State employer of the year

ASC has beaten more than 40 other employers, including defence companies such as Raytheon and Tenix, to win a major defence award.

We were recognised as State Employer of the Year by the Defence Reserves Support Council for our support of reservists across all three services (Navy, Army and Air Force) in their employment.

Around 12 ASC employees are enlisted with the Reserves, and our policy allows for up to two weeks' Defence Force Reserves leave per year.

Safety Certification Group Administration Manager, Ashley Ruth, who also serves in the Army Reserve as a Corporal with the 34 Military Police Platoon at Warradale Barracks said ASC is extremely supportive.

"It is only through the knowledge that my manager and ASC will support me without any sort of negative impact on my professional full-time career that I can actively participate in my part-time career in the Army Reserves," he said.



Ashley Ruth, Administration Manager and Army Reserve Corporal; Ross Milton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Mike Folland, ASC Assistant Contract Administrator and ADF Chaplain.

## 'Amazing Race' comes to ASC

Staff in our Graduate Program found themselves in their own version of hit TV show The Amazing Race as part of a team-building exercise in December.

The teams had to perform a multitude of tasks and activities across the Adelaide CBD to gain points.

And, fortunately, the last-placed team did not suffer the same fate as their TV counterparts: they were not 'eliminated'!

Applications for ASC's 2009 Graduate Program opened on 3 March 2008 and will close on 23 May 2008. For further information, check out our website at [www.asc.com.au](http://www.asc.com.au)



The winning Amazing Race team: Brendan Gordon and Joel Smith, Graduate Engineers; and Jason Farman, IT Graduate.

## ASC West nearly complete

The countdown is on for our Western Australia staff as the finishing touches are applied to our new submarine maintenance and support facility at the Australian Marine Complex in Henderson, Western Australia.

Construction of the \$35 million state-of-the-art facility is proceeding on schedule and on budget.

The relocation of staff will begin this month, with a formal opening to be held in April. The facility will house 185 personnel and will be home to all of ASC's submarine work in the west.



Work on our new facility at Henderson, Western Australia is nearly complete.

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### Reaching new safety milestones

It's been a record-breaking 2008 already for our Western Australia staff. In January our team surpassed the previous record for being Lost Time Injury (LTI)-free of 158 days.

Our staff aren't the only beneficiaries of a safe workplace: for achieving 100 LTI-free days, we donated \$1750 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in recognition of its important contribution to the health and wellbeing of the rural community.

Meanwhile in South Australia, our personnel also celebrated their own century milestone achieving 100 LTI-free days last year. To recognise the achievement, a cheque for \$11,000 was donated to the McGuinness McDermott Foundation; a leading charitable trust benefiting children with cancer or other serious illnesses, and their families.

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