

Keeping you in touch with ASC

Welcome to *Reach!*

Reach is ASC's new quarterly newsletter designed to keep you informed about employment opportunities at ASC, as well as providing you with news and information from across the Company.

You may be more familiar with our old name – Australian Submarine Corporation – which we retired in 2004 in favour of a fresh new name and identity which we believe sends a clear signal to Australia's defence industry that ASC is ready and able to take on new challenges outside of building and maintaining submarines.

And new challenges we have.

In May 2005, ASC was selected as the shipbuilder for Australia's \$6

billion Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Program. This massive program to build three very large and very complex warships will require around 1,000 employees across a variety of disciplines.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the reason why ASC was established in the first place – the Collins Class submarines. ASC built and delivered six state-of-the-art submarines to the Royal Australian Navy and now we're responsible for their ongoing maintenance and upgrades as part of our \$5 billion Through-Life Support program.

The Collins Class are widely considered the best conventional submarines in the world and we're pretty proud to be associated with them.



Greg Tunny, Managing Director.

Again, this is a large and ongoing project that involves over 1,000 talented employees across a variety of areas.

Reach will give you an insight into what ASC does, where we're going and how you can become involved.

Greg Tunny
Managing Director

Be part of the AWD Program



ASC offers amazing career opportunities.

ASC is casting its net far and wide as we build a team for the huge task of constructing Australia's state-of-the-art air warfare destroyers (AWD).

Already recognised as having the largest complement of naval engineers and skilled technicians in the country, ASC will recruit locally, nationally and internationally in order to resource this huge challenge with the best we can find.

And, we're already underway!

We're currently looking for highly experienced and capable individuals to join the AWD Program. In particular we are recruiting into the following disciplines: project management and engineering, supply chain management, cost estimating; planning and scheduling; integrated logistics support; systems engineering; supply chain management; and risk management.

For more information about current AWD Program employment opportunities, check out our website at www.asc.com.au

Reach will continue to keep you informed as additional opportunities become available.

ASC's Osborne facility welcomes HMAS *Dechaineux*

HMAS *Dechaineux*, the fourth of the Collins Class submarines, recently returned to ASC's Osborne facility in South Australia for a full-cycle docking (FCD).

An FCD is an integral component of ASC's Collins Class Through-Life Support program and can be likened to a major service on your car, except a submarine FCD generally takes eighteen months longer!

HMAS *Dechaineux* will be docked at Osborne until mid-2008 to undergo significant capability enhancements, including special forces modifications, a replacement combat system (RCS) and heavy weight Mk 48 torpedo modifications. ASC will also undertake standard FCD maintenance and repair activities during this time.

FCDs are vital in a submarine's maintenance cycle to ensure the boats continue to reach their maximum capability for their entire operational life.

HMAS *Waller* is also docked at ASC's Osborne facility and is in the midst of its FCD. HMAS *Waller* is the first Collins Class submarine to receive the RCS and is scheduled to be undocked later this year.



HMAS *Dechaineux* in waters off ASC's Osborne facility.



Scott's career spark

Not many electricians get to travel the world or sail on submarines as part of their job – but for Scott McCluskey, Electrical 'Set-to-Work' Superintendent, it's all in a day's work.

Scott has travelled to France, the United States and Singapore to carry out testing, maintenance activities and repair work on the Collins Class submarines.

"It's far from being an everyday occurrence, but the opportunities are definitely there to travel interstate and overseas," said Scott.

Scott spent time on board HMAS Collins when the vessel conducted its first sea trials in waters off Adelaide in 1996.

"That was pretty exciting – we were there to do our job and make sure things worked, but I'd never been down in a sub before and it was great to have the opportunity to do that."



Scott McCluskey, Electrical 'Set-to-Work' Superintendent.

Australian Defence Security Clearance – am I eligible?

As with all Australian defence companies, most positions within ASC require applicants to be eligible for an Australian Defence Security Clearance (ADSC).

So what is an ADSC, and how do you get it?

To be eligible for an ADSC you must meet the criteria set by the Commonwealth Defence Security Agency, including the requirement to be an Australian citizen or be eligible

for citizenship. For more information on how to become an Australian citizen visit www.citizenship.gov.au

ASC has three levels of security clearance: Secret; Confidential and Restricted.

Applicants requiring Restricted or Confidential clearance must have personal background documents dating back five years including references and employment records. Investigations into previous overseas

visits for the applicant, applicant's partner and family may also be conducted

Those who need Secret clearance must supply similar documents to those requiring Restricted and Confidential clearance, but dating back ten years instead of five. Personal financial details must also be supplied.

For more information about working at ASC, visit www.asc.com.au

Fun at Greenhills Adventure Park

One of our Social Club's most popular annual events recently provided fun for all ages.

The Club had a day out at Greenhills Adventure Park in picturesque Victor Harbor, about an hour's drive south of Adelaide.

Kids of all ages enjoyed playing archery and mini-golf, racing around

on go-carts and splashing about on the water bikes, paddle boats and water slides.

The Greenhills excursion is just one of many highlights on our Social Club's busy calendar.

Membership is open to everyone – to join, email us at info@asc.com.au



ASC's Darren Cook, Estimator, enjoys Greenhills with his family.

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New WA facility

ASC will soon begin constructing a \$35 million state-of-the-art submarine repair and maintenance facility in the heart of Western Australia's maritime hub, the Australian Marine Complex, at Henderson.

Happy birthday to...us!

In June, ASC employees, government officials, Royal Australian Navy personnel and members of South Australia's defence industry gathered at the Adelaide Town Hall to celebrate and reflect on ASC turning 21.

The gala event showcased ASC's development from a small bid team in 1985 to one of Australia's leading defence companies (with more than 1000 employees) in 2006, as well as its key role in the rejuvenation of Australian technical and industrial capability.

Collins Class' new communications capability

The Federal Government has approved the acquisition of an enhanced communications capability for the Collins Class submarine. As part of its Through-Life Support contract, ASC will be tasked with the installation of this latest enhancement from 2007.

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