

Media information



ASC's shipyard ready for AWD construction

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Construction of the Air Warfare Destroyers (AWDs) is expected to ramp up as ASC's \$120 million shipyard was officially opened today at Osborne, South Australia.

More than 700 people attended the opening, including the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP and the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Mike Rann MP.

The new shipyard will become ASC's construction and consolidation site for the \$8 billion Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Program.

"The shipyard represents a significant investment in Australia's naval future and incorporates the latest production design features currently utilised in international naval build programs," Chairman Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie AO RANR said.

The state-of-the-art facility includes dedicated AWD production facilities, new office accommodation for 400 employees, a wharf support building with office space and workshops, and a significant upgrade to existing facilities.

"Today marks a defining moment in the history of ASC and means we are now ready to take on one of the most complex engineering projects ever undertaken in this country."

It is ASC's biggest infrastructure program since the 1987 establishment of the Collins Class submarine facility at Osborne, South Australia.

ASC'S \$120 MILLION SHIPYARD DEVELOPMENT:

- ASC's 14-hectare shipyard is located at Osborne, South Australia, adjacent to ASC's submarine maintenance facilities and the South Australian Government's Common User Facility (CUF), and is part of Techport Australia.
- Three Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers (AWDs) will be built at the shipyard.
- It is the most modern shipyard in Australia – incorporating the latest production design features currently utilised in international naval build programs.

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