



PUCKAPUNYAL MILITARY AREA

The Armoured Fighting Vehicle Facilities Program (AFV FP) is delivering buildings and infrastructure at Puckapunyal to support the introduction of a new generation of Armoured Fighting Vehicles. The proposed works at Puckapunyal will be part of Stage 1 of the Armoured Fighting Vehicles Facilities Program which will deliver the initial facilities supporting the introduction of the new Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle being procured under the Army acquisition program of Land 400 Phase 2.

The CRV “Boxer” is currently in production at Rheinmetall’s Ipswich facility and will be introduced to service in approximately first quarter 2024 and will replace the current ASLAV. Land 400 Phase 2 will procure 225 vehicles, of which 25 will go to School of Armour (SOARMD) and 5 will go to Joint Logistics Unit Victoria (JLU-V) at Puckapunyal.

The facilities requirements for JLU-V during will focus on the maintenance of the capability and will be met with the consolidation of JLU-V facilities into refurbished and new extension to existing vehicle workshop proposed to address the needs of the new AFV platforms. The JLU-V works will include a new vehicle workshop extension (increased to approximately 3,643m² gross floor area) including;

- 16 vehicle maintenance bays; increase in store rooms; administrative and working accommodation, amenities and ablutions;
- Demolition of existing administration areas in within the JLU-V workshop;
- Adaptive reuse of existing workshop to accommodate workshop extension works;
- Construction of new administration offices attached to the new vehicle workshop extension; and
- Minor civil works to accommodate vehicle access and new workshop extension within the JLU-V precinct.

The capability training requirements for the SOARMD is included in AFV Facilities Stage 1, which will be met with the adaptive reuse of existing SOARMD training facilities and new Simulation facility (approx. 10,913m² gross floor area), to support AFV training strategy with simulation providing the bulk of training hours. The simulation facility will accommodate:

- 40 Desktop Tactical Trainers;
- 18 Immersive Tactical Trainers;
- 8 Reconfigurable Driver Stations;
- Protective Mobility Tactical Trainer simulation for Land 121 platforms;
- New classrooms and teaching spaces; and
- Support working accommodation.

The refurbishment and adaptive reuse of existing training facilities within the SOARMD comprise of:

- Structural works to existing vehicle gunnery wing training bays (approx. 983m² gross floor area) and to accommodate the new AFV platforms;
- Structural works to existing vehicle driver and servicing wing training bays (approx. 4,024m² gross floor area) and to accommodate the new AFV platforms;
- Structural works and adaptive reuse of existing SOARMD vehicle hangars (increase to approx. 6,699m² gross floor area) including;
- Increasing size of vehicle access portals doors;
- Refurbishment of working accommodation and
- New ablutions and personnel storage.

The works delivery program at Puckapunyal is scheduled to commence third quarter 2020 and be completed by first quarter 2023.