**Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL)**

This project upgraded Physical Containment 3 and Physical Containment 4 facilities at CSIRO’s Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) in Geelong, Victoria. The advanced laboratories, microscopy and training facilities within AAHL’s biologically secure research facilities are available to Australian and international researchers. This project is part of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy.

**Key facts**
- State: VIC
- Lead institute: CSIRO
- Project status: Ongoing
- Australian Government contribution:
  - $8.8 million from the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy program
  - $2.646 million from the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy 2013 program

**Project deliverables**
The AAHL has made available:
- 370 square metres of Physical Containment 4 laboratory space, greatly increasing Australia’s ability to handle zoonotic pathogenic agents, including Hendra, Nipah and Ebola viruses
- a Physical Containment 3/4 training facility, allowing researchers who have no experience in working in highly biologically secure facilities to learn in a safe environment
- new Physical Containment 3 laboratory space, including specialised insectaries
- the AAHL Biosecurity Microscopy Facility, a linked laboratory of the Australian Microscopy & Microanalysis Research Facility (AMMRF), allowing use of advanced microscopy facilities within Physical Containment 3/4 areas
- the Biosecurity Collaboration Platform (BCP), which provides collaborative workspaces within a high biocontainment laboratory. The workspaces contain technologies such as high definition video conferencing and state-of-the-art communication and collaboration tools.

**Access**
Australian and international researchers can access the ACBRF. Researchers can find out more information, including costs, from the AAHL website.

**Participating organisations**
- CSIRO
- AMMRF (AAHL Biosecurity Microscopy Facility)
- Deakin University (2013 funding allocation)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (2013 funding allocation)
More information

For more information about the type of research undertaken and the facilities available, go to the AAHL website and the AMMRF website.