

Australian Army Receives Two More Boeing CH-47F Chinooks

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The Australian Army has received the final two of four new CH-47F Chinook helicopters, taking the fleet to 14 and further strengthening the Australian Defence Force's rotary wing capability.

The two advanced multi-mission helicopters arrived at the Australian Army's 5th Aviation Regiment, 16th Aviation Brigade at RAAF Base Townsville on Thursday 23 June via a U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy. The previous two aircraft arrived in Australia on Thursday 23 June 2021.

The delivery comes six weeks after the Commonwealth of Australia's decision to proceed with the acquisition of 29 Boeing AH-64E Apache helicopters, which will provide Australia with a low-risk, fully-integrated and battle-proven attack helicopter capability.

"The Chinook remains the premier heavy-lift helicopter in the world and we are excited to see more aircraft reach all edges of the globe," said Ken Eland, vice president and program manager of Cargo Helicopters. "We're honored to continue supporting Australia's heavy-lift aircraft needs now and in the future."

Boeing will continue partnering with the Australian Army and Australian industry on the CH-47F Integrated Support Services contract, delivering local engineering, maintenance, training and supply chain support to keep the Chinooks mission ready.

"For more than 40 years, the Chinook has been the backbone of the Australian Defence Force's rotary wing heavy-lift capability, providing vital assistance for humanitarian, disaster relief, and military missions, both locally and overseas," said Scott Carpendale, managing director and vice president, Boeing Defence Australia.

"Our Boeing Defence Australia team in Townsville, Oakey and Brisbane continues to grow and is proud to be delivering a highly capable sovereign platform sustainment capability that maintains the Chinooks' operational readiness.

"The success of the contract, and of the Chinooks' performance, is a testament to our strong partnership with the Australian Army and the Department of Defence and we thank them for their confidence in Boeing to continue supporting this mission critical fleet and the women and men who operate them."

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