



New lab on track

THE Lincoln Marine Science Centre should have its new \$6 million laboratory finished by the end of the month.

The lab is nearly at lock up stage, with candidates for the research positions being brought over this week, according to technical coordinator Bob DeLaine.

He said the candidates would visit Port Lincoln today along with South Australian Research and Development Institute and Flinders University representatives and the Lincoln Marine Science Centre director.

"We've got a shortlist of candidates, who will be flown into Adelaide and come here for the day to look at the site and around the town," Mr DeLaine said.

"They will be assessed in Adelaide but are coming here to meet people and have a look around the place before they decide to move here."

Candetti Constructions site manager Ben Johnson said the lab should be operational by the end of May.

"We're just putting the glass in now, and the building's nearly at lock up stage.

"Due to a last minute design change it will be a week or two yet, but everything else is flying along."

The lab is set to be a national centre for excellence in marine science research and will attract significant Australian Seafood Cooperative Research Centre research for Port Lincoln involving yellowtail kingfish, hatchery-reared tuna, marine scale fisheries, abalone, oysters and prawns.

It is expected that the expansion will generate an extra 250 regional jobs by 2020.



NEW LAB: The \$6 million Lincoln Marine Science Centre expansion, a new high-tech laboratory, is nearly finished. Safety officer Troy Jolly, site manager Ben Johnson and technical coordinator Bob DeLaine are pictured at the site.