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Australian Maritime College and TAFE SA partner on shipbuilding skills

The Australian Maritime College and TAFE SA have strengthened their joint capability to supply skilled workers for Australian continuous naval shipbuilding program following an agreement to collaborate on education and skills development.

AMC and TAFE SA today signed a memorandum of understanding to work together long-term to build a pipeline of skilled workers for the major naval shipbuilding projects in Australia, particularly in the areas of maritime engineering, design, project management, logistics and supply chain management.

The benefits from the partnership are set to include direct pathways from TAFE SA Diploma and Associate Degree programs into AMC's Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Global Logistics and Maritime Management, and Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering). Other benefits will include the enrichment of existing programs and new joint programs in response to industry requirements.

The partnership will also strengthen both institutions' existing collaboration with the Naval Shipbuilding College (NSC) and participation on the NSC's Delivery Advisory Council.

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black said the agreement was a prime example of educational institutions working together to meet the evolving needs of industry.

"As a national institute, AMC is very much looking forward to collaborating with TAFE SA to bring nation-leading maritime education to help create more opportunities for more South Australians to participate in the growth of the shipbuilding industry," he said.

"By working collaboratively with TAFE SA, we will be able to create the integrated educational offering to enable people to advance their careers as the industry grows."

TAFE SA Executive Director, Education, Brian Rungie, said the new partnership would provide a valuable opportunity for TAFE SA to bolster the education and

training opportunities that South Australians have for lifelong careers in the naval shipbuilding industry.

"AMC is a world-leading maritime education provider and has significant specialist teaching, learning and research facilities which are vital for the maritime and defence industries," Mr Rungie said.

"We look forward to working alongside their very experienced teaching staff and subject matter experts, who also have strong industry links. This will ensure that the quality of course development and delivery is maximised.

"The collaboration and resource sharing between both parties will provide great benefit and there are already a variety of plans and initiatives in the pipeline that will benefit both training providers and our students.

"Working with another experienced education provider will ensure our curriculum and skills development aligns with the needs of the defence and shipbuilding industry."

Photos attached:

1 - TAFE SA Executive Director, Education, Brian Rungie (left) and University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black.

2 - (sitting, L-R) TAFE SA Executive Director Education, Brian Rungie; University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rufus Black; (standing L-R) Australian Maritime College Acting Principal, Associate Professor Shuhong Chai; University of Tasmania College of Sciences and Engineering Executive Dean, Professor Brian Yates; and TAFE SA Director Defence Industries, Penny Johnston.

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