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UTAS, AMC buoyed by funding boost for specialised maritime training

The University of Tasmania has welcomed the Prime Minister’s announcement today (Thursday 2 May 2013) of almost $12 million in additional funding for specialised maritime training at the Australian Maritime College, one of its premier institutes.

This significant funding boost will allow AMC to train more seafarers than ever before, for careers aboard Australian and internationally flagged ships.

It will be delivered across a four-year period, enabling AMC to sustain ongoing training courses for maritime VET students who come from all over Australia and develop new, world-leading programs.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said the Prime Minister’s announcement “secured the future of maritime VET training courses in Australia, thus supporting the training needs of this important industry sector”.

“This funding will provide a stable base for AMC to compete internationally and help build on the already impressive economic benefits delivered by AMC to the state through students and research.”

AMC Principal Professor Neil Bose added: “A multi-year program of funding will enable staff to be engaged in development of the training courses so that Australia’s courses lead the way internationally rather than just being delivered at a world standard.

“It will also enable us to work with our MOU partners, Hunter and Challenger Institutes, and other providers such as the Australian Maritime Fisheries Academy in Port Adelaide, to coordinate delivery of maritime VET training at a national level.”
In 2012, AMC delivered more than 163,200 hours of training for VET students in AMSA (Australian Maritime Safety Authority)-accredited marine competency courses, including Integrated Ratings as well as Master Classes (deck) and Marine Engine/Engineers.

About the Australian Maritime College
The Australian Maritime College (AMC) is a specialist institute of the University of Tasmania. Australia’s national institute for maritime and maritime-related education, training and research, AMC is one of the seven founding members of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), which represents five continents.

AMC is globally recognised as being a centre for excellence in maritime research, education and training. It offers a multi-million dollar suite of specialist teaching, learning and research facilities that are internationally acclaimed and are utilised by government bodies and maritime related businesses world-wide. AMC also benefits from extremely strong industry links across Australia and the globe – one of the key elements that attracts students from more than 50 nations.

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