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Major new training aid released by Shipping Australia

The Chairman of Shipping Australia, Michael Phillips officially launched a new e-learning course *Introduction to Shipping* in Australia which has been developed by SAL.

The official launch was held at Parliament House Sydney on the evening of 23rd June and Mr Phillips pointed out that whilst not perhaps a world first, there were very few countries in the world that had developed an internet based course which provides an excellent overview and introduction to the shipping industry for those both in the industry and associated with it.

“This course can be undertaken in one’s own time anywhere in Australia or in fact the world and will in particular appeal to those in remote regions and ports of Australia.

“I would have thought that this would also appeal to those officers in our border agencies who for the first time have to deal with the maritime industry as it is an excellent introduction. I would recommend it to all those that need to have some understanding of the shipping industry in Australia” he said.

Mr Phillips added that it was very competitively priced and a certificate of completion on successful completion of all the subject groups would be issued at the conclusion of the programme.

“Whilst it covers all the basics of the maritime industry in Australia it is naturally at an overview level and I would hope that it will encourage those undertaking this course to pursue their studies, for example, with the more detailed two day face to face course *Introduction to the Maritime Industry* which is also conducted by SAL.”

Mr Phillips felt that this course would have wide appeal for those undertaking logistics and transport courses that require some understanding of the maritime industry.

“I congratulate all those involved with developing this course and look forward to its further development as the years progress.”

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