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### **Interim Arrangements to Replace CEO Shipping Australia**

"I am delighted that Commodore Rod Nairn, AM has decided to assist us while Llew Russell, the existing CEO is on leave from end January, prior to retirement", the Chairman of SAL, Ken Fitzpatrick said today.

"Commodore Nairn has been Australia's longest serving Hydrographer, a position he relinquished on 18 January this year. Rod will remain with the Navy until end April and in the interim, he will spend time familiarising himself with the requirements of this position, the current issues we have and the challenges faced by the association as well as meeting many of our regular contacts.

"On 1 May, he will be appointed acting CEO pending the SAL Board considering a restructuring of the association by the time Llew Russell officially retires in August", the SAL Chairman said.

Between December 2004 and January this year, Commodore Nairn was head of the Australian Hydrographic Service and Director-General, Navy Hydrography, Meteorology and Oceanography.

He joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1975 and highlights of his career include four ship commands.

Included in other highlights were the operational introduction of the world's first laser airborne depth sounder, customer representative during the construction of NUSHIP MELVILLE and the design and successful introduction of multi-crewing in the Navy.

Internationally, among other positions he was Chair of The International Centre for Electronic Navigation Charts from 2010 to 2012. He was also Vice Chair of the International Hydrographic Organisation's Hydrographic Commission on the Antarctic and the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission in recent years.

He is a graduate of the College of Defence Strategic Studies and in June 2011 he was appointed Member of the Order of Australia for services to hydrography.

Llew Russell remarked; "I am extremely pleased that Rod is undertaking these familiarisation briefings prior to taking up the position of acting CEO. He will be a credit to SAL and will strengthen its capabilities. I wish him every success in the future."

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*Shipping Australia is a peak national shipping association comprising 35 member shipping lines and shipping agents that would be involved with over 70% of Australia's container and car trades and over 60% of our break bulk and bulk trades.*