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Russell to leave Shipping Australia early next year

"Llew Russell will be leaving the Bridge of Shipping Australia in January next year and taking his leave entitlements prior to retirement", Ken Fitzpatrick, Chairman of Shipping Australia said today.

"We will be seeking a replacement shortly but they will be hard shoes to fill.

"Llew was the inaugural CEO of SAL which was established in July 2001 as a result of a merger between the Australian Chamber of Shipping and Liner Shipping Services Limited.

"Llew has had 30 years' experience in leading associations in this industry. There are many milestones. In addition to the establishment of SAL, he was instrumental in bringing all the secretariats serving various international liner trades together to form Liner Shipping Services Ltd", he said.

Ken Fitzpatrick mentioned that prior to joining the Australia to Europe Shipping Conference in 1981, Llew had held a senior position in the Federal Department of Transport in Canberra.

"I pay tribute to the very strong team that we have here in Sydney and in Queensland/Victoria that has been of such great support and has been instrumental in our meeting the many challenges that we have faced", Llew Russell said.

Llew also pointed out the strong support from members has been equally influential in making SAL what it is today.

"I regard retirement as a career change and look forward to making a continuing contribution to the industry, in another capacity", Llew said.

Editor's note:

For additional information please contact Ken Fitzpatrick, Chairman on 0412 226 930.

Shipping Australia is a peak national shipping association comprising 36 member shipping lines and shipping agents that will be involved with over 70% of Australia's container and car trades and over 60% of our break bulk and bulk trades.