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Rod Nairn confirmed as CEO, Shipping Australia Limited

The Board of Shipping Australia Limited have confirmed the appointment of Commodore Rod Nairn AM as chief executive officer. Commodore Nairn has been acting CEO of Shipping Australia while his predecessor, Llew Russell AM took long service leave in preparation for his retirement.

SAL Chairman Ken Fitzpatrick said "Llew officially retires on 20th August and on the same day Rod will officially take over as the CEO of Shipping Australia".

"The board of SAL wishes Llew a very happy retirement after a lifetime of service to the industry. We also warmly welcome Rod who has fitted into this challenging role extremely well."

"There have been some massive changes to legislation affecting the industry over the past few years which has kept the executive of SAL more than busy. Changing CEO during this period could have proven to be somewhat challenging, however this has fortunately not been the case. This is a credit to both incoming and outgoing CEO's and their excellent support staff in SAL".

"It's great to be aboard," Commodore Nairn said, "I have spent my life supporting safe navigation of ships as a hydrographer throughout 38 years of Navy service and now I am very pleased to be representing the interests of the commercial shipping industry because a strong shipping sector is absolutely vital to Australia's economic wellbeing."

Editor's note:

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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 trade, over 60% of our break bulk and bulk trades and significant cruise ship and tug operations.