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New Chair appointed for AMC Board

The University of Tasmania's Chancellor, Mr Damian Bugg, announced today that a new Chair of the Australian Maritime College had been appointed to replace outgoing Chair Dr David Sterrett.

Mr Bugg said distinguished Tasmanian Dr Michael Vertigan AC had agreed to take over from Dr Sterrett, who is due to complete his maximum term of eight years as Chair this year.

"Dr Vertigan brings to the Board extensive experience in the public and tertiary sectors, and a reputation as an influential leader in Tasmania and nationally," Mr Bugg said.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said today that Dr Vertigan's appointment, which has been well received by industry and government, "reinforces the important role played by the Board in positioning the AMC as the leading institution for maritime training and research in Australia.

"The University will continue to support the AMC to expand its national footprint, strengthen its international profile and partnerships, and affirm its pivotal role in serving the Australian and international maritime industries."

Dr Vertigan is currently chairman of MyState Limited and its subsidiaries, Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees and MyState Financial, and of the Australian Government Solar Flagship Council. He is also a director of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation and of Aurora Energy.

He has held senior leadership positions in the Tasmanian and Victorian public sector. He is an alumnus and former Chancellor of the University of Tasmania who holds a PhD from the University of California (Berkeley) and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from UTAS.

Dr Vertigan was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2004 for service as a community leader in public administration, through development of far-reaching fiscal policy reform; in business and industry, through focusing on strategic investment for sustainable economic growth; and in education through university governance.

"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Dr Sterrett, who has been Chair of the AMC Board for the past eight years, and a major

contributor to integration between AMC and UTAS,” Prof Rathjen said. “His work has been much valued.”

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