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University appoints director to manage delivery of the \$300 million northern expansion project

The University of Tasmania has appointed James McKee as Director of the Northern Expansion Project.

The project will deliver new inner-city university campuses in Launceston and Burnie, and a strengthened Australian Maritime College at its existing Newnham location.

Mr McKee arrives in the role from the Office of the Tasmanian Co-ordinator General, key partners in the design and delivery of the Northern Expansion Project. He has previously served in a range of roles with focuses including agriculture, water infrastructure development and community development.

University Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community, Partnerships and Regional Development) Professor David Adams said Mr McKee was well placed to guide the project, with strong existing relationships across the State, University, business and industry, and broader community.

“This is a project of considerable scale and complexity,” Professor Adams said. “Given his existing insight, and previous experience, he will be well placed to manage our priorities and maintain engagement with the university and regional communities ongoing.”

Mr McKee started in the role this week and his immediate focus would be the Launceston campus master plan process and beginning the next round of engagement both within the University and the wider community.

“This truly is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Launceston - it will fundamentally change the community and economy for the better,” Mr McKee said.

“I’m very excited by the opportunity to be part of that.”

CAPTION: University Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community, Partnership and Regional Development) Professor David Adams, new director James McKee and Head of

School of Architecture and Design Professor Kirsten Orr discuss the next phrase of the project.

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