MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

NAVY TOP GUN APPOINTED DARWIN HARBOURMASTER

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A decorated Royal Australian Navy veteran will oversee the safe running of maritime activities in the Port of Darwin.

Transport Minister Adam Giles today announced that Captain Tony O’Malley has been appointed for a period of three years as Darwin Harbourmaster.

“The Harbourmaster plays an important role in setting safety standards and enforcing maritime regulation within the Port of Darwin so it is a great addition to recruit someone of the exceptional experience of Captain O’Malley,” Mr Giles said.

Captain O’Malley, just retired from a 32-year career with the Royal Australian Navy, has most recently served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Northern Command and Deputy Commander Northern Command.

The navy veteran also held various specialist navigation positions and served in defence operations in Fiji, Kuwait, Somalia, Bougainville, the Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Iraq.

In 2010 he was recognised by the United States with the awarding of a Bronze Star for exceptional service in a combat zone during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“I am excited to be appointed to the role of Harbourmaster and am looking forward to working with Port of Darwin stakeholders, particularly in the exciting times ahead for development in Darwin Harbour,” Captain O’Malley said.

The new Harbourmaster will be supported in his role by Assistant Harbourmaster Andrew Hayes.

Captain O’Malley replaces former Harbourmaster Captain Ian Niblock who has taken up a role heading the Darwin Port Corporation’s maritime services delivery area, as General Manager Marine Services.

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