

THE HON KIM BEAZLEY AC JOINS LUERSSEN AUSTRALIA'S BOARD

Luerssen Australia is delighted to announce that the Honourable Kim Beazley AC is joining the Board of Luerssen Australia.

Mr Beazley has unrivalled knowledge of defence issues after an outstanding career as a politician, diplomat, academic and the 33rd Governor of Western Australia.

He held various portfolios in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments including Defence, Finance, Transport and Communications, Employment and Education, Aviation, and Special Minister of State. He was also Leader of the House.

From 1995 to 1996, he was Deputy Prime Minister and was twice Leader of the Opposition, first from 1996 to 2001 and then from 2005 to 2006.

After retiring from politics, Mr Beazley was appointed a Winthrop Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at The University of Western Australia, and in 2008 he was appointed Chancellor of the Australian National University.

He was then appointed Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America and served in that position from 2010 until 2016.

He was appointed WA Governor in 2018 and finished in June this year.

Chairman of the Luerssen Australia Board, Tim Wagner, says it is a coup for the company to have Mr Beazley join the Board.

"We are delighted to welcome Kim to the Board. He will provide invaluable advice to us and be critical as we continue to build the company in Australia," said Mr Wagner.

"His knowledge of defence and security issues is internationally recognised and we are extremely happy he wants to be part of our journey."

CEO of Luerssen Australia, Jens Nielsen, says he is looking forward to the engagement and the contribution Mr Beazley's experience will add to the strategic development of the company.

Mr Beazley says he is looking forward to helping guide Luerssen Australia over the coming years.

"Luerssen Australia is a fantastic company, with so much to offer. They have a great team and are well positioned to provide the Navy with the capability it needs for the future," said Mr Beazley.

"Australia faces uncertain times and we need get the right capability, using as many local suppliers as possible, as fast as we can. Luerssen Australia is part of the solution."

"Luerssen Australia is a trusted partner and is delivering the Navy 12 Arafura Class Offshore Patrol Vessels. I believe there is much more the company can deliver in the national interest."

Mr Beazley joins former Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie AO RAN (Rtd), and the Honourable John Sharp AM, a former Howard Government Minister, on the Board.

Luerssen Australia is employing Australian workers, in Australian shipyards, using Australian steel to provide the Royal Australian Navy the vessels it needs for the future.

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