

## NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE

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# Media Alert

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## Tasmanian robotics team launch new challenge at AMC

### *For diary information only – not for publication*

Tasmania's only participants in a national robotics competition will be launching a new challenge in front of Launceston's mayor at the Australian Maritime College (AMC) this Saturday.

Metal Minds is an independent team in North Tasmania, whose 14 student participants—along with expert mentors—program, design, and build robots.

For the last three years they have been the only Tasmanian team to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge; an international robotics competition that sees robots go head-to-head in a floor game.

Founder Harry—who was just 15 when he set up the group with five friends—will be leading the team's presentation of their work at AMC on Saturday, when they will unveil details of their latest challenge.

The team will also demonstrate how they build their robots, and will present video from the FIRST Tech Challenge that will bring the world of competitive robotics to life.

Metal Minds have two teams covering age groups 10-14 and 14-18, and they are interested in recruiting new members. As well as engagement with science, technology, engineering and maths, their work promotes critical thinking, team-building and presentation skills.

### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

**What:** Metal Minds Challenge Launch Event

**When:** TOMORROW, Saturday 24 September, 12 -1pm. Launceston Mayor, Albert Van Zetten, will attend at 12.30.

**Where:** Room G53, Swanson Building, the Australian Maritime College, Newnham. Building A18 in the following map: [https://www.amc.edu.au/sites/default/files/NH\\_Building\\_Campus\\_Map\\_2013-02-20\\_cropped\\_flat.pdf](https://www.amc.edu.au/sites/default/files/NH_Building_Campus_Map_2013-02-20_cropped_flat.pdf)

**Photo opportunity:** the team will be available after 1pm for photos.

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