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CARGO TRANSFER VESSELS MAKE LANDFALL

Last weekend marked the arrival of Trumpi and Oefi, the two cargo transfer vessels (CTV's) custom-built for Norfolk Island and named by year two twins, Phoenix and Jax Evans, in a school competition last year.

The delivery of the CTV's is the culmination of extensive work that began with planning and design of the vessels in consultation with on-island lighterage and stevedore teams to ensure the highest level of functionality and safety.

The safe transfer of 20-foot containers between ship and shore was a key driver for the manufacture of the vessels and their custom trailers, which has been supported by Commonwealth Government funding.

Their design includes removable bulwarks on the front and back to facilitate the carriage of longer cargo, such as roofing sheets or power poles, in addition to containerised cargo.

Despite some uncertainty about weather conditions, Trumpi and Oefi's arrival during steady rain was smoothly handled through the experience of Norfolk Island's lighterage and stevedoring experts. Special mention should be made of Transam's Aaron Graham, who NIRC engaged to project manage the complex and potentially risky unloading activity, which was successfully completed without incident.

The engines will arrive separately by air after the Easter break and will be fitted to the vessels by Southern Ocean Solutions, who designed and manufactured the vessels. Once completed, sea trials and training exercises will be carried out before the CTV's become operational.

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