



MEDIA RELEASE

Aurora Expeditions Appoints Will Abbott as General Manager of Operations

[Sydney, Australia – May 12, 2025] Aurora Expeditions is pleased to announce the appointment of Will Abbott as its new General Manager of Operations, effective Monday, May 19th. Will joins the company with more than 15 years of hands-on expedition and operations experience and will be based out of Aurora’s Sydney headquarters, reporting to Tomas Holik, VP of Operations.

Will brings a deep understanding of polar travel and expedition management, having held a range of progressively senior roles across the industry. His most recent position saw him leading the launch and development of a polar operations program from the ground up, overseeing all facets of expedition delivery and Antarctic product development.

At Aurora Expeditions, Will’s role will assume the day-to-day management of the Operations department, supporting the company’s continued global growth and the introduction of its third purpose-built expedition ship, *The Douglas Mawson*, launching later this year.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Will to the team at such an exciting time for Aurora Expeditions,” said Tomas Holik, VP Operations. *“His extensive field and operational experience, combined with a passion for meaningful, responsible travel, will be invaluable as we continue to expand our fleet, grow our Antarctic offering, and enhance the expedition experience for our passengers.”*

This appointment further reinforces Aurora Expeditions’ commitment to operational excellence and purpose-driven travel as the company scales its small-ship expedition offerings worldwide.

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About Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning Australian-owned adventure travel company that has pioneered experiential travel for over 33 years. A Certified B Corporation™ and proudly Carbon Neutral, at the heart of each experience is a commitment to the protection and preservation of our planet.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration, our carefully curated small-ship voyages offer immersive activities, more time off ship and thoughtful enrichment programs in some of the planet's most remote and incredible places.

Aurora's two purpose-built small ships, *Greg Mortimer* and *Sylvia Earle*, are designed for global discovery. The company's third ship, *Douglas Mawson*, will set sail in December 2025.

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