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**AMWS ASPIRING SEAFARERS A STEP CLOSER TO CAREER
WITH AUSTRALIAN MARINERS WELFARE SOCIETY SUPPORT**

Three young West Australians are a step closer to a career in the maritime industry after being selected to take part in the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation's pilot cadetship program.

The Australian Mariners Welfare Society (AMWS) has generously provided them with study scholarships to assist in meeting the costs of their professional training.

Benjamin Errington (24), Woodren Bourne (19) and Liam Evans (17) were selected from the Leeuwin's successful volunteer program to complete a twelve-month cadetship with the sail training ship that will take them a step closer to a seafaring career.

The cadetship will see the individuals gain their Marine Engine Driver (MED) Class 2 ticket in addition to their Master 24 metres near coastal qualifications. J714 - Certificate III - Maritime Operations (Master up to 24 metres Near Coastal)

The three individuals were financially supported by AMWS under its scholarship program after the Challenger Institute of Technology put forward their applications for sponsorship. Captain Nihar Rai, Director of the WA Maritime College at the Institute nominated the three cadets, who have all volunteered on STS Leeuwin II to secure their required sea service time.

Captain Sarah Robinson, Master of STS Leeuwin II, said the financial support provided by AMWS will make an enormous difference to these individuals' futures and they will commence their study in the next course rotation.

All three scholarship recipients have family links with the maritime industry. Benjamin Errington's great-grandfather was Fremantle Harbour Master in the 1890's while Woodren Bourne's father served a cadetship in the merchant navy and ultimately reaching command, later serving as a Harbour Master and pilot; Liam Evans has family connections with the commercial fishing industry and boat-building.

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