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President's Message

Dear fellow members

The Board of Directors met on 24 November 2009 and made progress on a number of the matters referred to in the last newsletter. In particular, I am very pleased to report that we have appointed new web designers and we anticipate "going live" with a new and improved website in the last week of January 2010. Of particular interest to many members will be the facility to download and print a hard copy of the membership list on an annual basis. Sarah Masters and I will be working with the Branches over the next month to ensure all members' details are as accurate as possible. To that end, I urge each of you to return the slip which you will receive with your renewal notice in the New Year. At the very least this will ensure that we have an accurate record of your email address.

The Branch Chairmen were invited to attend the last Board Meeting and reported on their recent activities and immediate future plans.

Victoria

The Victorian Branch is holding its Christmas function on 10 December and has started its preparations for the 2010 Annual Conference. It proposes to hold its seminar on the Rotterdam Rules in March.

New South Wales

The NSW Branch had a very busy year in 2009, commencing with its biannual weekend conference in Wollongong in February. The Branch was pleased to note the large number of attendees from the shipping industry and intends to hold a similar event in March of 2010. The Branch continued to sponsor the monthly Maritime Interest Group Lectures organised by John Levingston. The November lecture was delivered by Allsop P to mark the 100 year anniversary of the Marine Insurance Act. The NSW Branch has also been involved with the Supreme and Federal Courts' users' groups meetings and contributed to the debate on the PPSA. The NSW Christmas function is being held at the Royal Sydney Golf Club where the inaugural presentation of the NSW MLAANZ Admiralty Award will be made to his Honour Justice Allsop.

Queensland

The Qld Branch is holding its Christmas function on 10 December at the United Services Club. The Acting Manager of Maritime Safety Queensland, Patrick Quirk, is the guest speaker on that occasion. During 2009, the Branch hosted a number of events including the annual World Maritime Day Seminar in conjunction with the Nautical Institute and Blakes. The Branch is looking forward to expanding industry representation at its functions next year and will be collaborating with the Federal Court, the University of Queensland and the Nautical Institute to ensure a range of interesting and relevant activities. It proposes to hold its seminar on the Rotterdam Rules in late February.

Western Australia

The WA Branch also had a very busy year with a particularly well-attended function being its World Maritime Day Conference held at the Fremantle Port. It intends to repeat the vent next year and is also

proposing to re-establish a local maritime award for a local university student of maritime law. The WA Branch Christmas function will be held on 10 December.

Australian Capital Territory

Whilst not an active committee, Sue Edmondson continues to pursue matters of maritime interest and offers her support to the organisation in liaising with Government.

New Zealand

The New Zealand Branch is busy preparing for its annual conference in Napier which will be held from 25-27 February. The Christmas function is being held in Auckland and the NZ Branch will hold a seminar on the Rotterdam Rules early in the New Year to gauge the members' attitudes to the signing of the Rules.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2010.

With my best wishes to you all



Amendment of the International Arbitration Act

MLAANZ has been invited to comment on the Exposure Draft of the amendments to the International Arbitration Act. As Chairman of the Arbitration sub-committee, Ron Salter is coordinating the response and would welcome comments from any member.
ron.salter@dlaphillipsfox.com

The Log Book of HMS Minerva 1794

Lecture by Professor WA Lee
Friday 27 November 2009 5.30pm
Banco Court Brisbane

Invitation attached.

The Australia & New Zealand Maritime Law Journal

Submissions for the next edition, due in April/May 2010 are warmly welcomed.

The Editorial Board invites articles on any topic relevant to maritime areas of law & practice, such as shipping, law of the sea, offshore energy and other related fields. (Articles need not be limited to Australian and New Zealand law.) Notes on new developments, short comments, book reviews and case notes are also welcomed.

Submissions for publication can be made at the website:

<https://maritimejournal.murdoch.edu.au/index.php/maritimejournal>

Information about the journal's policies can also be found at the website.

Any other enquiries should be directed to the Editor, Dr. Kate Lewins
k.lewins@murdoch.edu.au

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot – Sydney, 2 – 6 July 2010

A reminder that the 2010 International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot is being held in Sydney from 2 - 6 July 2010. Dr Kate Lewins is requesting members' support of this competition as arbitrators. This year, the Competition is being organised by Murdoch University and

hosted by University of Technology,
Sydney.

Further details can be found at:

http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/registration_arbitrator.html

Keep Alive, Go Thrive: Maritime 2010

MLAANZ is pleased to endorse this conference on the future face of safety & security in ports, maritime & supply chains to be held in Melbourne from 22-23 March 2010.

MLAANZ members are entitled to a 10% discount on registration: contact Esther Wong.

Further details:

<http://www.marcusevans.com/html/eventdetail.asp?eventID=16063&SectorID=7&divisionID>

Other upcoming conferences

Asia Pacific Maritime Singapore
24-26 March 2010
<http://www.apmaritime.com/en/Conference-Programme/>

CMI Colloquium Buenos Aires
October 25-27 2010
<http://www.comitemaritime.org/futev/pdf/Notice.pdf>

20th International Maritime Pilots Association Congress Brisbane
14-19 November 2010
<http://www.impa2010.com>

Branch websites

All Branch Committees are requested to update their Committee & Event details as a matter of priority.

How do we contact you?

Please keep your membership information current! Go to the website and update your contact details. Remember to include your e-mail address and help us save on costs.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Administrator, Mrs Sarah Masters, at

sarahmasters@qldbar.asn.au