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President's Message

Dear fellow members

The year seems to be flying past at a great pace and there has been much activity in the Association.

In late February, the New Zealand Branch held its annual conference in Napier. I congratulate the new committee of the Branch on their election and, in particular congratulate the new Chairman, **Matthew Flynn**, and warmly welcome him to the Federal Board of the Association as the New Zealand Vice-President. I also wish to thank the outgoing New Zealand Vice-President, Paul David, for his contribution over the past years to the Federal executive. The New Zealand Branch Conference itself was most enjoyable and informative. The papers are on the New Zealand Branch page of the website and I commend them to all members.

Professor Nick Gaskell and I have commenced our "Rotterdam Rules Roadshow". Seminars were held in Sydney and Melbourne on Wednesday, 7 April and the seminar will be repeated in Perth on Friday 23 April and finally in Brisbane on 29 April. The intention is then to survey the membership and a working group comprised of the Branch Chairs will convene to attempt to formulate a coherent view on the pros and cons of the Rules to forward to the Attorney-General's

Department on behalf of the Association as a whole.

April 7 was also the occasion of the NSW Branch's "rocket docket" conference – a half day session of very lively and interesting papers on topics ranging from arbitration to whaling. The conference attracted well over 50 participants and the NSW Branch is to be congratulated on organising such a successful event.

I am very pleased to report that the website is attracting many visits and there has been a significant increase in membership enquiries. It is my hope that many of our newer members will join us for the Annual Conference in Melbourne in October. Planning for the Conference is well underway; thanks to the enthusiasm of the Victorian Branch. You are all encouraged to begin training in preparation for the trans-Tasman rowing challenge which will take place on the Yarra on the Friday afternoon of the Conference.



With my best wishes to you all

MLAANZ Arbitration

The Association congratulates Mr Glenn O'Brien on his appointment to the MLAANZ Arbitration Panel.

CMI

International Sub-committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the IWG set up to review the Salvage Convention in London on 12 May 2010. Any member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Stuart Hetherington or the CMI Secretariat.

Morella Calder Prize 2010

In 1996, the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand ('MLAANZ') created a Trust in memory of the late Morella Calder.

The objects of the Trust are to undertake or promote the advancement of knowledge, understanding, research and study of maritime law in Australia and New Zealand.

The Trustees have announced that the following prize will be awarded in 2010 for the best essay submitted on a subject relating to the law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime law or the law of marine insurance.

- **A\$2,000**
- **Free registration at the Annual Conference of MLAANZ in Melbourne from 14-15 October 2010**
- **An air ticket to Melbourne from the winner's home city**

The winner will be announced in mid-September 2010.

CONDITIONS

1. Entrants must be enrolled at a tertiary institution in Australia or New Zealand at the date they submit their entry.
2. Entrants may choose their own topics from within the subject areas of **law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime law and the law of marine insurance.**
3. Entries must be not less than 5,000 and **not more** than 10,000 words.

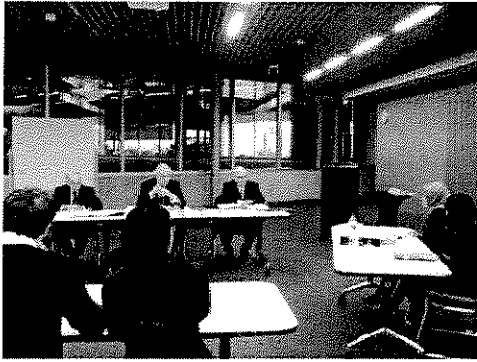
4. Entries must be accompanied by a declaration that the work is the original work of the author, and if it incorporates any work of any other person, that fact should be recognized and identified in the accompanying declaration.
5. Entries must be submitted to the Administrator **no later than 5.00pm on Friday 27 August 2010.**
6. Entries must be submitted by email.
7. MLAANZ is entitled to publish any entry in its journal, newsletter and on its website.
8. The Trustees reserve the right not to award the Prize in any given year.
9. It is expected that the winner will present a summary of the winning paper at the Annual Conference.
10. Entries and enquiries should be addressed to the MLAANZ Administrator:

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

The 2010 International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot is being held in Sydney at UTS from 2 - 6 July 2010. Dr Kate Lewins is requesting members' support of this competition as arbitrators. Members who are willing to assist are invited to register at http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/registration_arbitrator.html

The organisers expect to have at least 19 teams from Australia and Asia.



The 2009 Grand Final Panel: David Martin-Clarke,
Allsop P, Ron Salter

The popularity of the competition means that there will be about 8 moots happening each morning and afternoon, and therefore they will need at least 12 arbitrators for every session. Ideally they would like to have a mix of arbitrators, lawyers and industry personnel making up a panel of three for each hearing. Past arbitrators have commented that they find the moots most enjoyable and intellectually stimulating and they are struck by the high quality of mooting on display. Of course, it is also an opportunity for firms to do some talent scouting for future graduate employees.

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