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Vice President's Message

Dear Members

The New Zealand conference in Taupo is a bit later this year, starting at the drinks reception on 30 April. We have a great programme lined up including speakers from Maersk (on slow steaming) and Sealord (on Health & Safety reform). Even after the Cricket World Cup final I anticipate Robert Springall of Holman Fenwick Willan in Melbourne will still be granted a temporary visitor's visa to tell us about the APL Sydney.

The link to the programme, registration details and to book your room is on the MLAANZ website at <http://www.mlaanz.org/New-Zealand-Branch/0,2730,13032,00.html>.

There is short article in this newsletter by Paul Myburgh who is 'slinging his hook' to Singapore. Paul never taught me. I'm too old. But his presentations over the years at the New Zealand conference have always demonstrated scholarship fused with entertainment. I seem to remember his PowerPoint included a number of 'accidental' slides ... Probably partly for that reason, all the students of his I have spoken to speak highly but also fondly of him. Each year he has run the maritime course at Auckland Uni he has nominated the best student for the NZ branch MLAANZ prize. Academic prizes raise the profile of the subject with the students, but also of the subject within the University and it is a real shame that I suspect there will not be a maritime law paper at Auckland (I hope to be corrected).

For those who wish to raise a glass with Paul, he is having drinks at the Northern Steamship, 122 Quay St, Britomart on 23 April after work at 5.30. MLAANZ will contribute to the bar tab, so get along there. Meanwhile, from me, thanks to Paul for nurturing interest in maritime law and best of luck with his Singapore sling.

Best wishes

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