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MLAANZ Prize Winners

MLAANZ continues supporting the education and training of future generations of maritime lawyers. The New Zealand branch sponsors academic prizes at Auckland University and Victoria University, Wellington. This years' winners were Tom Ashley and Lauren Brazier.

Tom Ashley's dissertation was called "The meaning of "control" for the purpose of the Anglo-common law statutory action in rem". It is to be published in Lloyds Maritime Commercial Law Quarterly. Tom is not only a very good student but won the gold medal in the men's sailboard event at the 2008 summer Beijing Olympics.

Lauren Brazier won the Victoria University maritime law prize with a high A+ grade, well ahead of her peers. The undergraduate maritime law course is assessed by an opinion exercise and a final exam, so there is no particular piece of work to refer to. Her lecturer, Bevan Marten, says she is an extremely capable student. Lauren is originally from the Kapiti Coast, and finished her LLB(Hons) at Victoria at the end of 2013. In addition to the MLAANZ prize she won the Chapman Tripp prize for the top graduating law student. Lauren has won or placed highly in a number of law school negotiation competitions, already published two articles on contract law, and commenced practice as a law clerk with Bell Gully (Wellington) in February this year.

As evidence of their success neither Tom nor Lauren could attend the Taupo conference this month as Tom was travelling overseas windsurfing, and Lauren was representing Vic. in the "Vismoot" competition on international sales law in Vienna.

