



SEMAPHORE

Newsletter of the Maritime Law

Association of Australia and New Zealand



Western Australia Branch Activities in 2017

WA branch committee members: Pat Saraceni (chair), Robert Corboy (treasurer), Dennis Baker, Alex Burns, Richard Edwards, Chris Keys, Gemma Stabler, Ajay Tandon, Reza Vind.

1. CPD Accreditation — Renewal

- (a) The WA branch applied for and received accreditation as a CPD provider from the Legal Practice Board of WA.

2. International Maritime Day

- (a) The WA branch has renewed its commitment to International Maritime Day by leasing a booth at the Fremantle Pavilion which will be manned by committee members throughout the day.

3. MLAANZ WA Branch 2017 Seminar Series

- (a) 16 February 2017 — “Anti-Bribery Compliance in the Maritime Industry: TRACE-RightShip Compliance Rating” — guest speaker Alexandra Wrage, president and founder of TRACE International Inc, USA.

Well attended seminar presentation — very interactive and informative.

- (b) 5 April 2017 — “International Arbitration Precedent: Friends or Foes?” — joint seminar with Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Australia) Limited (CI Arb), hosted at the Federal Court of Australia.

The event proceeded as a panel discussion with short presentations by each of the speakers and a Q&A session followed by drinks and canapés. The panel discussion was televised Australia wide. It was a well received and successful event (as are all CI Arb/ Federal Court events).

- (c) 11 May 2017 — two topics, “Failure to Pay Hire — Basis for Terminating your Charter Party?” and “The Aftermath of Marine Casualty” — guest speakers Alex Burns, Waverley Offshore Pty Ltd and Pat Saraceni (as a stand in).

This was presented as a round-table — interesting and interactive session.

- (d) 20 July 2017 — “The 34th America’s Cup” — guest speaker Andy Fethers, executive officer, Swan River Sailing, Royal Perth Yacht Club.

This was the WA branch Christmas in July function with Andy as our dinner speaker — very entertaining with excellent footage.

- (e) 17 October 2017 — “Introducing the UWA Oceans Institute and the Indian Ocean Research Centre (a UWA Initiative)” — guest speaker professor Erika Techera.

4. Other Initiatives

- (a) Joint MLAANZ/Legalwise Maritime Seminar — 16 November 2017. The programme included:
- (i) “Offshore Safety: Catastrophes and Casualties” by Michael Utsler, executive vice-President and chief operations officer of Woodside Energy
 - (ii) the latest in charter parties
 - (iii) maritime arbitration and case update
 - (iv) shipbuilding: front-end and back-end trends
 - (v) technology trends in shipping.
- (b) Participation in the 5th International Arbitration Conference — co-presented by the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (BLS) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia (CIArb) — as part of Arbitration Week 2017, 21 November 2017, Perth.

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