



SEMAPHORE

Newsletter of the Maritime Law

Association of Australia and New Zealand



Save the Date

Please note the following upcoming events of interest and importance to our industry:

1. **MLAANZ 2018 Annual Conference – 10-12 October 2018**

Save the date for the 45th MLAANZ Annual Conference at the Blue Mountains in NSW.

The NSW Branch is hard at work finalising an excellent programme with a high calibre of speakers and interesting topics. Places are limited so don't delay.

Conference details to follow shortly.

2. **Judicial Sales of Ships**

MLAANZ made a submission to the Attorney General in support of CMI's bid to have a Draft Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships included on UNCITRAL's Working Group agenda. A meeting was held in Sydney with the Attorney General, Stuart Hetherington, Allsop CJ and the MLAANZ President. The Attorney General expressed the Commonwealths' support for the initiative. This followed CMI's Colloquium on Recognition of the Judicial Sales of Ships held in Malta on 27 February 2018. We are pleased to advise that on 29 June, UNCITRAL gave a mandate to Working Group VI to study the subject of "Cross-border issues related to the Judicial sale of ships". This is a positive development and is testimony to MLAANZ's commitment to reforming maritime laws and promoting international comity.

3. **Retirement of NZ Vice-President**

The Board would like to extend our sincere thanks to Kerry Webster for her tireless efforts and commitment over the years in promoting the New Zealand Branch of MLAANZ and for her invaluable contribution to the Board. Best wishes to Kerry for her future endeavours. We know she will remain a close friend and ally of MLAANZ and we look forward to her ongoing contribution.

Welcome to new New Zealand president, Hamish Fletcher. We look forward to working with Hamish on the future advancement of MLAANZ.

4. **International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition (IMLAM) – 29 June to 3 July 2018**

This year's moot is being held in Brisbane and is hosted by the Marine and Shipping Law Unit at the University of Queensland. MLAANZ continues to sponsor the moot which offers an excellent opportunity for students of maritime law to participate in an international competition. Good luck to all the Australian and New Zealand participants.

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