40th Anniversary of NZ Branch

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of what became the NZ branch of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand.

The NZ branch held a dinner to celebrate this milestone on 25 August 2016 at the Northern Club in Auckland. It was a great night with a number of founding members and previous branch office holders attending.

The evening included entertaining speeches from Judge Perkins and retired Judge Broadmore, reminiscing about the early days of the branch. Stuart Hetherington kindly made the journey from across the Tasman and spoke as CMI President, providing both a CMI perspective on the branch and reflecting as an Australian colleague on the NZ branch’s history.

Neil Beadle and I spoke as current President and NZ Chair, respectively, touching on how we got to where we are and looking ahead to the future of the branch. Paul David QC did an excellent job as MC for the evening enabling us to open the floor to allow guests to share their memories of the branch over the years.

Thank you to all those who attended and to the organisers of the evening. I look forward to another 40 years of the NZ branch.

Kerryn Webster
New Zealand Branch Chair, MLAANZ

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