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President’s Message

Dear fellow members

I trust that all of you had a happy and restful period over the Christmas vacation period and that 2010 will be a prosperous and fulfilling year for you.

You will recall from the last newsletter that the Board of Directors planned to “go live” with a new and improved website in the last week of January 2010. Unfortunately we were a week out in our estimation but I hope all of you have now had a chance to visit the new site which was completed on 9 February 2010. Sarah Masters and I have worked throughout January on the membership list and have attempted to ensure all members’ details are as accurate as possible. We are aware that there are still some inaccuracies and would be grateful to receive notification of necessary amendments. We would also appreciate any input as to what members would like to see on the website in addition to the matters that are already included on it. Our aim is to make the website as useful to members as is possible. Member are warmly encouraged to send through details of any maritime related events they are hosting or are aware of for promotion on the website.

The seminar series for Branches on the Rotterdam Rules will commence in Brisbane in the last week of February.

Details will be posted on the website early next week. It is anticipated that the series will continue in Sydney and Melbourne in the week commencing 5 April. We hope also to hold a seminar in Perth before the middle of the year.

Members should be aware that the dates for the next Annual Conference and AGM have been finalised. We look forward to seeing many of you in Melbourne on the 14th and 15th of October.

The New Zealand Branch is holding its annual Conference in Napier on 25 and 26 February. The programme looks very stimulating and I hope many of you will be able to join the New Zealand Branch to support the Conference. Full details can be found on the website.

With my best wishes to you all

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MLAANZ Arbitration

The following members are warmly welcomed to the MLAANZ Arbitration Panel:

Mr Geoff Brodie
Mr Geoff Farnsworth
Mr David Goodwin
Mr Alan Thambiyah
Dr Anton Trichardt

CMI

CMI Yearbooks

Members will have received an email advising that the CMI Yearbooks from 1867 to date have been digitalized and are now available on CD-Rom. The Association will receive 2 free copies and CMI Titular members will also receive a free copy. Additional copies can be purchased for €15 plus postage. Members
are invited to email Sarah Masters by 19 February if they would like to purchase additional copies and a bulk order from MLAANZ will be sent. Alternatively, members can contact the CMI directly wimfransen@fransenadvocaten.com

International Sub-committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the IWG set up to review the Salvage Convention in London on 12 May 2010. Any member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Stuart Hetherington or the CMI Secretariat.

The Australia & New Zealand Maritime Law Journal

Submissions for the next edition, due in April/May 2010 are warmly welcomed.

The Editorial Board invites articles on any topic relevant to maritime areas of law & practice, such as shipping, law of the sea, offshore energy and other related fields. (Articles need not be limited to Australian and New Zealand law.) Notes on new developments, short comments, book reviews and case notes are also welcomed.

Submissions for publication can be made at the website: https://maritimejournal.murdoch.edu.au/index.php/maritimejournal
Information about the journal’s policies can also be found at the website.

Any other enquiries should be directed to the Editor, Dr. Kate Lewins k.lewins@murdoch.edu.au

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot – Sydney, 2 – 6 July 2010

The 2010 International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot is being held in Sydney from 2 – 6 July 2010. Dr Kate Lewins is requesting members’ support of this competition as arbitrators. This year, the Competition is being organised by Murdoch University and hosted by University of Technology, Sydney.

Many of the members of the legal and maritime profession have given their time, sponsorship and enthusiastic support to the moot in previous years. The organisers expect to have at least 16 teams from Australia and Asia.

The 2009 Grand Final Panel: David Martin-Clarke, Allsop P, Ron Saitor

The popularity of the competition means that there will be about 8 moots happening each morning and afternoon, and therefore they will need at least 12 arbitrators for every session. Ideally they would like to have a mix of arbitrators, lawyers and industry personnel making up a panel of three for each hearing. Past arbitrators have commented that they find the moots most enjoyable and intellectually stimulating and they are struck by the high quality of mooting on display. Of course, it is also an opportunity for firms to do some talent scouting for future graduate employees.

Further details can be found at:
Keep Alive, Go Thrive: Maritime 2010

MLAANZ is pleased to endorse this conference on the future face of safety & security in ports, maritime & supply chains to be held in Melbourne from 22-23 March 2010.

MLAANZ members are entitled to a 10% discount on registration: contact Esther Wong.

Further details:

Branch websites

All Branch Committees are requested to update their Committee & Event details as a matter of priority.

How do we contact you?

Please keep your membership information current! Go to the website and update your contact details. Remember to include your e-mail address and help us save on costs.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Administrator, Mrs Sarah Masters, at

sarahmasters@oldbar.asn.au