



SEMAPHORE

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Association of Australia and New Zealand



President's Message

At the recent MLAANZ conference in Auckland, some fascinating papers were presented which investigated aspects of the maritime history of New Zealand and Australia.

Maritime heritage is of great interest to many of our members. In this edition of Semaphore we profile two organisations committed to exploring Australia's maritime history – the newly-formed Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network, of which MLAANZ has become a member, and the Australian Association for Maritime History, which publishes the fascinating *Great Circle* journal.

We also summarise some interesting recent developments on the international maritime law scene.

It has been a busy few months for our Association and its members. We congratulate Michelle Taylor — our Australian vice-president — on her election last month to the governing body of AMTAC (the Australian Maritime and Transport Arbitration Commission). Michelle joins other AMTAC office-bearers who are MLAANZ members: Greg Nell (chair), Hazel Brasington, Anne Sheehan and Gemma Stabler.

We also congratulate our former president, Matthew Harvey of the Victorian Bar, who has recently taken silk.

Welcome

MLAANZ Arbitration Panel

Please welcome the following new panel members:

- Adrian Duffy QC (Brisbane)
- Anish Wadia (Mumbai, India)
- John Walton (Auckland)

New Members

And please also welcome the following recent additions to our growing membership:

- Harsh Pathak (LexMine Law Office)
- Capt Ola Olubowale (Viva Energy Australia)
- Terry Skews (Brittany Offshore)
- Melissa Forbes (Vero Insurance New Zealand)
- Joseph Nicholls (ANL Container Line)
- David Martin (Sparke Helmore)
- Alex Bubner (Wallmans Lawyers)
- Ryan Norval (Pacific Maritime Lawyers)
- Laura Sturges-Britton (student)
- Kyriakos Tsoukalas (student)



- Gabriela Montalvo (student)
- Derek Heron (student)

As an aside, we have fielded a few approaches of late from particularly overseas members seeking to maximise the networking opportunity within MLAANZ or professionals coming to our part of the world seeking to explore potential employment opportunities within members' organisations.

Hence, it has been decided that we are going to add a special section on the MLAANZ Website dedicated to serving such purposes. Please watch this space and reach out to those members if you can assist them in any way.

Events

Looking ahead to next year, there are a number of important upcoming events to be noted in 2020 diaries.

It has been decided that the 2020 annual conference of MLAANZ will be held in Perth (Western Australia), most likely in mid October. The Western Australian branch is getting underway with its preparations to ensure another successful annual conference, which will be the 47th in our history.

Soon after that, the annual Assembly and Colloquium of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) will be held in Tokyo (Japan), from October 21 to 24, 2020. For those unfamiliar with its work, CMI — founded in 1897 — is the umbrella body of the world's national maritime law associations.

An idea that is under active discussion is the possibility that MLAANZ and the Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS) might collaborate to hold a joint conference together in Singapore in a future year. This won't be possible in 2020 but we hope to make this happen in the not-too-distant future.

Another upcoming event in Singapore will be the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) competition, arranged by Murdoch University, which will be hosted by the National University of Singapore over July 3 to 8, 2020. As always, the organisers are looking for members of the maritime industry and legal profession to assist the competition by volunteering to act as arbitrators. MLAANZ is very pleased to continue to support the IMLAM competition.

As we head toward the Christmas holidays, our various branches are arranging a series of year-end events. The committee of MLAANZ encourages you to join those gatherings and then enjoy a safe and happy Festive Season and look to recharge your batteries for 2020.

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