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President's Message

I am writing in my capacity as the new incoming president of MLAANZ to provide an update on our Association's most recent annual conference held in Auckland, and to highlight a number of other matters.

A new committee was elected at our AGM in Auckland. The other office-bearers are:

- Hamish Fletcher, Auckland, New Zealand vice-president (re-elected)
- Michelle Taylor, Brisbane, Australian vice-president
- Maurice Lynch, Sydney, secretary
- Janine Liang, Sydney, treasurer
- Stacey Fraser, Auckland
- Paul Baxter, Brisbane (re-elected)
- Clinton McKenzie, Canberra (re-elected)
- Pat Saraceni, Perth, immediate past president

With four fresh faces, this will be a highly enthusiastic committee.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the three office-holders who stepped down at the AGM – Neil Beadle, who returns to civilian duties after many years of service on our committee, most recently as immediate past president, and our outgoing secretary Danella Wilmshurst and outgoing treasurer Nathan Cecil, who have made tremendous contributions in the thankless posts they have occupied.

In addition, I would like to express the appreciation of all members to Pat Saraceni who has led the Association for the past two years as president. Pat of course will continue to contribute over the next two years as immediate past president.

The Auckland conference, held from September 11-13 was a great success, thanks largely to the efforts of our New Zealand Branch in compiling an outstanding program around the theme of "Sea Change – Navigating the Future".

Our thanks also go to the many individual speakers and panellists, whose hard work and perseverance saw them deliver so many outstanding presentations. Papers should soon be accessible on our Website, under Publications\Conferences\2019.

It was clear from comments made at and around the conference that our members have a strong appetite for seeing MLAANZ increase its engagement with our national governments and international agencies on forward-looking transport policy issues. This will be a priority for our new committee.

Finally, I would like to draw the attention of all members to an important upcoming event: the Richard Cooper Memorial Lecture being hosted by the University of Queensland on Thursday October 24, 2019. This lecture will be delivered by the Hon Justice Angus Stewart of the Federal Court of Australia on the topic "The fluctuating incidence of the burden of proof under the Hague-Visby Rules: the implications of *Volcafe v CSAV* [2019] AC 358 on the position in Australia".

A separate notice of the Memorial Lecture appears directly below the inline E-newsletter link to this PDF.

The event will be live-streamed to capital city locations and is surely not to be missed.

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