



Maritime Law Association of Australia
and New Zealand



MLAANZ 48



Venue
Parmelia Hilton,
Perth, Western Australia

48th National Conference

Future of Shipping

October 4th – 6th, 2023

Program
& Registration



48th National Conference

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Welcome to all delegates and speakers from Conference Committee

As Chair of the Western Australian Branch of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ), I would like to warmly welcome you to Perth and to the 48th Annual MLAANZ Conference. The theme of this year's conference is the "Future of Shipping".

Throughout the Conference we will explore the numerous significant issues facing the maritime sector, including digitisation, automation, the greening of shipping and the various challenges posed by recent global and domestic events. We are delighted to have such distinguished and high calibre speakers and panellists. We hope that you will find the program stimulating, informative and thought provoking.

We also hope you will find the Conference an ideal forum for ongoing discussions with sector colleagues, in the interests of advancing the maritime sector, which is of strategic significance to domestic and global trade.

We encourage you to actively participate in the various forums, and to participate in the social events which we have planned, which will provide an excellent opportunity to network and engage with other delegates and speakers alike.

I would also like to extend our thanks to our distinguished speakers and panellists for their commitment and insights, and to the Sponsors for making it all possible.

I am sure you will find the Conference a rewarding and informative experience, and I look forward to personally welcoming you to the city of Perth.

Enjoy the Conference and all that Perth has to offer.
Thank you for all your interest and commitment.

Pat Saraceni

Pat Saraceni,
Chair of Western Australia
Branch of MLAANZ

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Michelle Taylor,
President of MLAANZ

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Wednesday 4 October

- 4:30-6:00pm **Registration**
6:00-8:00pm **Welcome Reception** - Swan Room and Terrace of the Parmelia Hilton Perth
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Thursday 5 October

- 7:30am **Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee**
COFFEE CART SPONSORED BY THOMAS MILLER (AUSTRALASIA) PTY LTD
7:55am **Conference Opening and Welcome to Country**
8:15am **Introduction of Dethridge Memorial Speaker**
8:20am **Dethridge Memorial Address**
The Honourable James Allsop AO
9:15am **Morning Tea**
- Sponsored by Cocks Macnish

Session 1

Sanctions & Security

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SESSION CHAIR - *Hamish Fletcher, Partner, Oceanlaw*

- 9:45am **Dr Robin Bowley**,
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law,
University of Technology Sydney
"Sanctions"
- 10:05am **Martin Davies**,
Admiralty Law Institute Professor
of Maritime Law, Director, Tulane
Maritime Law Centre, Tulane University
Law School, USA
"Is there a future for Bills of Lading?"
- 10:55am **Michael Burke**,
Acting First Secretary, Industry Partnerships
& Infrastructure Policy Division, Department
of Home Affairs, Canberra
*"Ensuring the Security of Australia's
Critical Maritime Infrastructure"*
- 11:15am **Adam Falconer-West**,
CEO, Franmarine
*"Marine biosecurity & ways technology
assists vessel owners & operators with
compliance"*

Session 2

Maritime Windfarms Planning & Installation, Insuring for Project & Operational Risk

- 11:35am **Chris Meecham**,
Geoscience Specialist, Alinta Energy

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- 11:55pm **Jacob Damgaard**,
Associate Director, Loss Prevention,
The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association
Europe Singapore Branch, Singapore
*"Transportation of Windmill Blades and
the Risks Associated with the Same"*
- 12:35pm **Lunch**

Session 3

Maritime Changes Afoot Energy transition/ automation/greening

SESSION CHAIR - *Naraya Lamart,
Marine and Transport Lead, Wotton & Kearney*

- 1:35pm **Michelle Brooks**,
Sustainability Leader, Scientist, Lawyer
and NELA Director, Integrate ESG
"ESG and Sustainability Standards"
- 1:55pm **Tristan Kathage**,
Assistant Secretary, Department of
Infrastructure, (Reducing Surface Transport
Emissions Branch), Canberra
"Greening of Shipping"
- 2:15pm **Adrian McMillan**,
Head of New Energy Shipping Business
Development, WEL
"Decarbonisation in Shipping"
- 2:35pm **Richard Palmer**,
Service Delivery Manager – Australia
and New Zealand Marine and Offshore,
Lloyd's Register International
"Alternative Fuels and their Implications"

Session 4

Digitalisation

- 2:55pm **Richard Donaldson**,
General Counsel, Pilbara Ports Authority
(Ports Australia Legal Working Group Chair)
*"Cyber Security – A Maritime and Ports
Perspective on Associated Legal Issues"*
- 3:15pm **Patrick Seares**,
Managing Director, Westport (On behalf
of Dept. of Transport)
"Westport Stage 3 – Talk on operational update"
- 3:35pm **Afternoon Tea**



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Session 5

Decommissioning

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SESSION CHAIR - *Pat Saraceni,*

Director L&DR, Clifford Chance

4:05pm

Dr Francis Norman,

CEO & Managing Director – CODA

“Australia’s Emerging Decommissioning Landscape: Managing Demand in an Evolving Environment”

4:25pm

Jim Cole,

GM Environment - Birdon Group

“Decommissioning of Ships & Discussion”

4:40pm

Sebastian Locke,

Deputy Harbour Master - Fremantle Ports

“Decommissioning of Ships & Discussion”

4:55-5:15pm

Panel Discussion/Q&A

6:15pm

Buses depart from Hilton Parmelia Hotel

7:00-10:30pm

Conference Dinner - Royal Perth Yacht Club

Friday 6 October

7:30am

Arrival Tea and Coffee

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Session 6

Emergency

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SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS

SESSION CHAIR - *Michelle Taylor,*

Partner, Sparke Helmore Lawyers

8:00am

Mark Morrow,

Executive Director, Response Division,

Australian Maritime Safety Authority,

Canberra (MERCOCOM)/AMSA

“Role & function of MERCOCOM under the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies”

8:20am

Deb Despard,

Deputy Chief Executive Regulatory Operations,
Maritime New Zealand

“NZ Regulator’s perspective on Ports and

Harbours; Harm and Prevention Programmes”

8:50am

Steve Wenban,

Harbour Master, Marine Safety,

Department of Transport

“A case study – Maritime Emergency

Environmental Response in WA”

Session 7

Automation

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PACIFIC MARITIME LAWYERS

SESSION CHAIR - *John Kavanagh,*

Principal Solicitor/Master Mariner; Pacific

Maritime Lawyers

9:10am

Mehrangiz Shahbakhsh

Shipping Analyst & Liaison Officer, Shipping

Australia Limited(SAL); PhD. Candidate,

University of Tasmania - Australian Maritime College

“Human element and autonomous ship”

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9:30am

Ben Fell, Project Manager, Fugro

“USV and Remote Operations”

9:50am

Maggie-Jo McGregor,

Head of Claims, Shipowners P&I Club

“Autonomous Vessels & Risks”

10:10am

Morning Tea

Session 8

Future Trends

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SESSION CHAIR - *Michael Fisher,*

Partner-Marine & Transport, Thynne Macartney

10:40am

Paul Myburgh,

Professor of Law, Auckland University

of Technology Law School, New Zealand

“Future of anti-suit injunctions”

11:00am

Paul David KC,

Barrister New Zealand

Limitation principles in operation – some recent cases

11:20am

Gregory Nell SC,

New Chambers, Sydney; Chair AMTAC

“Yielding to arbitration: a more liberal approach?”

11:40pm

Justice Angus Stewart,

Federal Court of Australia, Sydney

“Judicial sales and the new convention”

12:10-12:50pm

Panel Discussion

“Judicial sale of ships, Future Trends”

Melwyn Noronha,

Chief Executive Officer, Shipping Australia Limited

Justice Angus Stewart,

Federal Court of Australia, Sydney

William Thomas,

Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West, Melbourne

12:50pm

Lunch

Session 9

Carriage of Cargo

SESSION CHAIR - *The Hon Justice Sarah*

Derrington AM, Federal Court of Australia

1:50pm

Peter McQueen,

Independent Arbitrator and Mediator, NSW

“Review of Australian COGSA 1991”

2:10pm

Shi Yan Lee, (Singapore) Assistant Registrar, SCMA

“The Future of Shipping Dispute Resolution:

Yet (Another) DR Mechanism?”

2:30pm

Mathew Harvey KC,

Owen Dixon Chambers West, Melbourne

“Eternal Bliss – Damages and Demurrage?”

2:50pm

Michael Swanson,

Barrister, Selborne Chambers, Sydney

“Class Actions as the future of large cargo

claims how to design your class action”

3:10pm

Afternoon Tea

3:40pm

Admiralty Users’ Group Discussion

Chaired by Justice Sarah Derrington

4:40pm

Closing Address - Pat Saraceni,

MLAANZ 2023 Conference Chair

5:00-6:30pm

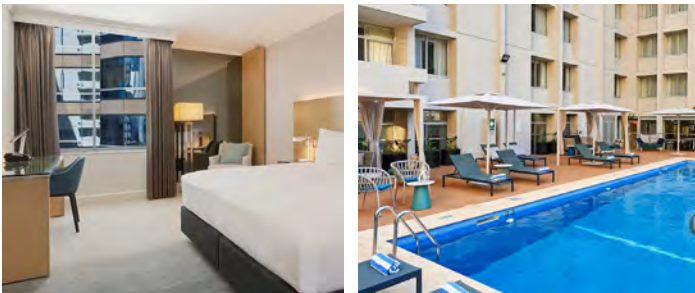
AGM and Casual Wine & Cheese



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Conference Venue

This year's conference will be held at the Parmelia Hilton Perth. The hotel is next door to Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and a one-minute walk to Brookfield Place commercial and retail precinct. Kings Park and Botanic Gardens, Elizabeth Quay on the Swan River, Perth Arena, and His Majesty's Theatre are less than ten minutes away on foot. Central to the business districts, the hotel offers flexible meeting options and exceptional local dining. The hotel is only 21 km from the Perth Airport which is serviced by many taxis and ride-share companies. Unfortunately the hotel does not offer a transport shuttle.



Conference Registration

Quoted registration fees are in Australian dollars (AUD) and include 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST).

All MLAANZ Conference registrations are done online via the conference website.

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Please register online:

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If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact Conference Secretariat on rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au

Conference Confirmation

Confirmation of your registration, including accommodation if booked, will be sent to you electronically via the online conference registration platform.

Registration Cancellation

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Secretariat – MECCA Concepts. A refund of the registration fee less a cancellation fee of \$100 will apply to cancellation received on or before 1st September 2023. After this date no refund or cancellation will be possible, although substitute delegates are welcome. All refunds will be processed after the conference.

General Information

Visas

- International visitors to Australia require a visa or electronic travel authority
- It is your responsibility to ensure documentation is correct and complete before you commence your journey
- Information on obtaining visas or electronic travel authorities can be found on the website www.immi.gov.au/eta/index.htm

Goods and Services Tax

- For international visitors, a tax refund may be sought at the airport for goods beyond a certain value and which are carried with them in their hand luggage when leaving the country
- A tax refund is not available for goods or services consumed in Australia and therefore the GST component of convention registration fees, accommodation, tours etc are not claimable

Accommodation Information and Cancellation

The conference committee have secured a block booking at the hotel with a special rate. To obtain this rate you must book your accommodation via the conference website when registering for the conference. A conference rate of \$290 per room per night on Wednesday and Thursday for a standard room without breakfast has been negotiated. Pre-paid breakfast is \$25 per person (usually \$40). A payment of one night's accommodation is required at time of booking to secure your room, with the balance to be paid on checkout by delegate direct to hotel. Cancellation of your accommodation on or after September 1st 2023, will incur the full cost of the room nights booked. You will not be entitled to a refund, unless MECCA Concepts can 'on-sell' your booking to another delegate.

Dress Code

Dress code for the Conference is smart casual. Business attire for the Dethridge Address and Conference Dinner.

General Registration Information

Every care has been taken to ensure this program is correct at the time of printing, however the Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the program.

Included in Registration fees:

Full Delegates

All Conference Sessions

Welcome Cocktail Function – Wednesday night

Morning and Afternoon teas during conference

Lunch – Thursday and Friday

Conference Dinner – Thursday night

Name Badge

Conference app and program

Day Delegate

Conference Sessions on the day

Morning and Afternoon Tea

Lunch

Name Badge

Conference app and program

Does not include Social functions

Social Functions

Social functions for day registrations can be purchased additionally to the day conference registration rate.

- Welcome Cocktail Reception - Wednesday night
- Conference dinner - Thursday night

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Social Functions

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel in the Swan Room and Terrace from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

One ticket to the Welcome Reception is included in a full delegate registration; extra tickets can be purchased during registration at \$60.

Thursday 5th October 2023

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will be held in the River & Perie Banou Rooms at the Royal Perth Yacht Club of WA between 7:00 pm - 10:30pm, with pre-dinner drinks served on the Seafarer's Balcony.

One ticket to the Conference Dinner is included in a full delegate registration; extra tickets can be purchased during registration at \$165.

Please note: buses will be arranged for transfer from Hotel to Yacht Club and return – please be ready by 6:15 for a 6:30pm departure of buses from Hotel.





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SPECIAL EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (if paid before 1st September 2023)

EARLY BIRD MEMBER	\$1100
EARLY BIRD NON MEMBER	\$1350
REG MEMBER	\$1300
REG NON MEMBER	\$1550
STUDENT	\$400
SPEAKER	\$450
DAY RATE - MEMBER	\$700
DAY RATE - NON MEMBER	\$800

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