

New Zealand Branch Conference 2022

Auckland, New Zealand

Sofitel Hotel, Viaduct Harbour

Wednesday, 9 November - Thursday 10 November 2022

Towards calmer waters or rough conditions ahead?

The New Zealand Branch Committee of MLAANZ warmly invites members and those interested in maritime law to its **2022 Conference and AGM**. The conference will be held at the Sofitel Hotel in the surrounds of the stunning Auckland Viaduct.

The 2022 conference theme acknowledges the significant challenges of recent times and those still ahead, as the maritime and shipping community navigates its responsibilities and opportunities in a modern and changing world.

We are excited to have Professor Rob Merkin KC join us from the United Kingdom, and Paul Myburgh from Singapore - both with brilliant tales to tell from maritime cases with real-world relevance.

Climate Change is the context for all our lives and is of increasing urgency. Michael Heard and Rosie Mercer are speaking to the challenges for the shipping and maritime industries in doing what needs to be done, while the Insurance Council tells us what this means for marine insurance.

The maritime industry is inextricably connected with trade and Vangelis Vitalis, NZ Deputy Secretary, of the Trade and Economic Group at MFAT will talk about the New Zealand Trade Recovery Strategy and what is on the (darkening) horizon for trade, having been the chief negotiator who most recently concluded the CP-TPP and the NZEU FTA.

Martin Sawyers, Chief Executive of the Transport Accident Investigate Commission (TAIC) will tell us about the role the commission has to investigate incidents and identify safety learnings to prevent future harm. Rebecca Summerill and Michael Machin set out the Ministry of Transport's plans for future regulation, with some legislative proposals already underway and a wider overhaul of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 on the horizon.

We will hear from our younger members with updates on recent maritime cases, and Paul David KC & Tom Ashley with an update on limitation issues in admiralty law.

The conference is an excellent professional networking opportunity and provides a great opportunity for attendees to catch up with friends and colleagues during the Icebreaker drinks on Wednesday evening and the always enjoyable post-conference dinner.



New Zealand Branch Conference & Annual General Meeting 2022

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday 9 November	Harbourside
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Icebreaker at Harbourside with complimentary drinks
Thursday 10 November	Sofitel Hotel, Auckland Viaduct
8.30 am	Venue open Tea and coffee available
8.55 am	Welcome Hamish Fletcher, New Zealand Branch Chair
9.00 am	Georgia on My Mind: The Underwriting Duties of Insurers Professor Rob Merkin KC, Special Counsel, Duncan Cotterill
9.45 am	The Law of Limitation in Practice - Some Recent Cases Paul David KC and Tom Ashley, Eldon Chambers
10.30 am	MORNING TEA
11.00 am	Climate Action: The Bigger Picture - David Bullock, Partner, LeeSalmonLong
11.30 am	A More Sustainable Maritime Industry: The role of Landside Infrastructure and Supply Chains Rosie Mercer, CEO Marsden Maritime Holdings
11.50 am	Risk & Resilience: Insuring the future of shipping - John Lucas/John McKelvie Insurance Council New Zealand
12.10 pm	Challenging "Environment" Ahead for Shippers! Michael Knowles, Shipping Manager, ZESPRI
12.40 pm	Q & A - Panel Discussion
1.00 pm	LUNCH
2.00 pm	Case Note Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourenzo Fernandez, Solicitor, McElroys • Jordan van Riele, Solicitor, Hesketh Henry • Tabitha Lorck, Solicitor, Duncan Cotterill
2.45 pm.	No Repeat Accidents Ever! Martin Sawyers, Chief Executive, Transport Accident Investigation Commission, Te Kōmihana Tirotiro Aituā Waka
3.15 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.45 pm	A Vicious Cycle of Fraud: Implications of the Hin Leong Scandal for Maritime Law and Commodity Trading - Paul Myburgh, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Centre for Maritime Law, National University of Singapore
4.15 pm	Regulating for the Future - Rebecca Summerill, Senior Solicitor, and Michael Machin, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Transport
4.45 pm	Conference Closing
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Sofitel Hotel, Auckland Viaduct
7.00 pm	MLANZ ANNUAL DINNER at Botswana Butchery, Ferry Building, Quay Street

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REGISTRATION FORM

2022 Registration Fees (GST incl.)

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MLAANZ MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS/GUESTS	STUDENTS
Full conference – Icebreaker drinks, conference & annual dinner	NZ\$325	NZ\$365	NZ\$165
Conference only	NZ\$200	NZ\$250	Free
Icebreaker drinks only	NZ\$25	NZ\$40	NZ\$25
Annual dinner only	NZ\$150	NZ\$150	NZ\$150

Register

To register, please complete the form below for each person attending and return to Richard Belcher at rwbl@lcc.co.nz

Payment

Payment can be made directly to the MLAANZ account, ASB Bank Account, Account no. 12-3193-0009215-00.

Please include your name and "Conference" in the Reference fields.

Cancellations

If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome at no extra charge. Where no substitute is available, the registration fee will be refunded in full if notice is received in writing 7 days prior to the event. Cancellation within 7 days of the event will incur a \$150.00 cancellation fee. If the conference is cancelled or postponed by MLAANZ the registration fee will be refunded in full or delegates given the option of a credit to the conference at a later date.

Venues

Icebreaker drinks at [Harbourside](#), Ferry Building, 1/99 Quay Street

Conference: [Sofitel Hotel](#), 21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue, Auckland Viaduct

Dinner: [Botswana Butchery](#), Ferry Building, 99 Quay Street

Accommodation

Attendees are to make their own hotel arrangements.

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

SURNAME	TITLE	CITY
FIRST NAME		TEL
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NAME BADGE TO READ		EMAIL
POSITION		
ORGANISATION		ANY FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTONS? IF YES PLEASE SPECIFY

Please tick:

- Member
 Non-Member
 Guest
 Student
 Full Conference
 Conference only
 Icebreaker drinks only
 Annual Dinner only
AMOUNT PAYABLE: \$ _____