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## Change of the Guard for MLAANZ NSW Branch

Kennedys Law partner Peter Craney has been appointed the new chair of the MLAANZ NSW Branch, succeeding Alexis Cahalan who in turn has succeeded him in the role of Branch treasurer.

Ms Cahalan had been Branch chair since 2021 and had previously served as secretary from 2018. A partner in the shipping and transport group of Norton White, she has been a NSW Branch committee member since 2013.

“It has been a pleasure to act as chair and to pass the baton to very safe hands,” said Ms Cahalan.

Located in Kennedys’ Sydney office, Mr Craney is an insurance specialist with marine, aviation, casualty, professional indemnity and property experience gained across Australia and the United Kingdom.

He advises on coverage disputes, acts as defence counsel, pursues subrogated recoveries and provides advice on insurance product development. His practice extends to include commercial and shipping advisory and transactional work, litigation and arbitration, and he regularly acts for Australian, Lloyd’s, London and overseas market (re)insurers, shipping and transport companies, major airlines and construction companies.

Mr Craney has been a NSW Branch committee member since 2013 and served as its treasurer from 2016.

At its August 30 AGM the Branch also formalised other changes to its committee.

Outgoing members Amber Albrecht and Ryan Hunter were thanked for their contributions to the work of the Branch in recent years and new members Joseph Nicholls (Wotton+Kearney) and Lorna Anderson (Mills Oakley) were welcomed.

Please click [here](#) to read the full chairperson’s report for 2021-2022.

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*MLAANZ NSW Branch immediate past-chair and new treasurer Alexis Cahalan and new chair Peter Craney photographed by Sydney Harbour looking out towards the Naval base at Waverton*

