



New Zealand Branch Conference 2024 Wellington, New Zealand

Parliament House

Thursday, 11 April – Friday, 12 April 2024

Welcome

The New Zealand Branch Committee of MLAANZ invites members and those interested in maritime law to its **2024 Conference and AGM**. The conference will be held in the beautiful venue at **Parliament House in Wellington**.



Stepping back and looking at the year that has been the conference team were struck by the feeling of uncertainty and change that sits over the industry. The pace of climate change and the legal and practical responses to it seems to be rapidly winding up; there is war in the Ukraine and Middle East with ripples touching many parts of the world; and domestically there is a new Government with a mandate for change. We are very pleased to have an excellent range of speakers who will talk on aspects of each of these areas, as well as several other topical subjects.

We are privileged to have a Minister of the Crown starting the day with observations on government priorities for maritime transport for the new Government.

On the implications of the Red Sea situation, we have Barrister Commander Christopher Griggs speaking on the legal aspects of Operation Prosperity Guardian, the United States-led military operation by a multinational coalition formed in December 2023 to respond to Houthi-led attacks on shipping in the Red Sea. International lawyer and trade policy consultant Dr Tracey Epps will talk about what the problems in the Red sea mean for global trade – and particularly for New Zealand. Paul David KC will then provide legal commentary on safe port and insurance claims under charter parties.

We have the Director of Chapman Tripp's Climate, Sustainability & ESG practice providing a maritime perspective on the requirements for companies to report on scope 3 emissions domestically, international customer requirements, and potential trade-related implications of not addressing emissions.

Neil Beadle from Wotton and Kearney is going to provide us with a debrief on the Whakaari/ White Island health and safety prosecutions now that these have finally been resolved, as a follow up to his insightful paper to the conference in 2021. Also in the area of health and safety obligations we have a fascinating presentation from Martin Byrne talking about his experience using the protected disclosure legislation in connection with the serious workplace injury of an employee working on a boat in the Port of Nelson.

Naval architect Harry Stronach will talk to us about the issues for cruise ships under the Resource Management Act. Natasha Hallett from Maritime New Zealand will present on New Zealand maritime security issues from the perspective of MNZ.

And last but not least we have our customary presentation by three young maritime lawyers on topical maritime cases that have happened over the last 12 months.

The conference is an excellent professional networking opportunity, and always provides an enjoyable get-together for attendees through the Icebreaker drinks on the Thursday evening and the ever-popular post-conference dinner.

The conference will be of particular interest to:

- ☐ Maritime lawyers, Vessel operators, Port companies, Exporters, and Maritime insurers.





New Zealand Branch Conference & Annual General Meeting 2024

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 11 April 2024	
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Icebreaker at Hanging Ditch with complimentary drinks
Friday 12 April 2024 Parliament – Legislative Council Chamber	
8.30 am	Venue open Tea and coffee available
9.00 am	Welcome Hamish Fletcher, New Zealand Branch Chair
9.05 am	Hon Chris Penk MP
9.25 am	Operation Prosperity Guardian – the international legal framework guiding the multinational operation in the Red Sea Commander Chris Griggs, Barrister, Barristers•Comm
10.10 am	What does the blockage of the Red Sea and Suez Canal by Houthi rebels mean for global trade? Dr Tracey Epps, International lawyer and trade consultant
10.40 am	MORNING TEA
11.10 am	The Health and Safety at Work Act – the landscape post Whakaari/ White Island <i>Neil Beadle, Special Counsel and Elliott Copeland, Senior Associate, both from Wotton + Kearney</i>
11.50 am	Protected Disclosure – the Price of Integrity <i>Martyn Byrne, previously CEO of Port Nelson Ltd</i>
12.20 pm	Charterparties – safe port claims and insurance Paul David KC, Eldon Chambers
12.50 pm	LUNCH
1.50 pm	Case Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Clara Kwon, Hesketh Henry□ Nana Jacobson, McElroys□ Cate Hensen, Chapman Tripp
2.50 pm.	International shipping emissions – New Zealand’s challenges and emerging solutions Kate Wilson-Butler, Director of Chapman Tripp’s Climate, Sustainability and ESG practice
3.20 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.50 pm	Cruise Ships - Collision with the RMA; Harry Stronach, Naval Architect, Able Ships
4.20 pm	Port Security, New Zealand update by Maritime New Zealand Natasha Hallett, Maritime New Zealand
4.55 pm	Conference close, Hamish Fletcher
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Parliament – Legislative Council Chamber
7.00 pm	MLAANZ ANNUAL DINNER at Dockside

MLAANZ CONFERENCE 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

2024 Registration Fees (GST incl.)

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MLAANZ MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS/GUESTS	STUDENTS
Full conference – Icebreaker drinks, conference & annual dinner	NZ\$300	NZ\$340	NZ\$165
Conference only	NZ\$175	NZ\$175	Free
Icebreaker drinks only	NZ\$25	NZ\$25	NZ\$25
Annual dinner only	NZ\$140	NZ\$140	NZ\$140

To Register

Please see separate email with details of registration via [Eventbrite](#).

If you have any questions please contact the secretary of MLAANZ at SecretaryNZMLAANZ@gmail.com or Kerryn.Webster@tompkinswake.co.nz.

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 in 2021.

Venues

Icebreaker drinks at [Hanging Ditch](#), 14 Leeds St.

Conference: Parliament Building, Molesworth street, in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Dinner: [Dockside](#) Restaurant, 3 Queens Wharf.

Accommodation

Attendees are to make their own hotel arrangements. Suggested hotels are the [Bolton Hotel](#) (12 Bolton Street) and the [Rydges Hotel](#) (75 Featherston Street), both of which are close to Parliament.