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## INTRODUCTION

Since the last edition of **All Hands!**, a federal election was held in Australia with the coalition government being returned which also means no change to the current policy on Australian domestic shipping; another round of exams have been sat; two committee meetings have been held as well as the Annual General Meeting on 29 August. While all members have the opportunity and indeed should attend the AGM, the numbers were sadly lacking and left to a small group of Members and Fellows. This is your Branch as much as it is of those that do attend and volunteer their time. Take the initiative and get involved, you may be surprised by the experience.

In the wider sphere, the forces shaping the discussion on the global economy and shipping are not much different from the last newsletter – the “Brexit” drama deepens; a tit-for-tat trade war and intermittent negotiations between the US and China weigh heavily; the new sulphur cap regulations from 1 January 2020 (IMO 2020) are drawing ever closer; and, as a new development for the Middle East Gulf, war risk premiums are being applied on vessels entering the Strait of Hormuz after a number of vessels sustained damage from an unknown offender, although suspicions abound.

# ALL HANDS!

## THE AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER

### Your Branch Committee

Chair	: Capt. Robert Hawkins, FICS
Vice-Chair	: Mr Adam Kuner, FICS (Editor)
Ex-officio	: Mr Nicholas Vann, FICS
Treasurer	: Capt. Francis Castellino, MICS
Secretary	: Ms Manisha Taneja, MICS
Education	: Capt. Norman Lopez, FICS
Public Officer	: Capt. Nigel D’Souza, FICS
NZ Chapter	: Capt. Robert Hawkins, FICS
Committee	: Mr William Macdonald, FICS Capt. Asoka Ranjith Munidasa, FICS Mr Michael Newman, MICS Mr Mark North, MICS Mr Anthony Pegum, FICS Ms Emily Pointon MICS Mr Munaf Shaikh, MICS Mr Felix Van Aalst, MICS Mr Stuart Wilkinson, MICS
Student Rep.	: Ms Jessica Warren (Young ICS and LinkedIn)
Webmaster	: Ms Janani Dissanayake

## MEMBERSHIP



It is with pleasure to report **Capt. Peter Entwhistle FICS** has been elected to Life membership of the ICS. Nominees are proposed by their relevant Branch for approval at Controlling Council in recognition of their significant contribution to the ICS. Peter was a founding member of the ANZ Branch in New Zealand and served on the New Zealand Chapter committee for several years. Congratulations, Peter, an honour well deserved!

L to R: Peter Entwhistle and Robert Hawkins

## RECENT EVENTS

On Wednesday 29 May 2019, a joint presentation with **The Company of Master Mariners of Australia (CoMMA)**, **MLAANZ** and **ICS ANZ Branch** on the topic of “**Autonomous Vessels and the Regulatory Challenges**” was very well received by attendees. **Stuart Hetherington**, Partner at Colin Biggers & Paisley, with **Rachel Horne** from AMSA, provided a detailed insight into the complexities of incorporating autonomous vessels into existing legislation and international conventions. When looking at the areas of oceanography, hydrography and exploration, autonomous or unmanned, remotely controlled vessels are already in operation in Australian waters and much work has already been done to amend existing regulations to accommodate this emerging technology.

On **Thursday 30 May 2019** a committee meeting was held in the offices of Incitec Pivot Limited, Southbank. Thank you to **Incitec Pivot Limited** for providing the meeting facilities.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on **Thursday 29 August 2019** on level 35 at 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne, followed by a committee meeting and dinner. After 4 years as Education Officer and another 4 years as our Branch Chair, **Nicholas Vann** has stepped down and will remain on the committee as ex-officio Chair. We sincerely thank and congratulate Nick for his valuable contribution during this time and no doubt, Nick will continue to contribute for some time to come. Congratulations must also be declared to our newly elected Chair, **Capt. Robert Hawkins**. The members elected to your Branch committee are:

Chair:	<b>Capt. Robert Hawkins, NZ</b>
Ex-officio:	<b>Mr Nicholas Vann, VIC</b>
Vice-Chair:	<b>Mr Adam Kuner, VIC</b>
Secretary:	<b>Ms Manisha Taneja, VIC</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Capt. Francis Castellino, VIC</b>
Education:	<b>Capt. Norman Lopez, QLD</b>
Public Officer:	<b>Capt. Nigel D'Souza, VIC</b>
Committee:	<b>Mr William Macdonald, NSW</b> <b>Capt. Asoka Ranjith Munidasa, WA</b> <b>Mr Michael Newman, NSW</b> <b>Mr Mark North, WA</b> <b>Mr Anthony Pegum, WA</b> <b>Ms Emily Pointon, NSW</b> <b>Mr Munaf Shaikh, WA</b> <b>Mr Felix Van Aalst, NZ</b> <b>Mr Stuart Wilkinson, NSW</b>



# INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS

L to R: Ms Janani Dissanayake, Nick Vann, Norman Lopez, Manisha Taneja during the AGM and committee meeting

(Janani recently emigrated to Australia from Sri Lanka)

Also in attendance: Bob Hawkins, Richard Strachan, Francis Castellino, Adam Kuner and Munaf Shaikh vis Skype



L to R: Bob Hawkins, Janani Dissanayake, Norman Lopez, Nick Vann, Richard Strachan, Francis Castellino enjoying dinner at the Mail Exchange Hotel

A presentation was made by Richard Strachan, a long serving MICS, to Nick Vann for his service to the ICS ANZ Branch



## UPCOMING EVENTS/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Following the November examinations, a Christmas function is in the planning phase for the end of **November 2019**. Please keep an eye out for details and we would really like to see as many members, students and friends of the ICS attend as possible.

The next committee meeting will be held in the **in the week of 9-12 December 2019** with a teleconference facility to be available.

The New Zealand Chapter is pleased to advise that the Annual Combined Shipping Groups Dinner has been scheduled for **Friday 13 December 2019** in **Auckland** at the Northern Club. Further details will be forthcoming by invitation. **Save the date!**

## STUDENTS

The most recent examinations were held from 13 to 24 May 2019 and results were released on 22 August. A total of 23 students were enrolled for 33 papers across 7 exams centres. Congratulations to all the students that attempted the exams and a round of applause for the following students that have now completed their Qualifying Examinations, having passed these subjects and are now eligible to apply for Membership (MICS):

<b>Mr Peter Batri</b>	Shipping Finance	Origin Energy
<b>Ms Karen Kwok</b>	Logistics and Multimodal Transport	Swire Shipping
<b>Mr James Summers</b>	Port and Terminal Management Shipping Law	Clarksons Platou

Key dates going forward:

**21 October 2019:** registrations close for the November 2019 examinations

**18-28 November 2019:** examinations

**27 February 2020:** examination results released

We also wish to recognise the students that were successful in passing the following subjects in the May examinations and the companies that have supported them through this process:

<b>David Callinan-Moore</b>	Dry Cargo Chartering	Affinity Shipbrokers
<b>Nathan Crawford</b>	Introduction to Shipping	
<b>Ben Hogan</b>	Dry Cargo Chartering	Affinity Shipbrokers
<b>Michael Laloli</b>	Port Agency	
<b>Alexander Newman</b>	Introduction to Shipping	
<b>Natalia Topalovic</b>	Introduction to Shipping	Clarksons Platou
<b>Jessica Warren</b>	Tanker Chartering Economics of Sea Transport and International Trade	QLSA and IXOM
<b>Syed Warsi</b>	Shipping Business	CSL Australia

### BRANCH AWARD

The ICS Australia New Zealand Branch Award of \$400 is awarded to the student to achieve the highest aggregate marks in a membership year (1 June to 31 May), which encompasses the results from the November and May examinations. It is with pleasure that we announce that **Jessica Warren** is the winner of the Branch Award for 2018-2019 year. Congratulations! Well deserved!

R to L: **Sam Adam**, Bulk Shipping and Terminal Manager at **Ixom Operations Pty Ltd** congratulating **Jessica Warren** on her achievement





## YOUNG ICS (YICS)

As a reminder to younger members and students, please note points of contact for social events and collaboration in studies, where assistance may be sought.

Contact details:

Melbourne: **Jessica Warren** [jessicawarren66@gmail.com](mailto:jessicawarren66@gmail.com)

Sydney: **Emily Pointon** [Emily.Pointon@cslships.com](mailto:Emily.Pointon@cslships.com)

## BESPOKE COURSE

The next Bespoke Course will be held in **Brisbane** on **2-3 October 2019**. A total of 13 participants are confirmed so far. This course has been very well received on previous occasions and there is no doubt, it will be well received once again. Well done to **Capt. Nigel D'Souza** for his efforts in collating this course, Nigel will be assisted by **Nick Vann** and **Capt. Norman Lopez** in presenting the course. If there is any interest for future courses, please contact Nick Vann on [icsanz@icsanz.com](mailto:icsanz@icsanz.com) or [vascoz@ymail.com](mailto:vascoz@ymail.com).

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