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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to another new year and a new decade! For many, the year began with the devastating and widespread impact of the bushfires throughout Australia. With a fire season that began in September, the resources applied in dealing with this have been stretched beyond their limits. Some of our members and friends have been directly affected while all of us realise that something has to be done to avoid a repeat of this level of disaster.

The threat from coronavirus has remained in the headlines for some weeks and the impact is now being seen directly with vessels and their crews subject to quarantine measures.

The reduced sulphur limits on bunker fuels came into force on 1 January 2020. Availability of compatible fuels has been an issue in this part of the world while it is expected that supply and pricing will find a more reliable level.

A number of events are in the planning for 2020, so please keep your eyes open for details and please make some effort in participating in your Institute.

# 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
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Student Rep.	: Ms Jessica Warren (Young ICS and LinkedIn)
Webmaster	: Ms Janani Dissanayake

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcome and congratulate the following new members elected in November 2019:

**Peter Batri**, Origin Energy, Brisbane

**James Summers**, Clarksons Platou, Perth



Vale **Richard Edwin Godson** 1933-2019.

Formerly of Fairlight, Sussex, England, Richard became a member of the ICS in January 1955. Having worked for Shell and Burness in England, he emigrated to Sydney in the early 1980's where he represented Odfjell until his retirement in 1999.

On behalf of the ICS, condolences have been sent to his wife Maryan, his 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. As one (Ed.) who worked with Richard for most of his time in Australia, his friendship, knowledge of and passion for shipping will be greatly missed.

Vale **Nikhil Fernandes** 1981-2019. A former student and friend of ICS ANZ Branch working for Braemar ACM in Melbourne, passed away after complications in surgery on 21 October. Condolences have been sent to his family on his sad and unexpected passing.





## TED RENSHAW AWARD

It is with much pride that we congratulate **Capt. Norman Lopez** our Education Officer, in being presented with the **Ted Renshaw Award** in London in October 2019.

As stated by Ms Julie Lithgow, the President of the ICS, "There is a very special group of people who assist and support our 5,000 students across the globe each year, and this is the army of examiners, assessors and tutors who devote their time to maintaining the educational foundation of this Institute.

They say that every organisation is as good as the people working in it. This is even more true when these people are volunteers. Our membership is our strength.

There is an African proverb, which says: if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others. I don't have an Australian proverb, but we do have an Australian example that exemplifies enthusiasm and professionalism.

The **Ted Renshaw Award** is presented to those tutors and examiners who embody the spirit and ethos of Ted's unstinting enthusiasm and positivity. This year, we would like to present this to Norman Lopez - Norman has supported the Institute for many years within the Australia and New Zealand branch, as a Member, Fellow and recently as the branch Education Officer. His wisdom, patience and guidance is valued by all who have had the privilege to work or volunteer alongside him.



*Norman with Julie Lithgow at the podium*



The Bristol Steamship Owners Association, for whom Ted was a past President have commissioned a decanter of Bristol Blue Glass for this award and I invite Nigel Fletcher the President of the Bristol Maritime Trade Association to present this to Norman Lopez."

*L to R: Theo Coliandris, Chairman, ICS; Norman Lopez; and Nigel Fletcher, President, Bristol Maritime Trade Association*



## RECENT EVENTS

### Commercial Shipping Practice, Brisbane 2-3 October 2019



The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of this popular bespoke course was held at the Port of Brisbane on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2019 with a total of 13 attendees, from mining companies, soft commodity traders, surveyors, ships agents and shipowners.

**Capt. Nigel D'Souza**, FICS (*standing, extreme right*) as Course

Director produced his usual virtuoso performance and was ably assisted by the Course Coordinator **Nick Vann**, FICS (*standing, second from right*) and the branch's Education Officer **Capt. Norman Lopez**, FICS (*standing, extreme left*).

Positive feedback from those attending has encouraged us to plan to run this course again in Australia or New Zealand in 2020, dates are being established.

### Maritime Day, Fremantle Port 2 November 2019

An annual event, Maritime Day is co-ordinated by Fremantle Ports giving the opportunity for members of the public to visit the port and learn about maritime activities and celebrate the maritime industry. A number of companies and organisations exhibit on this day and with the efforts of **Capt. Munaf Shaikh**, MICS and ably supported by **Capt. Ranjith Munidasa**, FICS, ICS ANZ Branch was provided some space on the Nautical Institute stand.



Thanks to Munaf, Ranjith, the Nautical Institute and Fremantle Ports for this opportunity in what was a very enjoyable day.



L to R: Ranjith and Munaf



The last **Branch Committee Meeting** for 2019 was held in Melbourne on 11 December 2019. At this meeting, it was announced that **Mr William (Bill) Macdonald**, FICS is retiring from Neptune Pacific at the end of 2019 and wished to relinquish his role as Membership Secretary on the Branch committee. On behalf of the ANZ Branch, the committee thanked Bill for his tireless contributions to the ANZ Branch and ICS London over many years having held a number of key positions throughout this time. We all wish Bill well for his retirement.

**Institute Open Day**, Auckland 5 February 2020. In conjunction with Open Days held in London and other locations throughout the ICS Branch network, our current Chairman, **Capt. Robert Hawkins**, welcomed interested parties at the Maritime Museum on the harbourfront in Auckland. This is another demonstration of the effort your committee members are providing.

### **FUTURE EVENTS/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Branch Hosted Dinner for Members and Students**, Melbourne 26 March 2020 and other major cities on dates to be advised. Members and students will be invited to dinner for an evening of camaraderie and topical discussions led by industry leaders. Full details for Melbourne and other cities will be circulated separately.

**Branch Committee Meeting**, Melbourne 26 or 27 March 2020 - venue to be advised;

**Branch Committee Meeting**, end May 2020 - location and venue to be advised;

New **Membership Year** commences, 1 June 2020

**Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, 27 August 2020 – date to be confirmed, location and venue to be advised.



## STUDENTS

The next examinations are to be held between 11 and 21 May 2020. For all students planning to sit these exams, please make use of your tutors, where assigned and please keep your eyes open for further information regarding an online prep session.

Key dates for students:

**27 February 2020:** November 2019 exam results are published

**6 April 2020:** deadline for registration for May 2020 examinations

**20 April 2020:** deadline for deferment of May 2020 examinations

**20 August 2020:** May exam results published

## 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.

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