



# The Voicepipe

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH  
April 2025

Next Meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025**

At  
**Royal on the Park,**  
The Walnut Restaurant  
152 Alice Street, Brisbane CBD

**Choices from Two Course menu with 2 Drinks and Coffee at \$ 75.00 per person**

PAYMENT BY EFT TO: - BSB: **064-012** ACCT NO: **0080 0150** NAME: **COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUST**

**1200 for 1230 hours**

**This Meeting, our third for the year, is to welcome our Guest Speaker  
Michael Barraclough from OSSA**

If you are attending, or need to lodge an apology, please advise Captain Kasper Kuiper as soon as possible during business hours or at the latest by Noon on MONDAY 21st APRIL 2025 by

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### MASTER MARINERS' WEBSITE.

**Please note that with the appointment of Capt. Francis Castellino as Federal Secretary, the newsletters / magazines from other branches will be available on our website.**

<http://www.mastermariners.org.au/>

Members' Anniversary                      and                      Birthday in MAY

CONGRATULATIONS FOR

47 years        M Handfield  
 22 years        P Kerkenezov  
 15 years        P Liley  
 32 years        C Mackey  
 29 years        A Munro  
 52 years        M Tyler

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO

W Burton  
 J Crowsley  
 T Foster  
 C Langford  
 R Pincott

**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

**BRANCH MASTER REPORT**

Welcome to the April edition of the Voicepipe.

Our next meeting will be a lunch meeting, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Royal on the Park, 1200h for 1230h.

Our AGM, held on 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal on the Park was well attended with 2 overseas guests and their family, making a total of 14 attendees.

There is, again, no change to the office bearers of the company, so it remains as Capt Kuiper as Branch Master, Capt Diack as Secretary and Capt Handfield as Treasurer. We thank you for your trust in carrying the company ahead.

The Federal AGM was held on 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Melbourne Mission to Seamen. Everything went well at the meeting, however membership fees will be increasing.

Changes to the constitution are still being worked on. The Company's website has been updated to be a friendlier format and Capt Tyler remains as the Webmaster given he does such a good job. I'm sure there will be more details about the meeting in the federal magazine.

For our members who aren't in the best of health, please reach out if we can assist you with driving.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Royal on the Park at 1200h for 1230h. A reminder that parking is available on site.

Capt .Kasper Kuiper

Branch Master

**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

**Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Royal on the Park Hotel on 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Captains Kuiper, Bochenski, Burton, Coy, Diack, J. Ellis, Handfield, Lunn, Marchbank, Mackey, and Thompson, Dr M. White and Reverend Briggs.

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Captain E. Diack, (WA Branch member), and Mr. Brad Thompson, guest of Captain Chris Thompson.

**APOLOGIES:** Captains Bailey, Ballantyne, Crowsley, Kavanagh, Langford, Tyler and Williams.

The meeting was opened by Captain Kuiper at 1835 hours. Captain Kuiper welcomed members. He extended a particular welcome to visitors, Mr. Brad Thompson and Captain Elspeth Diack. He also extended best wishes to members who are unwell. In particular, the meeting heard that Captains Crowsley and Langford have been unwell, and all present wished them a speedy recovery.

Grace was said by Rev. Briggs.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the general meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were circulated in the March 2025 edition of the "Voicepipe". They were proposed by Captain Kuiper as a true record of that meeting. Seconded by Captain Coy and carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>Business Account Balance 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>				<b>\$7,343.79</b>
i.	Annual Subscriptions for 2025	\$1,050.00		
ii.	February Meeting	\$1,285.00		
iii.	Catering February Meeting		-\$690.00	
iv.	Refund of excess subscription		-\$5	
v.	Bank Charges		-\$15.00	
vi.	Queensland Maritime Museum		-\$500.00	
	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March Closing Balance</b>			<b>\$8,468.79</b>

- It should be noted that our payment for February Meeting (iii) was \$69 short as we were only charged for 10 meals when 11 meals were provided.
- \$500 to reimburse the Hon. Treasurer for payment of Queensland Maritime Museum membership on behalf of the Branch. (vi)
- Another reminder email was sent to all 'late payers' on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Roll Numbers of un-financial Members – 2560, 2995, 3024.
- Captain Kerkenezov has paid twice, and a refund cheque for \$70 has been prepared.

	<b>Investment Account Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>		<b>\$27,375.63</b>
	\$5,000 was transferred from the Investment Account on 20 <sup>th</sup> January	-\$5,000.00	
	Interest earned at maturity on 20 <sup>th</sup> .January 2025 was \$1,166.65	+\$1,166.65	
	<b>\$23,542.28 reinvested on 20<sup>th</sup> January for 8 months at 4.45% interest</b>		<b>\$23,542.28</b>

Captain Handfield proposed that this report be accepted as a true record of the Branch finances. Seconded by Captain Ellis and carried.

**BRANCH MASTER'S REPORT:** This was published in the March 2025 Voicepipe.

**FEDERAL COURT REPORT:** Federal Court will meet in Melbourne on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Captain Coy expressed his appreciation of the IFSMA Newsletter which is circulated to members monthly. He particularly noted the article on gender balance in the industry. He also asked if there was any news about the Australian Strategic Fleet. Members present had no up to date information.
2. Captain Mackey noted that currently Australia's shipping needs were largely being covered by Chinese crewed ships. In particular, the oil industry was reliant on Chinese crewed tankers on charter to Ampol. Which raises the question of our national oil security. Captain Bochenski observed that about 35% of the ships operating around Europe and the United States were Chinese operated.
3. Dr White commented that the recent circumnavigation of Australia by three Chinese warships was a reaction to the continuing presence of Australian military assets in the disputed areas of the South China Sea. He pointed out that there had been some 190 belligerent actions by Chinese ships towards ships of other countries in those waters, most of them not reported here.
4. Captain Bochenski commented that he has recently visited Taiwan and could report that despite the threat of invasion, the people there were quite upbeat about their future relations with mainland China.
5. Captain Thompson expressed his concern about the ongoing problems with pilot ladders. He considered that this was due to the lack of a safety culture in the industry. He noted that a recent survey by IMPA showed that 90% of all pilot ladder defects were not reported. He hopes that a new updated SOLAS Regulation will help.
6. Captain Elspeth Diack extended best wishes from WA Branch. She commented that in the gas industry safety regulations including for pilot ladders were very strictly monitored and defects were promptly dealt with. She advised that Woodside, where she works, has 4 female pilots and that Port Hedland also has two. In response to a question, she reported that all of the Australian crewed gas tankers had now been sold on. There is currently one new ship which is being progressively changed over to Australian crewing. Lots of issues are being experienced with this.

7. Rev, Briggs reported that the Mission to Seafarers AGM had been unsuccessful due to a lack of a quorum. The meeting has been re-set for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
8. Captain E. Diack reported that the recent AMPI conference in Cairns had held a raffle which raised \$12,000. This was to be donated, half to Townsville MTS and half to the national MTS.
9. Dr. White commented on Australia's investment in nuclear submarines through AUKUS. The new AUKUS submarine being developed in UK is still years away. A complicating factor for Australia is that we prefer US weapons due to more certain supply and support. He expressed the view that Australia should have gone nuclear years ago.
10. Captain Mackey commented that P&O had now officially disappeared from Australian waters as P&O Cruises has been rebadged to Carnival Cruises. P&O ships are still operating in Europe.

There being no further general business, members enjoyed a fine meal and engaged in general discussion on a range of topics. Captain Kuiper adjourned the general meeting at 2035 hours and opened the Annual General Meeting.

Following the AGM, the re-elected Branch Master, Captain Kuiper resumed the chair and re-opened the meeting at 2045 hours.

Captain Marchbank was then invited to conduct the traditional quiz. The meeting was divided into port and starboard watches. Captain Diack acted as scribe. The questions were wide ranging designed to test knowledge of people and ships involved in historical events and of geographical details. As usual the questions evoked spirited discussion. In the end the starboard watch prevailed. Captain Kuiper thanked Captain Marchbank for his efforts in researching the questions. This was endorsed with general applause.

Captain Kuiper thanked members for their attendance at a very enjoyable meeting. He then wished members a safe journey home and closed the meeting at 2130 hours.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at the Royal on the Park Hotel, commencing at 1200 for 1230 hours, TBC.

*Arthur Diack*  
Honorary Branch Secretary.

Thanks to Royce Spencer (Federal Registrar) for preparing this article and granting permission to promulgate in The Voicepipe.

## ANZAC DAY 2025

### AUSTRALIAN NAVAL ASSOCIATION (WA BRANCH)

#### ANZAC DAY PRESENTATION

IMAGINE, QUIETLY DOING YOUR DAY TO DAY JOB, SUPPORTING YOUR COUNTRY, PROVIDING THE VITAL SUPPLIES FROM COAST TO COAST OR COUNTRY TO COUNTRY. YET YOUR COUNTRY, INDEED MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW OR ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING. MUCH LESS, THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT OF DEATH.

YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ( LATERLY KNOWN AS THE MERCHANT NAVY). THE QUIET, HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND MUCH FORGOTTEN PART OF THE WAR EFFORTS SINCE WWI, AND ALMOST EVERY WAR SINCE.

THE MERCHANT MARINE (NAVY) , COMPRISED COMMERCIAL SHIPS AND THEIR CREWS REQUISITIONED BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT (OR THE BRITISH SHIPPING CONTROLLER IN WWI) TO SERVE AS TRANSPORTS , HOSPITAL SHIPS, TROOP CARRIERS, OIL AND FUEL SHIPS, SUPPLY SHIPS, AMMUNITION SHIPS, LOGISTICS SUPPORT SHIPS AND CAPTURED ENEMY SHIPS IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR EFFORTS.

THE LOGISTICS OF MOVING THOUSANDS OF MEN AND TONS OF EQUIPMENT, HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD IN WWI WAS ENORMOUS. EARLY IN WWI, THE GOVT CHARTERED 28 AUSTRALIAN SHIPS TO MOVE THE AIF TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE. THESE 28 SHIPS WERE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED AS THE WAR PROGRESSED AND DURING THIS TIME, SHIPS WERE SUBJECT TO ZEPPLIN RAIDS, SUBMARINE ATTACKS, ENEMY WARSHIP & RAIDER ATTACKS AND RAMMINGS.

ALL IN ALL IN WWI, AUSTRALIA HAD A TOTAL OF 74 COMMERCIAL SHIPS (MOSTLY UNARMED) EITHER CHARTERED OR TAKEN UP FROM TRADE. OF THESE, 26 WERE SUNK, RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY SAILORS AND OFFICERS AND MANY MORE BADLY INJURED , BURNT AND SCARRED , OFTEN SPENDING DAYS IN THE OCEAN AWAITING RESCUE.

THE COMMONWEALTH MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES DURING WWI WAS, 5,000 SHIPS AND 15,614 SAILORS AND OFFICERS. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER , WHICH STILL TODAY REMAINS LARGELY UNKNOWN OR ACKNOWLEDGED, WHEREAS THE TOTAL OF WARSHIPS SUNK WAS IN THE REGION OF 520 ( A TENTH OF THE MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES).

PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS COMMERCIAL SHIP SUNK IN WWI WAS THE SINKING OF THE PASSENGER SHIP 'LUSITANIA' TRAVELLING FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL UK. SHE WAS JUST 11 NM OFF THE IRISH COAST. SHE TOOK ONE TORPEDO HIT FROM THE GERMAN UBOAT U20 AND SANK IN 18 MINUTES FOLLOWING A "SECONDARY INTERNAL EXPLOSION"

THERE WERE 1266 PASSENGERS, 696 CREW ( A TOTAL OF 1962 SOULS) ON BOARD AND ONLY 761 SURVIVORS. MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AS TO WHY A SHIP OF THAT SIZE AND CAPABILITY, COULD SINK IN SUCH A QUICK TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, WAR TIME SECRECY DICTATED THE GOVERNMENT NOT DISCLOSE TO THE SUBSEQUENT ENQUIRY, THAT THERE WERE ALSO, 4.3MILLION .303 BULLETS, 5000 SCHRAPNEL SHELLS & 3240 BRASS PRECUSSION FUSES SECRETLY LOADED FOR THE UK WAR EFFORT AND IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THESE WERE THE SOURCE OF THE "SECONDARY EXPLOSION" THAT ACTUALLY SANK THE SHIP.

THE TOTAL LOSS OF SOULS DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PASSENGERS AND CREW, BUT ONE CAN ASSUME THE CREW LOSSES WERE SIGNIFICANT.

GERMANY SANK ALMOST 50 PASSENGER SHIPS ( SOME OF WHICH HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO TROOP SHIPS) BETWEEN 1914 – 1918 THROUGH DIRECT ATTACK OR MINING. SO WITH CREWS AVERAGING IN THE 100'S ON THESE TYPE OF SHIPS, THE LOSS OF MERCHANT MARINERS WAS VERY CONSIDERABLE INDEED.

AS I SAID BEFORE, A TOTAL OF 5000 MERCHANT SHIPS AND 15,614 MARINERS WERE LOST DURING THIS FIRST WORLD WAR.

IN WWII, THE DANGERS WERE GREATLY INCREASED, IN THAT, WE WERE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT IN OUR OWN WATERS, AS WELL AS ALL OVER THE MULTIPLE WAR FRONTS AROUND THE WORLD.

IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE:

THE MERCHANT NAVY, IS OFTEN SAID TO BE THE 'UNSEEN' SERVICE. THOUSANDS OF AUSTRALIANS SERVED AS MERCHANT MARINERS, SHIPPING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES AROUND THE WORLD AND SOMETIMES DIRECTLY SUPPORTING MILITARY OPERATIONS.

MERCHANT SEAMEN GENERALLY "**SIGNED ON**" TO A MERCHANT SHIP, RATHER THAN BEING "**POSTED**" TO ONE. AUSTRALIANS COULD SERVE ON SHIPS OF VIRTUALLY ANY NATIONALITY SERVING THE ALLIED CAUSE. THUS, ALTHOUGH MOST SERVED ON VESSELS BELONGING TO AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING LINES, MANY WERE ON BRITISH, NORWEGIAN, AMERICAN AND OTHER ALLIED NATIONS SHIPS.

MEN WHO SERVED IN THE ATLANTIC CONVOYS SAILING BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND BRITAIN FACED SOME OF THE HIGHEST CASUALTY RATES OF THE WAR. GERMAN U-BOATS WAGED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST

MERCHANT SHIPPING REACHING ITS PEAK IN 1942-43. IN JUST THREE MONTHS BETWEEN JAN – MAR 1943, 85 MERCHANT SHIPS WERE LOST FOR THE LOSS OF JUST 8 UBOATS.

THIS IS RECOGNISED AS THE LONGEST BATTLE OF WWII, LASTING FROM 1939 RIGHT THROUGH TO 1945. THE LOSSES WERE A TOTAL OF 2603 SHIPS, 783 UBOATS AND OVER 30,000 SAILORS.

THEN WE ALSO HAD SHIPS AND MERCHANT NAVY PERSONNEL SERVING ON THE VERY DANGEROUS ARCTIC CONVOYS WHERE OVER 100 FURTHER SHIPS WERE LOST ALONG WITH OVER 3000 MERCHANT MARINERS. CREWMEN OF ANY SHIP SUNK, HAD LESS THAN A 5% CHANCE OF SURVIVAL, UNLESS PICKED UP QUICKLY FROM THE FREEZING NORTH ATLANTIC WATERS.

MERCHANT SEAMEN ALSO SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHILE RUNNING SUPPLIES TO THE ISLAND OF MALTA, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND OFF GREECE AND CRETE.

A NUMBER OF SHIPS HAD ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-SUBMARINE GUNS FITTED, TURNING THEM INTO “DEFENSIVELY ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS”, WITH NAVAL RATINGS POSTED ABOARD TO PROVIDE GUN CREWS. BUT IN PRACTICE, THESE GUNS WERE LITTLE DEFENCE AGAINST DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACKS.

AUSTRALIA DID NOT FARE WELL EITHER.

MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE AMONG THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS CAPTURED BY ENEMY FORCES DURING THE WAR. IN 1940, SEVERAL MEN WERE CAPTURED BY GERMAN RAIDERS OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. MERCHANT SHIPS IN THIS AREA OFTEN SAILED UNSCORTED, UNLESS THEY WERE CARRYING TROOPS OR COULD ACCOMPANY A TROOP CONVOY, SO THEY PROVED TO BE EASY PREY.

SOME MEN WERE TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR TO ITALIAN SOMALI LAND, BUT WERE RELEASED WHEN BRITISH FORCES OCCUPIED THE TERRITORY IN 1941. OTHERS WENT TO GERMANY AND A FEW TO ITALY. IN LATE 1941 AND EARLY 1942, SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER BY JAPANESE RAIDERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OR WHEN THEIR SHIPS WERE SUNK IN AIR OR SEA ATTACKS IN MALAYAN, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES OR NEW GUINEA WATERS.

FROM 1942, MANY MERCHANT SEAMEN SAILED IN THE REGULAR SUPPLY & HOSPITAL SHIP RUNS AROUND THE AUSTRALIAN COASTLINE AND TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SERVICING AUSTRALIAN, AMERICAN AND DUTCH FORCES.

MANY OF THE MERCHANT SHIPS WERE DUTCH OR AMERICAN, BUT AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING LINES SUCH AS BURNS PHILP, AUSTRALIAN UNITED STEAM NAVIGATION AND HUDDART PARKER, PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THIS THEATRE. MANY MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK BY JAPANESE SUBMARINES OR MINES, MOSTLY OFF AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST, OR ATTACKED BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN OPERATIONAL AREAS.

PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THESE WAS THE SINKING OF THE HOSPITAL SHIP THE "CENTAUR". MY MOTHER WAS A SERVING ARMY NURSE IN NEW GUINEA AT THE TIME AND COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THAT SHIP ON ONE OF HER TRIPS, BRINGING WOUNDED BACK FROM NEW GUINEA TO AUSTRALIA. THANKFULLY SHE WASN'T, BECAUSE I WOULD NOT BE HERE, ADDRESSING YOU THIS MORNING.

I PROUDLY WEAR HER SERVICE MEDALS ON MY RIGHT CHEST TODAY.

AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN CONTINUED SERVING IN EVERY THEATRE OF WAR. AUSTRALIA WAS A SIGNIFICANT PRIMARY PRODUCER, SENDING BULK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN AND INDIA, WHILE ALSO REQUIRING MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL SUPPLIES TO BE BROUGHT FROM BRITAIN, NORTH AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE.

SHIPPING LANES, REMAINED DANGEROUS PLACES, AS WAS THE AUSTRALIAN COAST. THE JAPANESE CONTINUED THEIR ASSAULT ON SHIPPING AROUND AUSTRALIA ,SINKING

30 SHIPS OFF NSW,  
5 OFF QLD,  
2 OFF VIC &  
4 OFF WA.

THE GERMANS ALSO HAD A ROGUE U BOAT ( U862) WHICH SANK 2 SHIPS OFF NSW AND 2 OFF SA.

50 SHIPS WERE LOST TO ENEMY ACTION OFF THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.  
45 SHIPS WERE ATTACKED &/OR SUNK BY SUBMARINES WITHIN AUSTRALIAN WATERS,  
5 SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN RAIDERS, AND  
2 OTHERS OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA, SUNK BY MINES.

BY THE END OF THE WAR, ALMOST 4,000 ALLIED SHIPS COMPRISING 175 WARSHIPS & 3,500 MERCHANT SHIPS HAD BEEN SUNK WITH THE LOSS OF 65,000 ALLIED NAVAL AND MERCHANT SAILORS. THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE MERCHANT NAVY MEMBERS.

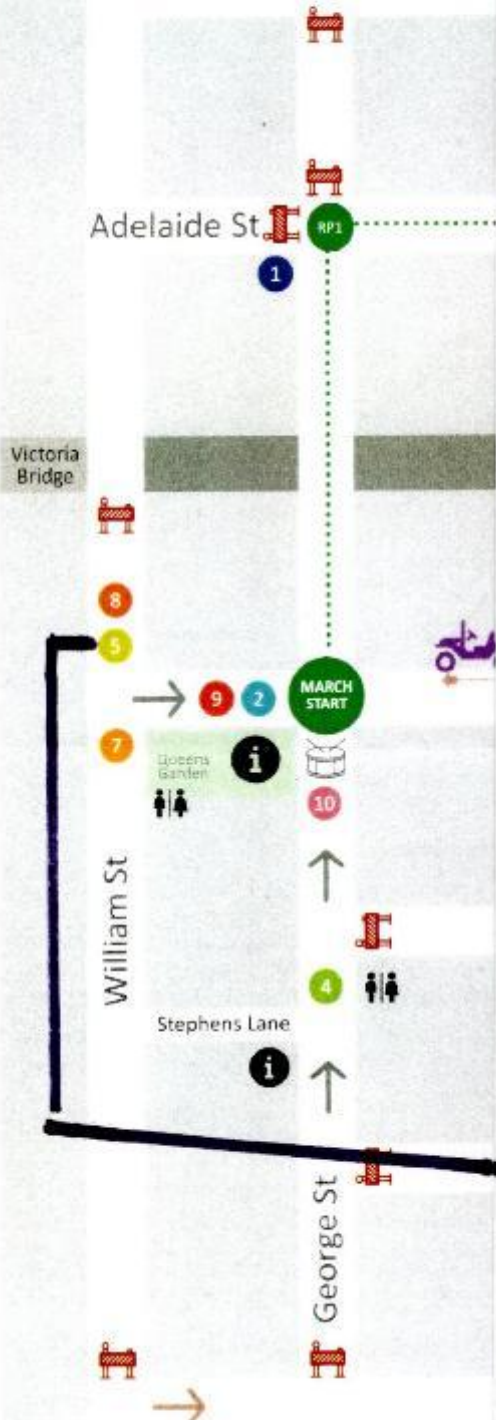
REGRETFULLY, THERE IS CONFLICTING AND CONFUSING HISTORICAL DATA IN RESPECT TO THE CORRECT NUMBERS OF "OFFICIAL" DEATHS DURING WWII. BUT, ACCORDING TO THE AWM WEBSITE ROLE OF HONOUR, AUSTRALIA HAD OVER 39,657 DEATHS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF SERVICE WITH AN AUSTRALIAN SERVICE DURING WWII.

OF THESE, 845 ARE AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT MARINERS LISTED IN THE ROLE OF HONOUR, WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, IN THEIR QUIET AND MOSTLY UNRECOGNISED SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY.

WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE AND MAY THEY REST IN PEACE,

LEST WE FORGET

# 2025 ANZA



## KEY

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| → Participant Flow                               | → Vehicle Flow                 |
| ..... March Path                                 | Jeep Loading Area              |
| Saluting Dais                                    | Jeep Holding Area              |
| Vehicle Entry Point<br>(For All Parade Vehicles) | <b>i</b> Information Tent      |
| Vehicle Exit point                               | → Vehicle Path to Holding Area |
| ABC TV Tower                                     | Buggy Shuttle Area             |
| Road Closure                                     | Equipment Truck                |
| Band Start/Finish                                | Veterans Exit Route            |
| Event Toilets                                    | Veterans Tent                  |

## ORDER OF MARCH (see Parade Programme)

- 1** Group 1 (FUP 9:45AM)
- 2** Group 2 (FUP 9:55AM)
- 3** Group 3 (FUP 10:10AM) - Army
- 4** Group 4 (FUP 10:25AM) - Army Assns
- 5** Group 5 (FUP 10:55AM) - RAN
- 6** Group 6 (FUP 11:10AM) - RAAF
- 7** Group 7 (FUP 11:25AM) - RAAF Assns
- 8** Group 8 (FUP 11:30AM) - Allied Assns
- 9** Group 9 (FUP 11:40AM) - Descendants
- 10** Group 10 (FUP 11:45AM) - Youth & Volunteer

# FEDERAL UPDATE FROM AGM and COURT MEETING HELD 5 APRIL 2025

## **2025 AGM**

The 2025 AGM was held at the Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne on 5 April. Reports from the Secretariat were presented and the Financial Record signed by the Auditor during the AGM.

## **Federal Levy due:**

The Federal Levy for 2025 will remain unchanged at \$75.00 per eligible member.

For 2026 the Levy will be \$80.00 per eligible member. This is in keeping with the rising costs of maintaining the Federal Secretariat.

## **Company email IDs**

The Queensland Court has been allocated [queensland@mastermariners.org.au](mailto:queensland@mastermariners.org.au)

## **Outstanding Achievement Award 2024:**

The Award will be presented to Mr. Reginald McNee. The submission on his behalf is attached.

## **Boulton Lecture 2025:**

The Queensland Branch has indicated they are interested in hosting the lecture in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2025. It would help if Branches could provide constructive suggestions for a significant topic and speaker. This does not preclude the other Branches from considering hosting the Bolton Lecture in 2025.

## **Master Mariner magazine**

We hope to have the next Master Mariner magazine drafted by May 2025. The theme of this issue will be 'Seafarer abandonment'. Please ask your respective members to source or write articles on the topic.

## **Collaboration with other maritime related agencies:**

The Federal office has been actively engaging with OSSA (Offshore and Specialist Ships Australia), WISTA (Women's International Shipping and Trading Association) and NI (Nautical Institute) with a view to providing mutual cooperation. If you are able to assist with improving association with these bodies or any other, please inform Federal Court.

## **Celebrating IMO International Day for Women in Maritime:**

The IMO's IDWM is on 18 May. In keeping with our efforts to form a social alliance with WISTA Branches are requested to investigate whether they can host WISTA members with a WISTA or other woman speaker at their May meeting.

**DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES AND VENUES IN YOUR DIARY**

<b>Thursday</b>	10 Apr	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Tuesday</b>	22 Apr	12:00	General <b>Guest Speaker from OSSA</b>	Royal on the Park
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25 April</b>	<b>10:40</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY PARADE</b>	<b>BNE CBD</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	8 May	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	29 May	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
<b>Thursday</b>	12 June	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26 June</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>LADIES</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10 July	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	31 July	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
<b>Thursday</b>	14 Aug	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	28 Aug	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14 Sept</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>SEAFARERS SERVICE</b>	<b>St Johns Anne Street</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	11 Sept	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 Sept	12:00	General	Royal on the Park
<b>Thursday</b>	9 Oct	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	30 Oct	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
<b>Thursday</b>	13 Nov	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>LADIES</b>	<b>T B A</b>

Our Quiz Master at the head of the table with the Port team settled in.



Squeezing in the remaining members for the Starboard team.

