



# The Voicepipe

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH  
February 2025

Next Meeting will be held on

**Thursday 27th February 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 \$ 70.00 per person**

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

**1800 for 1830 hours**

**This Meeting, our first for the year, is to re-unite and plan for our AGM.**

**BOULTON LECTURE**

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 24th FEBRUARY 2025 by

Phone (07) 3839 7551 or Mobile 0409 322 484

or [kkuiper@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kkuiper@ozemail.com.au)

or to PO Box 251, HAMILTON, Qld 4007

## Queensland Branch Court and Member Responsibilities 2024 - 2025

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>(Home)</u>	<u>(Business)</u>	<u>(E-mail/Fax/mobile)</u>	
Branch Master	Capt. Kasper Kuiper	3268-6616		<a href="mailto:kkuiper@ozemail.com.au">kkuiper@ozemail.com.au</a>	0409 322 484
Past Master	Capt. Ernest van Buuren	3899 0869	3234 3023	<a href="mailto:Ernest.van.Buuren@clydeco.com">Ernest.van.Buuren@clydeco.com</a>	0419 403 263
Hon. Secretary	Capt. Arthur Diack	3264 1674		<a href="mailto:diackaj@bigpond.net.au">diackaj@bigpond.net.au</a>	0412 220 698
Hon. Treasurer	Capt. Mike Handfield	3263-8487		<a href="mailto:michael.handfield@gmail.com">michael.handfield@gmail.com</a>	0407 177 419
Archivist	As above				
Branch Registrar	As above				
Court Member	Capt. William Burton	3886 9744		<a href="mailto:burton7@bigpond.com">burton7@bigpond.com</a>	0418 712 239
Hon. Editor	As above				
ANZAC Day	As above				
Court Member	T B A				
MN Welfare Soc.	T B A				
Court Member	Capt. Charles Lunn	3871 0782		<a href="mailto:candplunn@optusnet.com.au">candplunn@optusnet.com.au</a>	0412 749 518
Seafarers Day	As above				
Seafarers Day	Capt. Peter Marchbank	3300 1884		<a href="mailto:pmarchba@bigpond.net.au">pmarchba@bigpond.net.au</a>	0424 674 740
Seafarers Centre	Capt. Bochenski			<a href="mailto:minsbski@gmail.com">minsbski@gmail.com</a>	0418 290 812
Web Master	Capt. Mike Tyler	3378 5234		<a href="mailto:mrt Tyler90@outlook.com">mrt Tyler90@outlook.com</a>	
Chaplain	Rev Stephen Briggs	3267 5329		<a href="mailto:stephen.briggs@anglicanchurchsq.org.au">stephen.briggs@anglicanchurchsq.org.au</a>	0428 136 116
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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 FEBRUARY and MARCH

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR

#### In February

31 years J Dicker

#### In March

13 years B Bailey

47 years M Pearson

9 years K Soares

30 years M White KC

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO

#### In March

R Littler

A McClymont

A Munro

M Pearson

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

**BRANCH MASTER REPORT**

Welcome to our first edition of the Voicepipe for 2025 - our February edition!

I hope that 2025 is a happy and healthy year for you and your families.

I would like to thank you for supporting the branch and I do enjoy seeing the various members turn up for our monthly catch ups. This year there will be a mix of luncheons during the day and dinners at evening in the hope we can include as many members as possible, where other commitments usually get in the way of participation. If you aren't able to drive yourself, and can't find a lift with someone, the current 50c deal on public transport may be a viable alternative.

You are most likely aware that our March meeting is our AGM where all current officeholders stand down and make way for newcomers to have an opportunity as an office bearer. If you're thinking of putting your hand up for one of these roles, I would strongly encourage you to do so. If you need any further information to make up your mind, please reach out and I will be happy to discuss what these opportunities involve.

In the meantime, our February meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Royal on the Park at 1800h for 1830h. I hope to see many of you there.

If you need assistance to get to the meeting, please call out for assistance and we will see what we can make happen. Please try to come along and share your stories – we're very appreciative that you do!

Capt. Kasper Kuiper

Branch Master

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

**Minutes of the General Meeting and Ladies' Night held at the  
Royal on the Park Hotel on Thursday 5th December 2024**

**Present:** Captains, partners and guests Kasper Kuiper and Ms Louisa Schmidt and guests Rev & Mrs Stephen Briggs, William and Karin Burton, Arthur and Beverly Diack, John and Val Ellis, Mike and Sandy Handfield, Charles and Pat Lunn, Chris Mackey, Peter and Di Marchbank, Peter Murday and Kaye Sauer, and Mrs. Carolyn Williamson.

**Apologies:** Captains Bailey, Bochenski, Coy, Crowsley, Langford, Thompson, Tyler and Dr Michael White.

The meeting was opened by Captain Kuiper, Branch Master, at 1845 hours. Captain Kuiper welcomed members and their partners and guests to the meeting. He particularly welcomed Mrs Carolyn Williamson.

Grace was said by Branch Chaplain Briggs.

Captain Kuiper then apologised for the need to hold a short Branch meeting to deal with regular business.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the general meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 were circulated in the November edition of the Voicepipe. They were proposed by Captain Kuiper as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Captain Diack and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Business Account Transactions for Current Year 2024**

	Description	Income	Expenses
	<b>Opening balance 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>\$6,021.43</b>	
1	2024 Subscriptions	\$3,245.00	
2	2025 Subscriptions	\$280.00	
3	Meetings	\$7,745.00	
4	Refund of bank charges	\$60.00	
5	Goods for sale	32.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,362.00</b>	
1	Bank Charges		\$95.00
2	Meeting Catering		\$7,272.00
3	Post Box Rental		\$174.00
4	Donation to M. N. War Memorial Fund		\$400.00
5	Voicepipe production and postage		\$133.65
6	Donation to Seafarers Day Committee		\$200.00
7	Purchase of Presentation Plaque for Captain Kuiper		\$45.00
8	Capitation Fees for 2024		\$2,850.00
9	Donation for Brisbane Seafarers Centre Bus		\$5,000.00
10	Presentation to Speakers at June Meeting		153.99
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$16,323.64</b>
	<b>Closing balance 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>\$1,059.79</b>	

- **Investment Account**

- Interest received on 18<sup>th</sup> January and reinvested \$1,052.91.
- Balance on 30<sup>th</sup> October = \$27,375.63
- Funds now reinvested for one year at 4.25%

- **Branch Account with CBA.**

- With the Business Account down to less than \$500, the intention is that when the Investment Account matures in January, \$5,500 will be transferred to the Business Account before re-investing the remainder of the investment.
- Renewal of our \$500 Corporate Membership of the Queensland Maritime Museum has been paid by your Treasurer and will be reclaimed in January. This payment is not recorded in the above balances.

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

***Nominations for Membership:***

There were no nominations for membership.

***Branch Master's Report:***

This was published in the November Voicepipe.

***General Business:***

1. Captain Diack invited the members to stand and to drink a toast to our ladies as a gesture of appreciation for their ongoing support. Members stood and joined in the toast. Captain Kuiper also presented the ladies in attendance with a gift as a further token of appreciation.
2. Captain Burton thanked Captain Kuiper for hosting the recent ICHCA Long Lunch at Queensland Maritime Museum on 15<sup>th</sup> November. He commented that those attending had found the presentation about the restoration of the pearling lugger "Penguin" very interesting.
3. Captain Burton also reported that he had then attended a Trivia Night sponsored by WISTA which raised \$546.00 to be donated to the Mission to Seafarers. He is currently in discussion with WISTA developing a MOU.
4. Captain Mackey commented that he had recently been on a visit to the United States. He visited the Liberty ship s.s. "Jeremiah O'Brien" which operates cruises in San Francisco Harbour. He also visited Texas, where he was impressed by the huge windfarms. He also found the level of maritime activity impressive.

There being no further business, members and guests proceeded to enjoy a very fine meal rounded off with coffee. General conversation on a variety of subjects continued throughout.

At the conclusion of the evening, Captain Kuiper thanked members and ladies and guests for their participation in a very enjoyable evening. He then wished all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Members then exchanged seasonal greetings and began to take their leave.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the Royal on the Park Hotel at 1800 hours, place and time to be confirmed.

*Arthur Diack*

Honorary Branch Secretary.

Hon Ed thanks our Brisbane River Reporter for this article.

**DAILY COLLECTION OF MARITIME PRESS CLIPPINGS 2024– 325**



Back on the paddle ski on the Brisbane River on Sunday morning for the 1st time in a month. Maiden voyage **UNION TRADER** departed for Geelong after part discharging ferts ex Fangcheng. 1st time I've seen 2 Smit Lamnalco tugs assigned to a job (**SL AWOONGA** ex Gladstone and **SL FITZROY** ex Townsville). And 1st time I've seen 6 serious tugs working at the same time in Bris. In addition to above the 4 Svitzer tugs engaged on tankers **STI MAGIC** and **KMARIN RELIANCE**. Photo's : Chris Mackey ©



Dinner with our Ladies on 5 Dec at The Royal



An enjoyable meeting and dinner with Grace said by our Branch Chaplain.



60 year old CMMA membership card - Harry was my grandfather.



The Company of  
Master Mariners  
of Australia

Master:  
Field-Marshal, Sir William Slim  
G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,  
G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., K.St.J.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

1958

Name..... Captain H. Murday.

Roll No. 123.....

BRISBANE

Phone FA 1871      Address: Box 1542V, G.P.O.  
Meetings — Last Wednesday each month at C.T.A.  
Club Rooms, Elizabeth Street, at 7.30 p.m.

SYDNEY

Phone BU 1756      Address: Box 2439, G.P.O.  
Meetings — Third Wednesday each month at  
Lyceum Club, 77 King Street, at 7.30 p.m.

PORT ADELAIDE

Address: Box 1, P.O., Port Adelaide  
Meetings — As arranged at Semaphore Club,  
Esplanade.

FREMANTLE

Address: Box 187, G.P.O., Fremantle.  
Meetings — Last Wednesday each month at  
Exchange Club, Phillimore Street, Fremantle.

MELBOURNE

Address: Box 4091, G.P.O., Melbourne.  
Meetings — Second last Tuesday in each month  
at Board Room, Melbourne Harbour Trust, at  
8 p.m.

NEWCASTLE

Address: Box 82A, G.P.O., Newcastle.  
Meetings — Last Thursday each month at Great  
Northern Stev. Co's. office, at 7.30 p.m.

WISTA Trivia Night, held on 14 Nov, raising money for The Mission with other Port Companies.



Closest to the champagne bottle....with all the questions and scoring run from the laptop.



Then on 12 December we re-assembled to pack bags for the Ship Crews in Port.

With help from Les Gillespie and Bill Farmer



Once again the Chapel was packed out



# FEDERAL UPDATE FROM COURT MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2024

## **Governor General as Master of the Company:**

We are still in discussion with the office of the Governor General regards assuming the role of Master of the Company. Until such time, we should remove all references to the Governor General being the Master of the Company. Please check your letterheads.

Please note, issue of new member certificates will unfortunately be held up until we have a Master to sign them.

**The Office intends to progress consideration of patronages by the end of March 2025. In this time you will either receive confirmation of acceptance or otherwise of patronage, an update if consideration is ongoing and/or an update of a revised timeline.**

**Rob Ayling | Director Communications and Creativity**

**Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General  
Government House, Canberra ACT 2600**

## **Incoming Federal Registrar:**

Capt Royce Spencer of the Western Australia Branch has been appointed Federal Registrar, taking over from Capt Dick Whittington. The Federal Court noted Capt Whittington's contribution to the office and thanked him for his meticulous record keeping.

Please note Capt Spencer's contact details: E: [retycemarine@gmail.com](mailto:retycemarine@gmail.com) M: 0419 937 783

Please direct all Registrar correspondence to Royce. Thank you.

## **New CoMMA website:**

Construction of the new CoMMA website is ongoing. The design has been finalised and you can view the sample at <https://www.mastermariners.org.au/mm4/>.

Branches are requested to review the website, its content and images and to provide feedback. The Members Login page is still under construction.

## **Federal Webmaster position**

The Federal Webmaster Capt Mike Tyler has suggested that it is time for a younger person to take over as Webmaster. Branches are asked to request expressions of interest from their members.

**The Report requests each Branch nominate a member to update their respective Branch page.**

**The Webmaster advised there has been no feedback to News articles posted on website.**

**The Western Australia Branch have put forward a person to take over from Capt Mike Tyler, the current Webmaster. Federal Court requested further details on the credentials of the proposed person.**

**DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2025**  
**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES AND VENUES IN YOUR DIARY**

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