



The Voicepipe

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia
QUEENSLAND BRANCH
July 2025

Next Meeting will be held on

Thursday 31st July 2025

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

Two Choices from Three 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**

1800 for 1830 hours

This Meeting, our sixth for the year, is to plan for the 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 28th JULY 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 AUGUST

CONGRATULATIONS FOR

21 years S. Ballantyne
29 years C. Coy
18 years C. Langford

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO

M. Bochenski
C. Coy
C. Lunn
P. Marchbank
G. Martin

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QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

BRANCH MASTER REPORT

Welcome to the July edition of the Voicepipe.

The June Ladies lunch was well attended - 22 in total - including several ladies from WISTA which made it a very enjoyable occasion. The food and discussions were great and it went on for some time until the Royal on the Park suggested it was time to leave. What more could you wish for on such a nice day, but great food and wine, excellent company and lovely surroundings.

There is no update on federal news at this time. I will let you know when there is something.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 31st July, 1800h for 1830h, at the Royal on the Park. This will be our usual 2 course meal with wine and coffee.

For our members who aren't in the best of health but would like to attend these meetings, please let us know so that we can try to make it happen for you.

I hope to see many of you on Thursday 31st July at the Royal on the Park.

Capt. Kasper Kuiper
Branch Master

DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2025				
PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES AND VENUES IN YOUR DIARY				
Thursday	10 July	10:30	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	31 July	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
Thursday	14 Aug	10:30	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	28 Aug	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
Sunday	14 Sept	13:00	SEAFARERS SERVICE	St Johns Anne Street
Thursday	11 Sept	10:30	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	25 Sept	12:00	General	Royal on the Park
Thursday	9 Oct	10:30	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	30 Oct	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
Thursday	13 Nov	10:30	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	27 Nov	18:00	LADIES	T B A

**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA
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**Minutes of the General Meeting and Ladies' Lunch held at the
Royal on the Park Hotel on Wednesday 26th June 2025.**

Members Present: Captains and partners Kasper Kuiper and daughter Louisa Schmidt, Bill and Carol Bailey, William and Karin Burton, Chris and Ros Coy, Arthur and Beverly Diack, John and Val Ellis, Mike and Sandy Handfield, Charles and Pat Lunn, Chris Thompson.

Guests: Ms. Carolyn Williamson, Ms Sherie Evans, Ms Rebecca Flynn, Mrs Jenny Ruffell-Smith and Mrs Liesl Tziolis. Sherie, Rebecca, Jenny, and Liesl are members of the Queensland Branch of Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA Australia).

Apologies: Captains Ballantyne, Bochenski, Crowsley, Kavanagh, Langford, Mackey, Marchbank, Tyler, Williams, Dr. M. White, and Rev. S. Briggs, and Mrs. Chris Thompson and Mrs Judith Johnson.

Captain Kuiper, Branch Master, opened the meeting at 1235 hours. He welcomed members, wives, partners and guests to the meeting. He particularly extended a warm welcome to Captain Bill and Carol Bailey and Carolyn Williamson and the representatives of WISTA. He commented that this meeting was primarily an opportunity to socialise with other members and their partners and to enjoy a very pleasant lunch. Captain Diack said the grace.

Captain Kuiper apologised to the gathering that there were a few items of business to address before we dined.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the general meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2025 were circulated to members in the June edition of the Voicepipe. Captain Kuiper proposed that they be accepted as a true record of that meeting. This was seconded by Captain Handfield and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Business Account Balance 1 st May 2025			\$8,802.79
1	Meetings	\$995.00	
2	Catering April and May Meetings		-\$1,476.50
3	Bank Charges		-\$ 15.00
	25th June Closing Balance		\$8,306.29

- Captain Kerkenezov has paid 2025 Subscriptions twice. His bank refused to bank a refund cheque for \$70 so this amount is to be carried over towards his 2026 Subscription.

	Investment Account Balance at 1st January 2025		\$27,375.63
	Transferred from the Investment Account on 20 th January	-\$5,000.00	
	Interest earned at maturity on 20 th .January 2025	+\$1,166.65	
	Reinvested on 20th January for 8 months at 4.45% interest		\$23,542.28

Captain Handfield proposed that this report be accepted as a true record of the Branch finances. This was seconded by Captain Burton and carried.

Nominations for Membership:

There were no nominations for membership.

Branch Master's Report:

This was published in the June 2025 Voicepipe.

General Business:

1. Captain Diack commented that Wednesday 25th June was designated by the United Nations as the Day of the Seafarer. The Secretary-General has recorded a message to mark the occasion. This is available on the internet.
2. Captain Burton reported that he had attended a fund-raising function at the Mission to Seafarers (MTS). Many of our members were also there. The function was well attended and was a success.
3. Captain Kuiper commented the MTS will move from its present site to a new building near the Port offices. Port of Brisbane will cover all removal costs.
4. Captain Burton circulated invitations to two upcoming events:
 - a. The Marine Industry Careers Group will hold a Maritime Careers Day on 29th July at the Multi-User Terminal at the Port of Brisbane. A wide range of company representatives will be available to talk to visitors about the career opportunities available in the broader maritime industry.
 - b. The Camp Columbia Heritage Association will hold an International Symposium entitled "Allied Co-operation in Brisbane during WWII: Australia, USA, Netherlands, UK" on 30-31 August 2025 at the University of Queensland. Full details can be found on the Camp Columbia website.

This completed the business segment of the meeting.

Captain Kuiper then, on behalf of all members, expressed our appreciation of the support our ladies have given and continue to give us. Members rose and joined him in a Toast to the Ladies.

Members and guests present enjoyed an excellent lunch and stimulating conversation over a wide range of subjects.

Following lunch, Captain Kuiper invited one of the WISTA guests to tell us a little about WISTA. Jenny Ruffel-Smith responded, thanking the Company for making WISTA members feel so welcome at this

lunch. She continued by noting that the involvement of women in the maritime industry continues to increase. She referred to the recently signed Mutual participation Agreement between WISTA and CoMMA and is looking forward to an increasing level of mutual support as both organisations work together to raise the profile of the maritime industry.

General discussion then continued over coffee.

Captain Kuiper thanked everyone for their contribution to a very enjoyable lunchtime meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home. The meeting concluded at about 1520 hours.

The next general meeting will be on Thursday 31st July 2025 at the Royal on the Park Hotel, commencing at the usual time of 1800 hours, to be confirmed.

Arthur Diack

Honorary Branch Secretary.

June Ladies Lunch with WISTA Members





