



# The Voicepipe

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH  
March 2025

Next Meeting will be held on

**Thursday 27th March 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**

**1800 for 1830 hours**

**This Meeting, our second for the year, is to hold our AGM  
followed by THE QUIZ, conducted by Capt. Marchbank**

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 MARCH 2025 by

Phone (07) 3839 7551 or Mobile 0409 322 484

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

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## Queensland Branch Court and Member Responsibilities 2024 - 2025

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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 APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS FOR

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO

44 years      Capt. M Bochenski  
2 years      Capt. T Foster  
4 years      Capt. L Gilby

Capt. B Gray  
Capt C. Marshall

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

**BRANCH MASTER REPORT**

Welcome to the March edition of the Voicepipe, our second for the year.

The February meeting had 11 attendees, and I would like to thank those who attended for showing their support of the Company. The food was nice, even though we had to pay a little more than we usually do – the cost of living crisis is hitting everyone and everywhere.

The Royal on the Park remains a good location for our meeting and in future, the metro station will be only 100 metres away, making it very accessible for everyone.

As we usually do, the March meeting is also our AGM, and I would encourage all our members to attend if possible. As mentioned in last month's Voicepipe, all committee become available and you are welcome to put your hand up for a position.

This year we will have Capt Peter Marchbank as our Quiz Master and I have no doubt he will grill us from port side to starboard, making our brains work and teasing us until the end. I'm already looking forward to it.

The AGM for the Federal Court will be held on 5 April in Melbourne, and I will let you know if there is anything to report.

For our members who aren't in the best of health, please let us know if we can be of assistance and we will be more than happy to see what we can do to help.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1800h for 1830h. I hope to see many of you there.

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> February 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Captains Kuiper, Burton, Coy, Diack, J Ellis, Handfield, Lunn, Marchbank, Murday and Thompson and Rev. S. Briggs.

**APOLOGIES:** Captains Bailey, Ballantyne, Bochenski, Crowsley, Kavanagh, Mackey, Tyler, Williams and Dr. M. White.

The meeting was opened by Captain Kuiper at 1835 hours. Captain Kuiper welcomed members to our first meeting for 2025, and extended best wishes to members who are unwell.

Grace was said by Rev. Briggs.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the general meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were circulated in the February 2025 edition of the "Voicepipe". They were proposed by Captain Kuiper as a true record of that meeting. Seconded by Captain Diack and carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>Business Account Opening Balance 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>\$733.79</b>
Annual Subscriptions for 2025 - paid in 2025	\$2,135.00		
\$5,000 was transferred from the Investment Account on 20 <sup>th</sup> January	\$5,000.00		
Outstanding catering bill of \$10 from December Meeting		-\$10.00	
February Meeting	\$350.00		
Bank Charges		-\$20.00	
<b>Closing Balance on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>			<b>\$8,188.79</b>

- It should be noted that \$390 of 2025 Subscriptions were paid in 2024 and are included in the opening balance but have not been included in the Subscriptions total above.
- A reminder email was sent to all 'late payers' at the beginning of February.

<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>

- A cheque for \$500 will be presented shortly to reimburse the Hon. Treasurer for payment of Queensland Maritime Museum membership on behalf of the Branch.
- In future the Treasurer's report will only be for the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding the Meeting.

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

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

**FEDERAL COURT REPORT:**

An update on Federal Court items discussed at the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 meeting was published in the February 2025 Voicepipe. Captain Burton spoke to these items.

He also raised items from the Federal Court meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025: -

- The Federal Treasurer and Secretary have met with WISTA (Women's International Shipping and Trading Association) to explore opportunities for cooperation between our two organisations. WISTA is preparing a Partnership Agreement to formalize links between the two organisations.
- The Federal Secretary is assisting OSSA (Offshore and Specialist Ships Australia) with their Schools program which provides maritime career information to high school and TAFE students. A representative of OSSA has been invited to speak to our Branch general meeting in April.
- Federal Court is proposing to raise the Federal Levy on Branches from \$75.00 to \$80.00 for 2026.

There was one new membership application to be read:

Sudhir Prakash MISTRY Ordinary member West Australian Branch.

As there was no adverse comment on the applicant, Captain Diack confirmed that he would endorse the reading and return it to the Federal Secretary.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Captain Kuiper asked for the reaction of members to the proposed increased federal levy. After some discussion, members accepted that it was justifiable.
2. Rev. Briggs advised members that Navy Week this year will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March. As an introduction to the week, a Sunset ceremony was held in King George Square. HMAS "Choules" is in port and will be open to the public as part of Navy Week.
3. Captain Marchbank advised that the annual Seafarers' Service would be held in St John's Cathedral on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 1200 hours TBC.
4. Captain Kuiper invited Captain Marchbank to be the Quiz Master at our annual general meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Captain Marchbank accepted the challenge.
5. Captain Kuiper read out a letter from the management of the Royal on the Park Hotel requesting that we increase our payment for our meal to \$75.00 for the remainder of 2025. After some discussion, members agreed that the increase was reasonable given the quality of the meal.
6. Captain Kuiper expressed his continuing wish for the Branch to hold a Boulton lecture in the second half of this year. This proposal was discussed with concerns about the cost, and the difficulty of obtaining a suitable speaker who would attract industry interest. It was agreed that members would give this some thought.

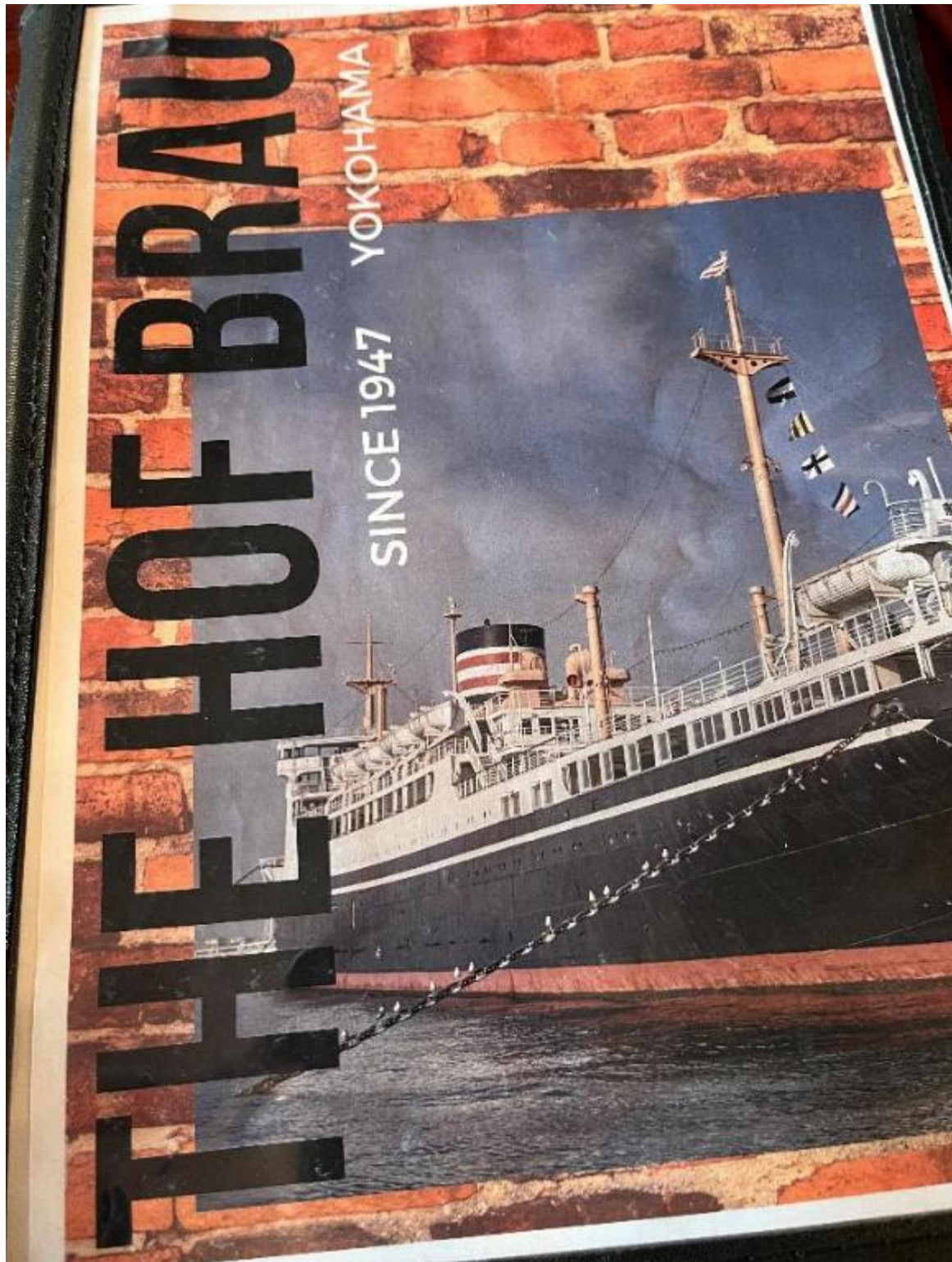
There being no further general business, members enjoyed a fine meal and engaged in general discussion on a range of topics.

Captain Kuiper thanked members for their attendance at a very enjoyable meeting. He reminded members that the March meeting is also our AGM. He then wished members a safe journey home and closed the meeting at 2055 hours.

The next general meeting, including our Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Royal on the Park Hotel, commencing at 1800 for 1830 hours, TBC.

*Arthur Diack*  
Honorary Branch Secretary.

With thanks to Capt. Marcus Bochenski for including us in his travels.



## ANZAC DAY PARADE BRISBANE COMMITTEE

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As the Company Representative to this event, I attended the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March, with the following report now presented to all Members.

The Chair was available and conducted a quick meeting.

He introduced the, only 2, new shirts to be worn by Marshalls and Volunteers. Additional money has been received from the State Government and Brisbane City Council which will be going towards Media, bunting on the scaffolding during the Parade and the new shirts.

Points raised from the meeting:

Along Adelaide Steet the only area of Cats Eyes Is near the Saluting Dias and VIP Tent, which are both now located on the left side of the road. Before and after have been completed and a new surface laid.

The fence on our right side as we approach the Saluting area is there due to Police caution. The Parade, as we did last year, swerves to avoid the continuing work on the side of the Dias. Police inform that this is too close to the Public and may lead to a Serving Member being stabbed / assaulted.

There are two interviews prepared and were to be shown to the Meeting, but the laptop would not co-operate. We will be advised when they are uploaded to Facebook.

Confirmed that 2026 will see the RAN lead the Parade.

The question was would this occur again in 2028 to get back into the 'normal' three Service rotation. The reply – taken under consideration.

For 2025 the ARMY leads to honour the 110 years since the Gallipoli Landings.

We are forming up in our usual place, which is described as:

William Street facing Elizabeth, alongside Treasury Casino.

Flag number - 5

Step off time – 10:55

Following the usual route to the breakout area

William Burton  
ANZAC Day Parade Brisbane  
Committee Representative

# 2025 ANZA



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| Band Start/Finish                                | Veterans Exit Route          |
| Event Toilets                                    | Veterans Tent                |

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# 2025 ANZAC DAY PARADE BRISBANE MAP



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Have included this to show the development of the Parade Logo

Further information at: <http://www.rlsouthqueensland.org/anzac-day-parade>

ROLL NUMBERS OF CMMA(Q) MEMBERS WHOSE 2025 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE				
2560				2995

# FEDERAL UPDATE FROM COURT MEETING HELD 6 FEBRUARY 2025

## **2025 AGM**

The 2025 AGM will be held as a physical meeting in Melbourne on 5 April. Further information regards AGM arrangements will be supplied in the first week of March.

## **Federal Levy due:**

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

However, Federal Court has suggested raising the Levy in 2026 to \$80.00 per eligible member. This is in keeping with the rising costs of maintaining the Federal Secretariat.

## **Company email IDs**

Federal Court was not in favour of allotting a dedicated email account (with email extension “@mastermariners.org.au”) to each Branch office bearer. However, the Court is offering each Branch a dedicated email account, similar to Melbourne Branch ([melbourne@mastermariners.org.au](mailto:melbourne@mastermariners.org.au)). Please advise if you are interested in acquiring one.

## **Outstanding Achievement Award 2024:**

Please submit your nominees and supporting justification by end-March 2025, for review by the Federal Court at the April meeting.

The Award is presented to a person or persons each year, for their outstanding service to the maritime industry of Australia and to seafarers in particular.

## **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

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 <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>
Thursday	8 May	10:00	Court	Hamilton
Thursday	29 May	18:00	General	Royal on the Park
Thursday	12 June	10:00	Court	Hamilton
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26 June</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>LADIES</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>LADIES</b>	<b>T B A</b>