

# Blueprint for a Maritime Nation



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DRAFT UPDATED: 9 APRIL 2024

**13-15 MAY 2024**  
HILTON HOTEL, BRISBANE

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**PETER JENNINGS, PSM**  
SENIOR FELLOW,  
STRATEGIC ANALYSIS  
AUSTRALIA



**TONY WOOD**  
ENERGY PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR, GRATTAN  
INSTITUTE

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# Order of Events

**MONDAY 13 MAY 2024**

**6.00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Welcome Reception**

Poolside at Hilton Brisbane

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Day 1 - Conference**

Ballroom at Hilton Brisbane

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**6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Gala Dinner**

Howard Smith Wharves

**WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Day 2 - Conference**

Ballroom at Hilton Brisbane

# Welcome Reception



6.00 PM - 8:00 PM

MONDAY 13 MAY 2024

Welcome drinks and canapes

Poolside at Hilton Brisbane

# Day One

EVENT PROGRAM



09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

## Session 1 and summit opening

Welcome to Country

Federal Government Address Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Queensland Government Address Hon Grace Grace MP, Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Racing

Federal Opposition Address Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Development (invited)

Keynote Address Peter Jennings PSM, Senior Fellow, Strategic Analysis Australia

## Panel 1: Australian strategic maritime capability and our place in the world

*Recent years have demonstrated the strategic importance of a strong and enduring sovereign maritime industry for national defence and supply chain security. Panellists will articulate the pressing need for Australia to focus on reaffirming itself as a maritime nation.*

### **Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN (Retd)**

Peter Jennings PSM, Senior Fellow, Strategic Analysis Australia

Commodore Ashley Papp CSC, RAN Director General Littoral

Angus Mitchell, Chief Commissioner, Australian Transport Safety Bureau

## Morning tea

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

## Session 2 - Human capital, the cornerstone of a maritime nation

Strategic skills overview

Paul Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Industry Skills Australia

### Panel 2: Attracting and retaining a skilled workforce

*Most industries in Australia and beyond are facing worker shortages, but never before has the Australian shipping industry faced such an acute skills crisis as we do now. Tragically, this was predicted though the reasons are complex. We must now focus on actively promoting the sector's diverse and rewarding careers to ensure we attract the best and brightest from all walks of life.*

#### **Ricky Rouse, Director - Deputy President Australasian Marine Pilots Institute**

Captain Himanshu Chopra, Managing Director, Anglo Eastern

Nell Payne, Chief Operating Officer, NRMA Expeditions

Captain Ryan Gaskin, Director of Navy International Engagement, Royal Australian Navy

Guy Platten, Secretary General International Chamber of Shipping

Amelia Fitzgerald, 3rd Mate, SeaRoad Shipping

### Panel 3: Developing a skilled maritime workforce

*The traditional Australian maritime training landscape presents challenges for employers, new entrants and those wishing to upskill. What can we learn from other industries and nations; what is being done at the strategic and practical level to address barriers; and should Australia pursue a Maritime Centre of Excellence.*

#### **Tony Wilks, Chair Jobs and Skills Council**

Malcolm Wise OAM, Principal, Australian Maritime College

Grant Judson, Manager Seafarer Certification and Coastal Pilotage, AMSA

Captain Jo Evan Tomren, Managing Director, Norwegian Training Center

Michaela Moss, Senior Manager Marine Compliance and Training, Port of Brisbane

Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM



1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

## Session 3 - The Australian blue economy - new and emerging economic activity in our maritime nation

### Panel 4: Capitalising on Australia's natural advantage

*Australian maritime activity is diverse, and as the world's largest island continent, Australia is blessed with an incredibly large ocean estate and the natural resource endowment that brings – fisheries, tourism, oil gas and renewable resource extraction, along with regulation and scientific research underpins the benefits this large ocean estate brings to the nation. Building national maritime capability and resilience is critical to ensuring these benefits are maximised and lasting.*

**Stephen Thompson, Partner, Colin Biggers and Paisley**

David Carter, Chief Executive Officer, Austral Fisheries

Angela Williamson, Director Blue Policy & Planning Blue Economy, Cooperative Research Centre

Sam Hinton MBA MAICD, Ship Management Program Director - Marine National Facility, CSIRO

Jeff Gillies, Commercial Director, Coral Expeditions (invited)

### Panel 5: Offshore wind, the changing face of Australian offshore activity

*Australia is on the verge of an offshore resource activity revolution, with offshore wind developments planned for the Victorian, NSW, Tasmanian, SA and WA coasts. Development of the resource is not without challenges as supply chain and workforce bottlenecks are foreshadowed. What is clear is that to maximise local content in construction and maintenance, work needs to begin now to build sovereign capability.*

**Hazel Brasington, Consultant, Ashurst**

Jordan Glanville, Technical Director, Oceanex Energy

Stuart Edgar, Executive General Manager Vessel Services, MMA Offshore

Craig Carmody, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Newcastle (invited)

David Blowers, Director Engagement, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (invited)

Afternoon tea

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM



## Session 4 - Creating the right business environment to sustain and future proof a maritime nation

### Panel 6: Policy certainty and a competitive environment

*Australian shipping has been in decline for decades. High labour costs and gradual withdrawal of supportive policies since the 90's has made it nearly impossible for Australian shipping to compete on cost basis. As a result our sovereign maritime capability has eroded, leaving us vulnerable to supply chain shock and the critical skills shortage we are currently experiencing. Attracting investment through stable, and internationally competitive regulatory and fiscal settings and a workable industrial relations environment is critical to rebuilding the industry.*

**Angela Gillham, Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Industry Australia Ltd**

Iain Spittal, Partner, PKF Australia

Chris Schultz, GM Business Development & Inland Business, ANL Container Line

Jamie Newlyn, Assistant National Secretary, Maritime Union of Australia

Andrew Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)

### Panel 7: Preparing for the energy transition

*The Australian economy must rapidly decarbonise, which requires a decoupling of economic growth from fossil fuels. Transport contributes ~20% of Australia's total emissions, while maritime is a tiny proportion of this. As solutions are found for other modes, the proportional contribution of maritime will grow - with no clear decarbonisation pathway in sight - particularly for large ships. In preparation for Day 2, the panel will discuss the challenges and opportunities that exist as we decarbonise our domestic economy.*

**Matthew Forwood, Energy Systems, DNV**

Ian Porter, Strategic Advisor Net Zero, DITRDCA (invited)

Alana Barlow, Deputy Director-General Hydrogen and Future Fuels, Queensland Department of Energy and Climate (invited)



# Gala Dinner



6.00 PM - 10:00 PM

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024**

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MC and speakers to be announced

Howard Smith Wharves

# Day Two

EVENT  
PROGRAM



09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

## Session 1 and summit opening

Welcome

Angela Gillham, Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Industry Australia Ltd

State Government Address

To be confirmed

Keynote Address

Tony Wood, Energy Program Director, Grattan Institute

## Morning tea

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

## Session 2 - The enablers of decarbonisation

### Panel 1: Policy and regulation as an enabler

*It's not often that industry asks for more regulation but in the context of decarbonisation regulation plays a critical role in leveling the playing field, setting the ground rules, and building the required integrity in calculations on lifecycle emissions to ensure genuine emissions reductions. Regulation will be critical to maritime decarbonisation.*

**Taylor Wamberg, Regional Maritime Commercial Markets Manager, Lloyd's Register**

Ben Cattle, Principal Advisor Emerging Vessel Technology, AMSA

Marieke Beckmann, Deputy Director Decarbonisation, Global Maritime Forum

Teresa Lloyd, Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer, Carnival Australia

David Stephens, Director Maritime Environment Trade, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (invited)

David Bartnik, Head of Innovation, Svitzer

### Panel 2: Finance and investment as an enabler

*The finance industry is a key stakeholder in maritime decarbonisation from the perspective of ship and infrastructure finance. What are the things financiers are looking for and is there a role for government? The integration of climate goals into financing decisions is growing and driving some positive carbon reduction outcomes. What are some of the barriers to financing green energy projects – is guaranteed offtake a prerequisite?*

**Adrian MacMillan, Head of New Energy Shipping, Woodside Energy**

Margaret Elias, Director, Climate Finance, NAB (invited)

Matt McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Searoad Ferries

Jonathan Abrahams, Head of Maritime Advisory, DNV (invited)

Fiona Scholes, ASLET Program Manager, CSIRO

Lunch

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## Session 3 - Progress on New Energy Generation and Uptake in Australia

### Panel 3: Energy production and green molecule transportation

*Australia has a wealth of renewable energy generation potential. Major green methanol and hydrogen production projects have succeeded in attracting the necessary investment to begin demonstration and pilot projects. But reaching full commercial production, at a scale that could provide supply certainty to the shipping industry is not without its challenges. Aligning the goals of a decarbonised shipping industry with the transport of green fuels around the world may help to create the synergies and economies of scale required.*

#### **Moderator to be confirmed**

David Stribley, Co-Founder, HAMR Energy

Simon Talbot, Director - Commercial, ABEL Energy

Guy Platten, Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping

Other panelists to be confirmed

### Panel 4: Industry progress

*In the absence of a strong imperative to do so, the Australian Maritime industry is already implementing the low hanging fruit - energy efficiency technology, retrofitting and electrifying and adopting new technology where available.*

#### **Mike Watt, Director Future Shipping Team, South Asia & Pacific, Bureau Veritas**

Emily Pointon, ESG Director, CSL Ships Australia

Ashar Khan, New Build Projects Australia & Pacifics - Marine Power, Wärtsilä

Michael McCourt, Chief Operating Officer, Incat (invited)

Captain Andrew Stewart, Marine Advisor, ANL Container Line

Afternoon tea

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

## Session 4 - Progress on decarbonising Australian maritime

### Panel 5: Safety considerations, social license and training the workforce

*The production, safe storage and handling requirements of new energy are raising a range of safety, social license and training considerations. Seafarers will need to be trained to safely handle new types of fuels and to facilitate access ports will need to store and provide the infrastructure to supply hazardous substances, like ammonia, requiring carefully managed community education and consultation to obtain the necessary social licence.*

**Jeff Molony, Managing Director, MAN Energy**

Laurent Ruhlmann, Director HSEQ, Yara Clean Ammonia

Minerva Lim, Senior Sustainability Manager, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (invited)

Dr Hossein "Behrooz" Enshaei, Associate Professor, Australian Maritime College

Martin Byrne, Federal President, Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers

### Panel 6: Infrastructure and port readiness

*Ports will play an essential role in facilitating maritime decarbonisation. Leveraging a port's proximity to green energy production projects and feedstocks assists to keep costs down and support the production and offtake business case. However, ports must begin to include the supply of new fuels into their strategic planning, particularly those located at either end of an emerging green shipping corridor. Complicating the picture in Australia is the differing port ownership structures in Australia, the interplay and delineation of responsibility for addressing scope 1 and 2 and 3 emissions and the scale of the investment required for new energy storage and delivery infrastructure.*

**Moderator to be confirmed**

Craig Wilson, Head of Sustainability, Port of Brisbane

Kei Kato, Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping (invited)

Craig Haymes, Chief Executive Officer, Gladstone Ports Corporation (invited)

Cameron Butchart, Global Product Lead, Wärtsilä



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