

Melbourne Branch

The Log
The Monthly Newsletter of the Melbourne Branch of
The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited

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- **Melbourne Branch Meeting - 24 February, 2016**
1800 hrs Wednesday 24 February, 2016
Francis Castellino, The Role of The Chief Investigator,
Transport Safety
- **Melbourne AGM & Branch Meeting - 30 March, 2016**
1800 hrs Wednesday 30 March, 2016
Bilal Ali Khan, ANL, The Container Trade in Australia
- **Melbourne AGM & Branch Meeting - 27 April, 2016**
1800 hrs Wednesday 30 March, 2016
Speaker TBC

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From the Branch Master



In A number of interesting events have occurred since our last meeting in November. The Government's Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill was defeated in the Senate on 26th November. Those who opposed the provisions of the legislation hailed the vote as a victory but others pointed out that the result did nothing to advance the cause of Australian shipping or provide any guidelines as to its future direction and it certainly did nothing to prevent the mv "Portland" from being sold. When ALCOA decided to replace the "Portland" with a foreign vessel the crew went on strike and refused to sail the ship on its final voyage to Singapore. The ship was occupying the berth in Portland Harbour that P&O wanted to use for two of its cruise ships. Having these ships call at Portland would inject millions of dollars into the local economy so in the Victorian media this became as big an issue as the fate of the "Portland". After protracted negotiations the unions agreed to the "Portland" being moved to the anchorage to allow the "Pacific Jewel" to berth. The dispute dragged on for two months until finally security guards escorted the crew off the ship. A replacement crew boarded and the ship sailed.

State Parliament adjourned for the year with no agreement on the enabling legislation for the lease of the Port of Melbourne. The issues in dispute are the length of the lease and the provision of compensation should another port be built during the term of the lease. With no quick resolution in sight the Government is sending the matter to the dispute resolution committee. When the legislation is passed and the terms and conditions of the lease are known the tendering process can begin. Depending on who bids for the lease the approval of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and/or the Foreign Investment Review Board may be required.

Should this be the case it could further delay the leasing of the port.

The ACCC is involved in the takeover battle for the transport, stevedoring, logistics and railway operator ASCIANO. The initial bidder was the Canadian company Brookfield who are already involved in rail and port operations in Australia. A consortium led by Chris Corrigan's Qube group with the backing of China Investment Corporation and Global Investment Partners has made a rival bid for Asciano. Everything has become very complicated because both Asciano and Cube are involved in stevedoring and rail so a merger of the two could reduce competition in these sectors. Brookfield has railway assets in Queensland and W.A. so some commentators have suggested that Asciano will have to be broken up regardless of who is the successful bidder. The ACCC is expected to announce its position on the rival takeover offers on the 25th March.

When the Australia Day Honours list was published we learned that Capt. Clifford Beazley, a member of our Newcastle Branch, had been awarded an AM for his development of training facilities for ship handling and navigation. Capt. Beazley received the CMMA Outstanding Achievement Award in 2015.

A lot has happened in the past few months and there is much more to come. How will the new Minister for Transport, Darren Chester, respond to the defeat of the Shipping Amendment Bill? What conditions if any will the ACCC impose on the takeover of Asciano? Who will be granted the lease of The Port of Melbourne and under what terms?

2016 is going to be a very interesting year. *Capt. Ian French*



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Branch News / Roundup



Readings & Applications

New applications include:

- **Ragupathi Ratnathurai, ORD, South Australia**
Ragupathi is a Marine Surveyor with EJC Carr and sailed as Master on Cape sized bulk carriers.
- **Patrick Ellaby, ORD, Melbourne**
Patrick has a long history in the maritime industry and has served on various vessels including tankers, bulk carriers, general cargo and Cruise vessels. Patrick is currently working as a Cargo Superintendent and Surveyor.

Pending Applications

- **Sean William Liley, ORD, Melbourne**
Sean is the Master of the MT *Front Puma*.
- **Andrew John Burn, ORD, Melbourne**
Andrew is the Master of the KS *Silver Lining*.
- **Graeme Keys, ORD, Melbourne**
Graeme has applied to re-join the Melbourne Branch.
- **Chris Stirling, ORD, Sydney**
Chis is a Master in the South Australian Offshore industry.
- **Mario Murzello, ORD, Sydney**
Mario is the Head Teacher in Maritime and Aviation at eh Ultimo TAFE.
- **Steven Pelecanos, ORD, QLD**
Steven is a retired Pilot.

Please advise the Secretary within 14 days of the publication of The Log if you have any comments regarding any new Applicants.

Ratifications on 28 October 2015:

- **Chanda Makalanda, ORD, WA**
Chanda is a Pilot in Oman.
- **Malcolm Ramsay, ORD, WA**
Malcolm is an FPSO Master.
- **John Prince, ORD, WA**
John is a Master in the Offshore Industry.
- **Christopher Fenzi, Associate, WA**
Chis is the Master of the *Reef Prince*.
- **Daniel Orchard, ORD, Sydney**
Daniel is the Master of the *Maersk Supporter*.
- **Slaven Roje, ORD, WA**
Slaven is Chief Mater of the STS *Leeuwin*.
- **Karl Soares, ORD, QLD**
Karl is the Regional Manager, Inchcape, QLD.

End of Year Function - 25 November, 2015

The end of year celebration was well attended and enormous fun was had by all. Thanks to all our sponsors who helped make this event possible:

- The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited, Melbourne Branch;
- The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology;
- The Nautical Institute;
- The Victorian Regional Channels Authority;
- The Port of Portland Limited; and
- North and Trew.



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Member's Lounge



This is the place to escape to for a laugh, to share a memory or a good yarn, or perhaps an idea, opinion or even a gripe with your fellow members.

Not all members can attend meetings, so consider this your 'monthly catch-up on a page'. Contributions are welcome...

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Greetings from Ralph McDonell

Ralph sent a lovely email just before christmas which reads:

"Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the year 2016, from Mary and Ralph. May you keep well and comfortable, if not wealthy too.

Mary stays active, with short walks to Dr, bank and supermarket. She has various helpers to assist her in staying in our home. We both receive visits from the family, mainly Lynne, who has quite a demanding job as sec to the Mater of Ormond College, Melb Uni.

Just now, Peter, wife Chris and No. 2 son are visiting No. 1 son in New York, for 3 weeks. Grand-daughter No.1 is on a trip to Japan to study design. Grandson No. 2 has just landed his first legal job.

Our youngest grandson (16 Yrs) gets fun from riding my electric scooter which I can only control if I'm lifted by machine on to it.

All good wishes, Mary and Ralph."

Likewise Ralph, all your friends and colleagues at CoMMA wish you well for the coming year. You are missed but not forgotten!

Thought for the day:

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research.

This means that by 2020, there should be a large elderly population with huge perky boobs and erections and absolutely no recollection of what they are or what to do with them!

Good for a Chuckle



"So how's the date going?"



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Christmas Quiz



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Flags of the World - Can you name them?



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Christmas Quiz



Shipping Terms

1. What does BIMCO stand for?
2. What does RADAR stand for?
3. What does Naabsa stand for?
4. What does ECDIS stand for?
5. What is Bummaree?
6. What does TEU stand for?
7. In cubic feet what is the volume of water making up an Acre-Foot (the volume of water required to cover one acre to a depth of one foot)?
8. What is a Ceilometer?
9. What Beaufort Scale number accurately describes a "Fresh Breeze"?
10. What are Agonic Lines?

Australia

1. What is the name of the first horse to win the Melbourne Cup?
2. Where is the westernmost point on the continent?
3. What's the only town to be added to the National Heritage list?
4. Which year was vegemite launched commercially?
5. Which number prime minister is Malcolm Turnbull?
6. Who was the first explorer to reach the summit of Mount Kosciusko?
7. The longest official place name in Australia is Mamungkukumpurangkuntjunya Hill. What state is it in?
8. Where is the lowest point in Australia?
9. The sapphire is the official gemstone of which

Australian state?

10. Where is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere located?

Christmas

1. What date is St Stephen's Day?
2. In Charles Dickens' novel A Christmas Carol, who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
3. The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?
4. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
5. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, '...my true love brought to me nine...' what?
6. Name the original eight reindeer from the 'Twas the night Before Christmas' poem?
7. What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
8. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
9. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
10. This is a picture of Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer? What's wrong?



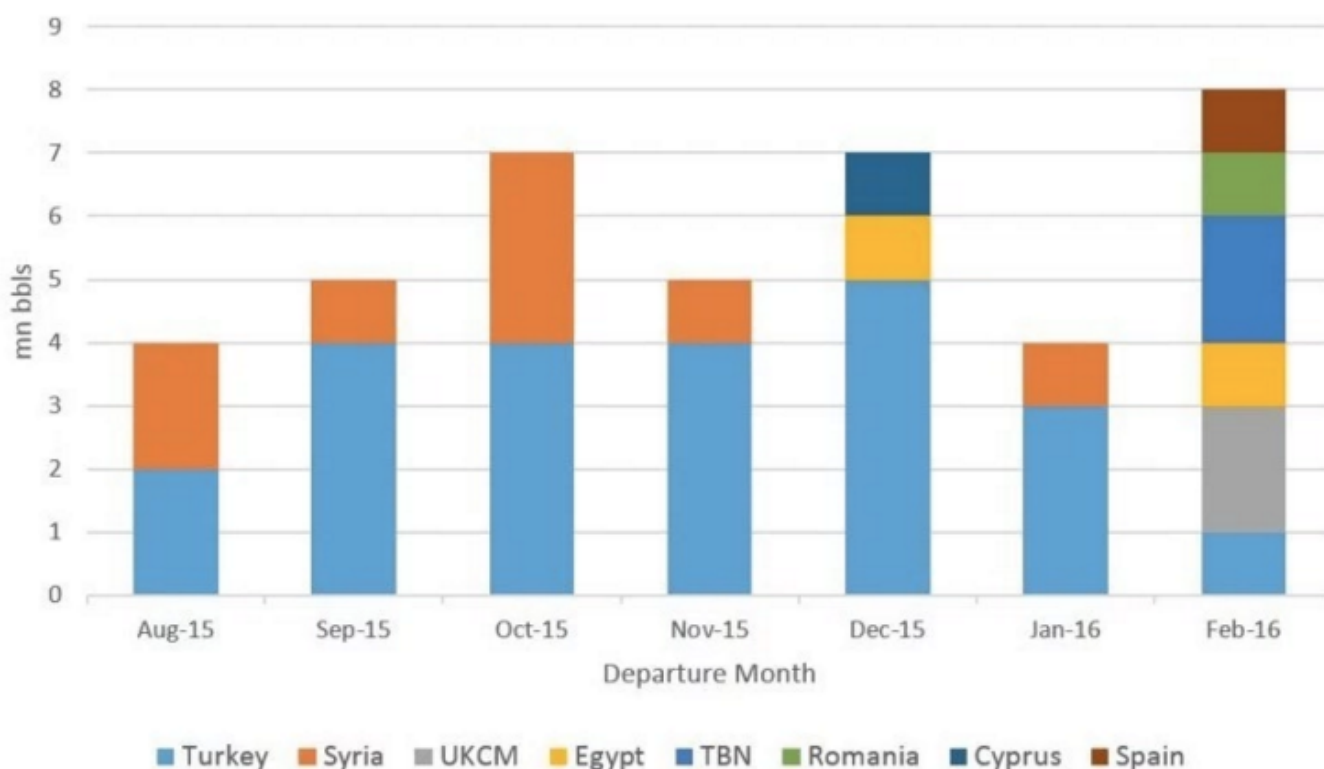
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Around the World



Iranian Crude Oil Exports to Europe



Four Tankers Headed to European Destinations with Iranian Crude Oil

In recent days, tankers chartered by several European companies such as Total, Litasco, and Cepsa were monitored loading crude at Kharg Island, a major Iranian loading port, according to Genscape. The vessels are bound for European destinations, marking the first crude shipments to take the route in four years.

Following the lifting of economic sanctions against Iran on January 16, 2016, several European oil companies have started negotiations to buy crude from the country.

Iranian officials welcomed a recent agreement between some OPEC members and Russia to keep a ceiling on oil output, but has not committed to limit the production.

Genscape expects to see more tankers loading Iranian crude for European destinations in the next few weeks and will continue to track the growth in Iranian output to help market participants assess the impact of changes in flow on regional markets. Their weekly report offers new transparency and helps market participants inform market positions, improve decision making, and gain insight on key market drivers.

Courtesy gCaptain



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Closer to Home



AMSA Prohibits Vessel From Using Australian Ports For Second Time

7 February, 2016:

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has directed that the 86 metre general cargo ship *Noah Satu* (IMO9313620) not enter or use any Australian port for the second time in less than twelve months.

The direction was issued on 4 February and will remain in effect for twelve months.

Noah Satu is owned by PT Anugerah Samudra Indomakur and was on charter to Orica Singapore.

The *Noah Satu* has been detained by AMSA five times since August 2013 for deficiencies related to its equipment, its operations, its safety management system and non-compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention. The safety management system detentions resulted from repeated failings related to navigation safety, compliance with pollution prevention requirements and fire safety.

The *Noah Satu* was previously banned from Australian ports for three months in September 2015 for repeated non-compliance with Australian maritime regulations.

The vessel returned to Australian waters on 26 January 2016 and was subject to a port State control inspection in Port Alma, Queensland.

The vessel was again detained, due to failings in the vessel's safety management system related to safe navigational practice, communications, pollution prevention arrangements, firefighting systems and hours of work and rest for the seafarers.

In visits to Australian ports over the past year, the vessel

has also failed to comply with all the mandatory reporting requirements for vessels transiting the Great Barrier Reef area.

AMSA identified serious and repeated failings in the vessel's operations and maintenance, indicating the vessel is unable to ensure compliance with the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and the Maritime Labour Convention.

As the *Noah Satu* was previously banned for three months, the current direction will remain in place for twelve months, until 2 February 2017.

The purpose of the escalated action is to encourage operators of poorly performing ships to improve the performance of their vessels, noting that other intervention activities are not achieving the required safety culture change.

AMSA Chief Executive Officer, Mick Kinley, said AMSA has a responsibility to ensure ships visiting Australian ports comply with the standards established by the International Maritime Organization and the International Labour Organization.

"The performance of this vessel is completely unacceptable. Unsafe vessels put the lives of seafarers at risk and pose a threat to Australia's marine environment," Mr Kinley said.

"Operators and charterers of ships that repeatedly fail to meet Australian standards need to accept that these ships are not welcome in Australian waters."

Courtesy AMSA



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Marine Safety Investigations & Reports



Man overboard fatality from Cape Splendor Port Hedland, Western Australia on 6 October 2014

On 6 October 2014, Cape Splendor's boatswain (bosun) descended to the lower platform of the ship's accommodation ladder during his lunch break. He intended to fish from this location and asked a seaman to assist. At 1250, the bosun lost his balance and fell into the sea. The seaman immediately returned to the ship's deck and threw a lifebuoy toward the bosun, before raising the alarm. The ship's crew deployed its rescue boat within 10 minutes, and an extensive air and sea search continued for 3 days. However, the bosun was not found.

What the ATSB found

The ATSB found that the bosun and the seaman were not wearing any flotation devices or fall prevention equipment. The bosun had seen fish below the accommodation ladder that was in the shade, and he probably saw it as a good opportunity to fish without considering the risks involved. The lack of a lifejacket, wet clothing, and possible entanglement with fishing gear, sea conditions, and the current would have adversely affected the bosun's ability to stay afloat and swim.

The ATSB investigation also identified that the ship's safety management system procedures for working over the ship's side were not effectively implemented. Hence, the ship's crew routinely did not take all the required safety precautions when working over the side. It was also found that the crew had differing attitudes to taking safety precautions during work and recreation times as the safety culture on board was not well developed.

What's been done as a result

Cape Splendor's managers conducted a fleet-wide review of procedures and training to ensure ship crews comply with procedures and permits to work, with particular emphasis on working aloft and/or over the side. A number of fleet-wide memoranda describing the accident were issued to promulgate lessons learned, encourage compliance with policies and procedures, and reiterate the importance of taking safety precautions during both work and during leisure periods.

The ship's managers have prohibited fishing from ships' accommodation ladders and warning signs have been posted. Man overboard recovery procedures were reviewed and the accident was highlighted in training programmes.

The ATSB has issued a safety advisory notice (SAN) to shipmasters, owners, and operators to promote the importance of an effective safety culture on board ships. The SAN reinforces the importance of safety awareness at all times, during both work and recreational activities.

Safety message

Any task or activity that involves a person being on a ship's accommodation ladder or other locations over the side of the ship can result in serious or fatal injury. Therefore, precautions to prevent a person from falling overboard, and to improve survivability in case one does fall into the water, are critical. It is important to ensure that these precautions are always taken, regardless of whether the person is engaged in work, recreational or other activities.

Courtesy ATSB



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Afghanistan	Qatar	Japan	Greece
			
Somalia	Bhutan	Maldives	Fiji
			
Eritrea	Wales	Brazil	Uruguay
			
Kiribati	Cyprus	Norway	Burkina Faso
			
China	Spain	India	Poland
			
Armenia	Zambia	Greenland	Haiti



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Christmas Quiz



Shipping Terms

1. Baltic & International Maritime Council / Baltic & International Maritime Conference
2. Radio Detection And Ranging
3. Not always afloat but safe aground
4. Electronic Chart Display & Information System
5. Also known as Bottomry! The Mortgage on a ship executed by the master who is out of touch with the owners and needs to raise money for repairs or to complete a voyage
6. Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit
7. 43,560 Cubic Feet
8. An automatic, recording cloud height indicator
9. Beaufort Scale 5
10. Lines on the Earth's surface joining point where there is no magnetic variation

Australia

1. Archer
2. Steep Point, Shark Bay
3. Broken Hill
4. 1923
5. 29th
6. Pawel Strzelecki
7. South Australia
8. Lake Eyre
9. Queensland
10. Busselton

Christmas

1. 26th December
2. Jacob Marley
3. Holiday Inn
4. Norway
5. Ladies Dancing
6. Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen (or Dunder and Blixem)
7. Christmas Craker
8. Mexico
9. Hogmanay
10. This cannot be a picture of Rudolf at Christmas. That's because males lose their antlers in winter or spring, but females shed theirs in the summer



Jorgen Berg With his Christmas Raffle Prize



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The Creswell Oration 2016





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2001-Navy League of Australia in Victoria formed & administers **Australian Navy Foundation Day Organising Committee** (ANFDOC) Creswell Oration together with Naval Association of Australia, Naval Officers' Club, Naval Historical Society in Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY FOUNDATION DAY
16th Annual "CRESWELL ORATION"

VICE ADMIRAL *David Johnston* AM RAN
Chief Joint Operations
to present the "Creswell Oration" 2016

"The conduct of Current and Future Joint Operations"





VENUE: William Angliss TAFE Institute Restaurant
550 Little Lonsdale Street, between King & Spencer Sts.

DATE: TUESDAY 1st Mar 2016.
TIME: 1200 for 1230

LOCATION: William Angliss Institute Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale St. Melb.

COST & PAYMENT: \$45 per head - Cheque or :
Westpac Bank BSB:033 389 A/C No: 107631 – Direct Debit
Please include NAME & send email to confirm payment.

DRESS: Uniform S7, Lounge suit / Day dress – Decorations & Medals optional.

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1st Mar.1901 - Foundation of Australia's Navy's Commonwealth Naval Force (CNF).

RSVP - Friday 19th. February 2016

Australian Navy Foundation Day - CRESWELL ORATION 2016

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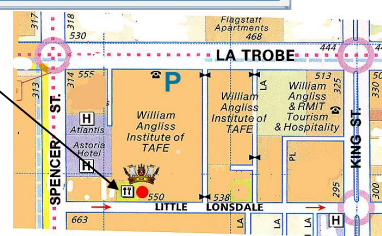
"CRESWELL ORATION 2016" Luncheon **TUESDAY 1st March 2016 @ 1200 for 1230 start.**

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February 24 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 24 February 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: Glen Colaco, Port of Melbourne Corporation
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 22 February, 2016
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May 25 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 25 May 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: TBA
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 23 May, 2016
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March 30 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch AGM & General Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 30 March 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: Bilal Ali Khan, ANL,
The Container Trade in Australia
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 28 March, 2016
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June 29 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 29 June 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: TBA
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 27 June, 2016
T: 03 5424 1224 / E: alex@baysideshipping.com

April 27 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 27 April 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: TBA
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 25 April, 2016
T: 03 5424 1224 / E: alex@baysideshipping.com

July 27 - CoMMA Meeting

Event: CoMMA Branch Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday 27 July 2016, 6 for 6.30 pm
Speaker: TBA
Location: CQ Functions, CQuisine Restaurant
113 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cost: Members \$40, Non-Members \$50
RSVP: Alexandra Evered, Mon. 25 July, 2016
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