

EDITORIAL

The beauty of an online journal is that it can be accessed and operated from anywhere in the world. As a result, I was able to observe the release of the two most recent issues, volume 21(2) and volume 22(1), whilst on sabbatical. Thank you once again to Professor Sarah Derrington and Associate Professor Paul Myburgh for not only taking the helm in my absence, but doing so cheerfully!

The reach of the journal has been further expanded because the journal is now referenced and searchable via Austlii, and is also part of the Hein Online stable of international journals. Currently Austlii only holds the archived editions until 2005 but will be updating its site to include the recent issues soon. Austlii has informed us that of the 42 journals hosted at its site, the MLAANZ Journal is the 11th most popular journal, with over 70,000 'hits' in the six months between January – June 2008. This is testament to the work of past editors of the (then) MLAANZ Journal and the many contributors to our journal over the years.

We have taken on the suggestion that each issue should be capable of download in its entirety. At the foot of the table of contents is a link to a PDF of the complete issue. (Printing doublesided would save paper.)

Each issue of the journal is indeed a collaborative exercise. Once again I would like to thank the Editorial Board for their support; particularly the efforts of the editors of the various sections, Dr Sarah Derrington, Associate Professor Paul Myburgh and Dr Michael Underdown. As always, the reviewers are the unsung heroes of each issue and our collective thanks are due to them.

With the 2008 MLAANZ Annual Conference about to commence in Fremantle, hopefully this issue will whet your appetite for all things maritime.

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