

Editorial

After eight years at the helm, Associate Professor Kate Lewins has passed the editorship of the *Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Journal* to the Marine and Shipping Law Unit at the University of Queensland. Kate and her dedicated Murdoch University team has ensured that the journal has continued to publish significant and original works that make new contributions to maritime law in its broadest sense, of interest and impact to the profession and to scholarship. Fortunately Kate's experience and editorial skill is not lost to the journal and she has kindly agreed to continue as an Associate Editor.

As Director of the Marine and Shipping Law Unit as the TC Beirne School of Law University of Queensland, I have taken over the helm from Kate, supported by the very able crew of the Marine and Shipping Law Unit. The *Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand* has very kindly agreed to support the editorship of the journal through the provision of funding to support a student editor. This continues the practice that Kate initiated at Murdoch University, and enables a bright, energetic and capable student to engage with a wide range of maritime law issues leading, hopefully, to a new entrant into the maritime law profession in years to come. In 2014, the student editorship is taken up by Mr Samuel Walpole, an LLB student at the TC Beirne School of Law who, in this twenty eight edition, has proved to be a most worthy appointment. In what might have been a difficult transition from one institution to another, Samuel has ensured that the processes, procedures and standards set by Kate and her team, have passed with ease.

At its new berth in Queensland, I hope the journal will continue to attract excellent submissions and support from the maritime law fraternity.

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General Editor
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