

# DRIVING INDUSTRY CHANGE: Collaboration within and across borders



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## 2026 AIMS Biennial Conference Program

Fremantle Sailing Club,  
Thursday 7 & Friday 8 May 2026

# Conference Program

## Day 1 Thursday 7 May

Time	Workshop	Topic / Presenters / Panellists	Room
9:00-10:00am	Registration Morning Tea	-	Wardroom
10:00-11:00am	Workshop 1	<b>Topic - Marine Surveyor Insurance Issues</b> Presenter - Matt Kuc, Austbrokers Countrywide	Wardroom
11:05am-12:05pm	Workshop 2	<b>Topic - Accredited Grain Surveyor Assurance (AGSA) Scheme</b> Presenters - Susan Hull, Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS)	Wardroom
1:20-2:20pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
1:20-2:20pm	Workshop 3	<b>Topic - Building Strategic Partnerships</b> Panel - Eric McIlwain, AIMS   Pia Van Wyngaard, Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Australia   Andrew Fielding, BIA   Sheryl Swarbrick, BIA of Western Australia   Fabian Pasquini, Austbrokers Countrywide	Wardroom
2:25-3:25pm	Workshop 4	<b>Topic - AMSA Marine Surveyor Accreditation Framework Review</b> Presenter - Dianna Smith, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)	Wardroom
3:25-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	-	Wardroom
5:30-8:30pm	-	Networking Drinks	Sundowner

# Conference Program

## Day 2 Friday 8 May

Time	Sessions	Topic / Presenters / Panellists	Room
7:30-8:30am	Registration	-	Wardroom
8:30-8:50am	Conference Open	Eric McIlwain, AIMS Chair and Wade Nagel, AIMS Director	Wardroom
8:50-9:10am	Chair's Review	Eric McIlwain, AIMS Chair	Wardroom
9:10-9:30am	Keynote Speaker	Jodie Ransom, CEO, Fremantle Ports	Wardroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 1	<b>Topic - Improving career pathways: Competency based surveyor recognition and accreditation</b> Presenter - Mark Potter, Maritime New Zealand	Wardroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 2	<b>Topic - The Leeuwin Journey</b> Presenter - Maximiliano Lavin, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation	Stateroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 3	<b>Topic - Benefits and Challenges of Industry Alliances</b> Presenter - Amanda Bradfield	Bridge
10:05-10:35am	Morning Tea	-	Wardroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 4	<b>Topic - Understanding hazardous spaces to ensure we come home safe</b> Presenter - Kalyan Das, RINA   AIMS Member	Wardroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 5	<b>Topic - Quality Assurance</b> Presenter - Wade Nagel, Director and Principal Marine Surveyor, Adapt Marine   Director, AIMS	Stateroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 6	<b>Topic - The Skill Shift: Adapting to the Future</b> Presenters - Dr Eric Perez and Susan Hull, AIMS	Bridge

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Time	Sessions	Topic / Presenters / Panellists	Room
11:15- 11:45am	Session 1	<b>Topic - Driving Industry Further in the 21st Century</b> Presenter - Capt Norman Lopez, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers	Wardroom
11:50am- 12:20pm	Session 2	<b>Topic - Marine Surveyor Legal Issues</b> Presenter - Capt John Kavanagh, Pacific Maritime Lawyers	Wardroom
12:25- 12:55pm	Breakout Session 7	<b>Topic - Understanding Training</b> Presenter - Capt Louis Koutelas, Hunter Marine Surveyors   AIMS Member	Wardroom
12:25- 12:55pm	Breakout Session 8	<b>Topic - Moisture Mapping - Timber and FRP Composites</b> Presenter - Graeme Normington, Queensland Ship Surveyors Pty Ltd   AIMS Member	Stateroom
12:25- 12:55pm	Breakout Session 9	<b>Topic - Strategic Leadership and the Marine Surveyor Sector</b> Presenter - Dr Wade Azmy, Pharos Institute	Bridge
1:00- 1:40pm	Panel Session 1	<b>Topic - Looking Forward, Looking Back</b> Panel - Margot de Villiers, Sedgwick, AIMS Member   Kerry Woonings, Crawford & Company, AIMS Member   Capt Michel Lagesse, ACME Marine Services International Pty Ltd   AIMS Life Member	Wardroom
1:40- 2:25pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
2:30- 3:00pm	Session 3	<b>Topic - New Zealand Marine Surveying Industry Update</b> Presenter - Greg Marsden, Marsden Marine Services Ltd   Vice Chair, AIMS	Wardroom
3:05- 3:35PM	Session 4	<b>Topic - Navigating Port State Control (PSC) in Australia – Core Principles of PSC compliance in Australia, “The Human Factor”</b> Presenter - Naweed Omar, Principal Marine Surveyor, AMSA	Wardroom
3:35- 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	-	Wardroom

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4:00-4:30pm	Panel Session 2	<b>Topic - AIMS Forum</b> Panellists - Eric McIlwain, Chair   Greg Marsden, Vice Chair   Capt Scott Aiton, Company Secretary   Capt William Burton, Director   Wade Nagel, Director   Zac Howells, Director	Wardroom
7:00-11:00pm	-	Dinner and Awards for Excellence	Wardroom

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