

Conference Report



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OF MARINE SURVEYORS



Years of Operation

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Hunter Marine Surveyors is an ISO Accredited company dedicated to providing a complete and comprehensive service in all forms of marine surveying. Their mission is to "Provide an ever evolving service that meets the requests of our clients today and forward into the future". By keeping pace with technology they provide high quality surveying services and products. Utilising advances in information technology means faster reporting to their clients.

Hunter Marine Surveyors was established in 1999 by Captain Andrew Graver and Captain Louis Koutelas who have over 75 years combined seagoing and marine surveying experience. The company is now the largest marine surveying company in the port of Newcastle with a professional team of 14 who have extensive knowledge and experience in all aspects of marine surveying.

Their mission is to "Provide an ever evolving service that meets the requests of our clients today and forward into the future". By keeping pace with technology, they can provide high quality surveying services and products. Utilising advances in information technology allows Hunter Marine Surveyors to provide their customers with cost effective high quality surveys in short time frames.

Their focus on technology and customer satisfaction saw the creation of CargoMax software solutions. CargoMax software provides fast, accurate, and reliable results for various types of marine surveys. It is seen by many as an industry standard, and is used by thousands of seafarers as well as surveying companies in many bulk ports around the world.

HMS expanded to the Pilbara in mid 2017, surveying ships loading iron ore in Dampier and Port Walcott for RTIO. This branch has developed many key improvements to trimming practices helping reduce delays during loading. Their newly formed team includes many years of iron ore experience resulting in excellent results for our client.

Find out more about Hunter Marine Surveyors - click here: [Hunter Marine Surveyors](#)

AmSpec

AmSpec has a team of highly experienced qualified Master Mariners supported by technical and functional experts to provide our clients with the expertise to handle all of their marine services, inspection, and surveying needs.

Their scope of service includes (but is not limited to):

- Initial, intermediate, and final draft survey
- Cargo trimming
- Hatch sealing
- Hold inspections (including AO/DAFF, Grain FTL, Fertilizer)
- On / off hire bunker and condition survey
- Break bulk loading and discharge monitoring
- Port Captaincy and loading supervision
- Vessel safety inspection (including remote), flag survey, P&I club
- Hold cleaning and certification for clean cargo holds
- Cargo damage surveys
- Measurement, condition, lashing & OOG Surveys

Find out more about AmSpec - click here: [AmSpec](#)

Austbrokers Countrywide

As the Insurance Broker to Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors we have established a Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurance facility specifically tailored for members of AIMS. Austbrokers Countrywide has established a Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance facility for members. A panel of Insurers have been appointed to meet the wide variety of member needs.

The revamped facility includes the following features specific to the core Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance requirements of members:

- Highly competitive pricing
- Online web proposal form which can be prefilled for all future renewals
- Exclusive contract review service for AIMS members

Find out more about Austbrokers Countrywide - click here: [Austbrokers Countrywide](#)

Australian Marine Surveys

Australian Marine Surveys Pty Ltd was founded in 1996 and provides a first rate surveying, inspection and consultancy service to the shipping industry. The company is fully owned by its Directors, having no tied connections to any other interests. We are able to offer a 24 hour response.

The company provides surveying and consultancy services in cargo, nautical and marine engineering spheres, goods quality and quantity inspection, cargo and container damage surveys, All type of P & I Club surveys, Cargo Hold Fitness Survey for Loading Grain and Fertilizers (AQIS Accredited), Steel Products Surveys. Also provided, are services for the sampling and testing of Petro Chemical/Agricultural products. We also provide services for internal audits, Flag State Inspection(Malta), Mock PSC inspections.

Australian Marine Surveys are experienced in handling practical problems that arise when a ship suffers a major casualty and we operate as a member of a crisis response team.

Their duties in the field often involve them working with experts in other disciplines. We served as P&I Club correspondent over fives for more than fifteen P&I Clubs like Britannia, Gard, North of England, Skuld, Swedish Club, Japan P&I Club and others. Australian Marine Surveys have an excellent reputation for quality in the world of Marine Surveying. Their team of surveyors are drawn from all areas of sea-going personnel having experience on various vessel types.

With a great number of years of sea-going experience between all Australian Maritime Surveys surveyors, there exists a wealth of knowledge on which to draw.

Find out more about Australian Marine Surveys - click here: [Australian Marine Surveys](#)

Hastings Marine and Engineering

Hastings Marine and Engineering was started by Eric McIlwain in July 2013 to supply quality marine surveying services to ship owners and operators in Australia and the Pacific region. Eric has more than 30 years experience as a: Marine Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Technical Superintendent, Ship Repair Manager, and Project Manager. He has been engaged by some of the largest marine operators in Australia: ANL, ASP Ship Management, Riverside Marine, Keppel Group, Forgacs Cairncross Dockyard, Teekay Shipping and Shell Australia.

He is a Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) as well as a Chartered Engineer and Chartered Marine Engineer with IMarEST, a Member of the AIMS, the Marine Lawyers Association of Australia and New Zealand and the Queensland Law Society. With these years of experience across all aspects of the marine industry, Hastings Marine and Engineering is well positioned to provide our clients with high quality marine engineering advice that is second to none.

Find out more about Hastings Marine and Engineering - click here: [Hastings Marine and Engineering](#)

Coastal Maritime Services

Coastal Maritime Services Pty Ltd is an independent Marine Surveying, Marine Consultancy and Stevedoring Company, based in Melbourne and Geelong and also offering regular services in Portland and other Victorian ports. They offer a range of first class professional services to the Maritime Industry and are also able to provide services interstate and overseas on request. Our staff includes experienced Master Mariners and Stevedores. All of our work is carried out with an emphasis on Safety, Quality and Environmental Protection and we comply with relevant industry standards.

With over 50 years combined experience we are Victoria's most respected and reputable Marine Surveying, Marine Consultancy and Stevedoring in Victoria. All of their Marine Surveyors are members of the Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors.

Coastal Maritime Services Pty Ltd offers a full range of independent surveying and stevedoring services to the Shipping Industry on a range of different products, including Woodchips, Fertilizers, Gypsum, Grain, Steel and Calcite. They offer draft surveys, hold inspection surveys, container inspections, on-off hire and bunker surveys. They also offer services to P&I Clubs, providing investigation into damage and loss on all types of vessels including tankers.

Find out more about Coastal Maritime Services - click here: [Coastal Maritime Services](#)

Adapt Marine

Adapt Marine established in 2023 is a modern Australian Marine Surveying, Marine Engineering and Asset Management Consultancy company providing innovative and flexible solutions to the Australian Maritime Industry. Based in Spearwood, Western Australia our team is willing to travel domestic and Internationally to any location our specialised services may be required.

Wade is an AMSA accredited marine surveyor (AMSA 6523-5947 1) and marine engineer STCWIII/3 with over 15 years of industry experience. Having spent many years working on various Australian coastal trading vessels, Wade transitioned into a shore based marine and technical management role in which he gained invaluable experience and knowledge in all facets of vessel operations, surveys, dockings, and new builds specifically in the transshipment, work boat and towage sector.

The practical knowledge and experience gained working on vessels and managing vessels places Wade well to advise and execute all facets of Marine Surveying from initial concept of vessels, construction, commissioning and through life surveys.

Find out more about Adapt Marine - click here: [Adapt Marine](#)

Sedgwick

Sedgwick is the world's leading risk and claims administration partner, helping clients thrive by navigating the unexpected. The company's expertise, combined with the most advanced AI-enabled technology available, sets the standard for solutions in claims administration, loss adjusting, benefits administration and product recall.

With over 33,000 colleagues and 10,000 clients across 80 countries, Sedgwick provides unmatched perspective, caring that counts, and solutions for the rapidly changing and complex risk landscape. Sedgwick services include claims management, risk management, workers' compensation, disability, absence solutions, first and third party fleet programs, healthcare risk management, retail and consumer care services, integrated services, managed care, property, casualty, benefits, marine, integrated, technology, liability, loss adjusting, compliance , loss prevention, and catastrophe response.

Find out more about Sedgwick - click here: [Sedgwick](#)

Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board

The Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board (FPIB) administers the fire protection division of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Regulations 1995 (the Regulations) on behalf of the Australian Government.

Functions of the FPIB include:

- Identification, promotion and support of 'best practice' activities throughout the fire protection industry.
- Management of the permit and licensing system to ensure applicants meet minimum standards of competency prior to the granting of extinguishing agent handling licences (EAHL) and extinguishing agent trading authorisation's (EATA).
- Implementation of effective communication and consultation with the fire protection industry to encourage and facilitate regulatory compliance.
- Development and distribution of ozone depleting substance and synthetic greenhouse gas (ODS & SGG) learning and assessment resources to support those working in the fire protection industry.
- Undertaking review and audit activities to ensure fire protection industry compliance with the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989 (the Act).

Find out more about FPIB - click here: [FPIB](#)



Introduction

The Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (the AIMS) delivered its 2026 biennial conference celebrating 40 years in operation.

Established in 1986, the AIMS is the peak industry body for Marine Surveyors in Australasia, and the largest marine surveyor association in the Southern Hemisphere. The AIMS has members in all States and Territories of Australia as well as New Zealand, the Asia South Pacific region, and beyond.

Our Vision

Excellence in marine surveying / Safe vessels, safe seas, safe surveyors

Our Mission

Promote, maintain and advance the specialised discipline of marine surveying in Australasia.

We strive to achieve this by:

- Working with government and industry at all levels to ensure the interests and livelihoods of those persons working within the marine surveying industry are protected.
- Researching, improving, and promoting the discipline of marine surveying through the delivery of processes and resources to support our members.
- Providing consumers with sufficient information to ensure that the marine survey industry itself is represented in the public decision-making process.
- Providing educational resources for all people engaged in or wanting to join the profession to improve and enhance the future of the industry.

Core Values

Expertise

Build and enhance skills through participation in continuing professional development activities, providing access to technical resources, and facilitating industry events and networking opportunities.

Integrity

Commitment to the Institute's code of professional practice, access to affordable professional insurance and a complaint management policy in line with a process of procedural fairness.

Quality

Promotion of industry best practices and quality survey standards, including recognition of achievement with our Awards for Excellence.

Our Members

The AIMS members represent the full spectrum of the marine surveying industry from international shipping, domestic commercial vessels, super yachts to recreational small craft. Members are qualified and experienced in their profession, with many joining the marine surveying profession following a maritime career as a seafarer or shore-based maritime role.

Shipping Surveyors

Shipping Surveyors – inspect, survey or examine marine vessels to oversee cargo loading and unloading operations, assess damage or may inspect or monitor the condition of the vessel or onboard cargo, machinery or equipment.

Domestic Commercial Surveyors

Domestic Commercial Vessel (DCV) – are accredited by Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to undertake statutory surveys on domestic commercial vessels in accordance with National Law and Regulations.

Recreational Vessel Surveyors

Recreational Vessel Surveyors – undertake survey of recreational vessels on behalf of an owner, insurer or potential purchaser, with the purpose of assessing the vessels' condition and/or value.

While striving to deliver on our objectives, the AIMS values the contribution of our members, students, staff and stakeholders through engagement, consultation and involvement.

We integrate the principles of community and social responsibility into our operations internally by exhibiting the behaviours of strong governance and ethical and transparent practices, and externally by minimising our environmental impact and providing support of the marine surveying and wider maritime industry.

Conference Preparation

The development of the conference program was built on feedback from members that attended the 2024 biennial conference:

- A diversity of presentations that would resonate with members working across the recreational, DCV and shipping surveying elements of the AIMS membership.
- The integration of workshops, panel sessions and breakout sessions across a two-day program.
- The inclusion of member events, in addition to the AIMS Awards for Excellence and Conference Dinner. This year included a networking event at the end of Day 1.

To ensure the conference program would meet member expectations, a Conference Subcommittee was formed including Wade Nagel (AIMS Director), Kerryn Woonings (AIMS member) and Stuart Marra (AIMS member). In addition, the AIMS offered a Partners program which addressed the need mentioned by previous conference attendees to provide members' partners a chance to experience the city/region in which conferences are held.





Speakers & Sessions





Workshop 1	Marine Surveyor Insurance Issues Matt Kuc, Austbrokers Countrywide
Workshop 2	Accredited Grain Surveyor Assurance Scheme (AGSA) Review Susan Hull, Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS)
Workshop 3 Panel	Building Strategic Partnerships 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
Workshop 4	Marine Surveyor Accreditation Framework Review Dianna Smith, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

Conference Open	Eric McIlwain AIMS Chair and Wade Nagel, AIMS Director
Chair's Review	Eric McIlwain AIMS Chair
Keynote	Jodie Ransom Frematle Ports
Breakout Session 1	Competency based surveyor recognition and accreditation Mark Potter, Maritime New Zealand
Breakout Session 2	The Leeuwin Journey Maximiliano Lavin, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Breakout Session 3	Benefits and Challenges of Industry Alliances Amanda Bradfield

Breakout Session 4	Understanding hazardous spaces onboard ship to ensure we come home safe Kalyan Das, RINA AIMS Member
Breakout Session 5	Quality Assurance as a Marine Surveyor Wade Nagel, Director and Principal Marine Surveyor, Adapt Marine Director, AIMS
Breakout Session 6	The Skill Shift: Adapting to the Future Dr Eric Perez and Susan Hull, AIMS
Breakout Session 7	Understanding Training: Tailoring education to individual strengths Capt Louis Koutelas, Hunter Marine Surveyors AIMS Member
Breakout Session 8	Moisture Mapping - Timber and FRP Composites Graeme Normington, Queensland Ship Surveyors Pty Ltd AIMS Member
Breakout Session 9	Marine Surveyors: CPD and the application of Technology and AI in Marine Surveying Dr Eric Perez

Session 1	Discover the benefits of becoming professionally qualified with ICS Capt Norman Lopez, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Session 2	Marine Surveyor Legal Issues Capt John Kavanagh, Pacific Maritime Lawyers
Session 3	'Reportage' on global recreational vessel compliance and standards Greg Marsden, Marsden Marine Services Ltd Vice Chair, AIMS
Session 4	Navigating Port State Control (PSC) in Australia – Core Principles of PSC compliance in Australia, "The Human Factor" Naweed Omar, Principal Marine Surveyor, AMSA
Panel Session 1	Looking Forward, Looking Back Margot de Villiers, Sedgwick, AIMS Member Kerry Woonings, Crawford & Company, AIMS Member Capt Michel Lagesse, ACME Marine Services International Pty Ltd AIMS Life Member
Panel Session 2	AIMS Forum Eric McIlwain, Chair Greg Marsden, Vice Chair Capt Scott Aiton, Company Secretary Capt William Burton, Director Wade Nagel, Director Zac Howells, Director



Themes

1. Professional Standards, Trust and Assurance

Maintaining confidence in the marine surveying profession depends on a visible commitment to high standards, sound governance and ethical conduct. Across the conference, there was a strong emphasis on the importance of quality assurance, role clarity, accountability and procedural consistency in building trust with regulators, industry stakeholders and the wider community. As the profession continues to evolve, the ability to demonstrate credibility through robust frameworks, transparent practice and dependable professional judgement will remain fundamental to its reputation and long-term relevance.

Relevant Sessions

Workshop 1: Matt Kuc
Workshop 2: Susan Hull
Workshop 4: Dianna Smith
Breakout Session 1: Mark Potter
Breakout Session 5: Wade Nagel
Session 2: Capt John Kavanagh
Panel Session 1

How the Sessions Support the Theme

These sessions highlighted the importance of robust accreditation frameworks, clear scopes of work, defensible reporting, professional indemnity awareness, audit and assurance processes, ethical conduct, and consistency in marine surveyor practice.

2. Safety, Risk and Prevention

Safety remains a defining priority for the marine surveying profession, with conference discussions repeatedly highlighting the value of early risk identification, practical foresight and preventative action. Marine surveyors operate at the intersection of compliance, operations and public interest, making their role essential in reducing harm, improving decision-making and protecting vessels, cargo, people and infrastructure. This theme reinforces that effective surveying is not only about technical assessment, but also about anticipating risks, applying sound judgement and contributing to a safer maritime environment overall.

Relevant Sessions

Workshop 4: Dianna Smith
Keynote Speaker: Jodie Ransom
Breakout Session 2: Maximiliano Lavin
Breakout Session 4: Kalyan Das
Breakout Session 8: Graeme Normington
Session 4: Naweed Omar
Chair's Review: Eric McIlwain

How the Sessions Support the Theme

These sessions reinforced prevention as a core safety strategy, with emphasis on early risk identification, enclosed and hazardous space controls, port and supply chain resilience, hidden damage assessment, evidence-based assurance, and professional judgement in Port State Control.

3. Capability, Training and Future Workforce

The future strength of marine surveying will depend on how effectively the profession attracts, develops and supports the next generation of practitioners. A recurring message throughout the conference was the importance of practical training, continuing professional development, mentoring and accessible learning pathways that reflect the changing demands of the industry.

With workforce pressures, succession planning challenges and the need for specialised skills becoming more visible, there is a clear strategic imperative to invest in people, strengthen capability and ensure that professional knowledge is passed on in a structured and sustainable way.

<i>Relevant Sessions</i>	<i>How the Sessions Support the Theme</i>
Careers & Training; Workshop 3 Industry Partnerships Panel Breakout Session 1: Mark Potter Breakout Session 6: Dr Eric Perez & Susan Hull Breakout Session 7: Capt Louis Koutelas Breakout Session 9: Dr Eric Perez Session 1: Capt Norman Lopez; Panel Session 1	These sessions focused on workforce sustainability, succession planning, practical training pathways, continuing professional development, micro-credentials, learner-centred education, professional qualifications, mentoring and the need to develop future-ready capability.

4. Technology, Innovation and Professional Judgement

Digital transformation is reshaping the operating environment for marine surveyors, bringing new tools, faster processes and emerging opportunities to improve accuracy, efficiency and insight. At the same time, the conference highlighted that technology, including automation and artificial intelligence, must be applied thoughtfully and responsibly.

The strategic challenge is not simply adopting new systems, but ensuring they enhance rather than diminish professional judgement, independence and critical thinking. The future of the profession will rely on balancing technological capability with human expertise and ethical decision-making.

Relevant Sessions

Conference Open: Eric McIlwain & Wade Nagel
Workshop 1: Matt Kuc;
Workshop 3: Industry Partnerships Panel
Breakout Session 3: Amanda Bradfield
Breakout Session 6: Dr Eric Perez & Susan Hull
Breakout Session 8: Graeme Normington
Breakout Session 9: Dr Eric Perez
Session 3: Greg Marsden

How the Sessions Support the Theme

These sessions addressed digital transformation, artificial intelligence, automation, software-enabled surveying, data interpretation, international standards, technical tools and the need to ensure technology supports rather than replaces independent professional judgement.

5. Partnerships, Collaboration and Collective Influence

The conference underscored the value of strong partnerships in advancing shared priorities across the maritime sector. Collaboration between professional bodies, regulators, insurers, training providers and allied industry organisations was presented as essential to strengthening standards, improving trust, building capability and addressing complex challenges that no single organisation can solve alone. Strategic partnerships also expand the influence of the profession, create opportunities for joint advocacy and help position marine surveying as an active contributor to broader industry development and reform.

Relevant Sessions

Workshop 2: Susan Hull
Workshop 3: Industry Partnerships Panel
Conference Open: Eric McIlwain & Wade Nagel
Keynote Speaker: Jodie Ransom
Breakout Session 3: Amanda Bradfield
Panel Session 2

How the Sessions Support the Theme

These sessions showed that collaboration with regulators, industry bodies, insurers, training providers, ports and allied maritime organisations strengthens trust, advocacy, capability building, regulatory reform and the overall visibility of the marine surveying profession.

6. Adaptation, Growth and Strategic Positioning

Marine surveying is operating in a period of significant change shaped by evolving regulation, market complexity, geopolitical disruption and advances in vessel design and technology. In this environment, strategic success will depend on the profession's ability to adapt while remaining clear about its purpose and value.

The conference pointed to the need for stronger member engagement, wider regional reach, more visible leadership and a proactive approach to shaping the future of the profession. Growth will come not only from responding to change, but from positioning marine surveying as an essential, future-focused discipline within the maritime sector.

Relevant Sessions

How the Sessions Support the Theme

Conference Open: Eric McIlwain & Wade Nagel
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Panel Session 2

These sessions positioned marine surveying as a profession operating in a changing maritime environment shaped by regulatory reform, regional expansion, market disruption, new vessel technologies, offshore wind, supply chain change and the need for stronger strategic leadership.

7. Conclusion

The conference themes demonstrate that driving change in the marine surveying profession depends on purposeful collaboration within the profession, across industry sectors, and beyond national borders. The sessions collectively reinforced that progress will come through shared standards, stronger partnerships, cross-border knowledge exchange, coordinated training pathways, and a willingness to work with regulators, educators, industry bodies and allied maritime organisations to shape a safer, more capable and future-ready profession.

As we move forward, the challenge for industry, industry partners and stakeholders is clear: to turn these conference insights into action by strengthening collaboration, sharing knowledge across borders, supporting professional standards, and working collectively to drive meaningful change for the future of the marine surveying profession

Dr Eric Perez
CEO AIMS



Careers & Training

Sue Brown is the AIMS Professional Development and Training Coordinator and she is responsible for:

- Managing new student enquiries and enrolments;
- Marking student assessments;
- Yearly reviews of training offerings and content in line with Training Subcommittee;
- Compilation and updates of unit marking guides; and
- Assisting the CEO to identify and facilitate member CPD opportunities.



Sue has been an incredibly valued source of support for students, building positive relationships with both students and AIMS members. Her commitment has helped create a rewarding and supportive experience for students undertaking the AIMS diplomas.

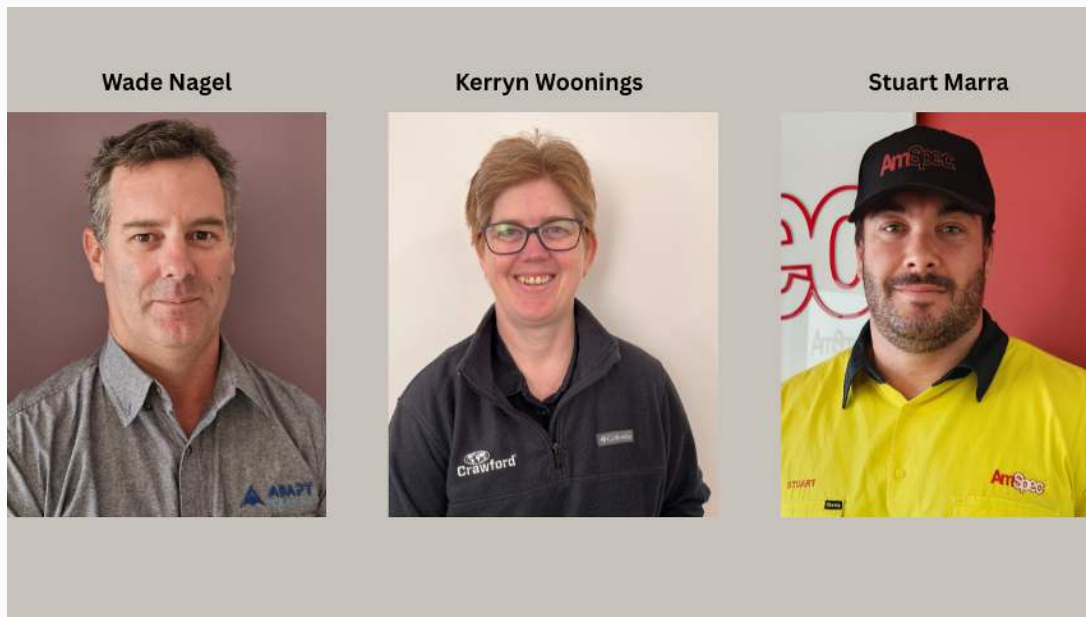
For more information please contact:

- training@aimsurveyors.com.au; or
- Call on 0493 546 380 between 9am and 3pm Monday-Friday.



Conference Subcommittee

The Conference Subcommittee members were an important part of delivering a successful event.



Planning for the conference started in June 2025 and took almost 12 months to deliver. The AIMS benefited from the time volunteered by the subcommittee. The AIMS Board thanks Wade, Kerryn and Stuart for their assistance in delivering this important event.

The AIMS Board looks forward to delivering the next biennial conference in 2028.



Celebrating 40 Years in Operation

During late 2025 and early 2026 members were asked - 1) why do we need an organisation like the AIMS, 2) a memorable event they could recall as a member of the Institute and 3) the future of the organisation.

Andrew Laughlin - Marine Surveyor at Marine-Survey.com.au

Andrew is a Marine Industry worker of over 30 years. My passion is the yachting and diving profession. I am a fully accredited marine surveyor and hold a British MCA "Master of Yachts" Captains license and am also a PADI Master Instructor with 25 years experience.

He also holds a Diploma in Marine Studies specializing in Transport and Distribution. His real passion is project managing yachting investments and taking them from the development and building stage through to the commercial realization. His current position is an Independent Marine Surveyor.

His CV is at www.marine-survey.com.au. Outside of work he is a keen amateur musician playing guitar and a father of three. Not much time for more really.



Greg Marsden - Managing Director, Marsden Marine Services Ltd | Vice Chair, AIMS

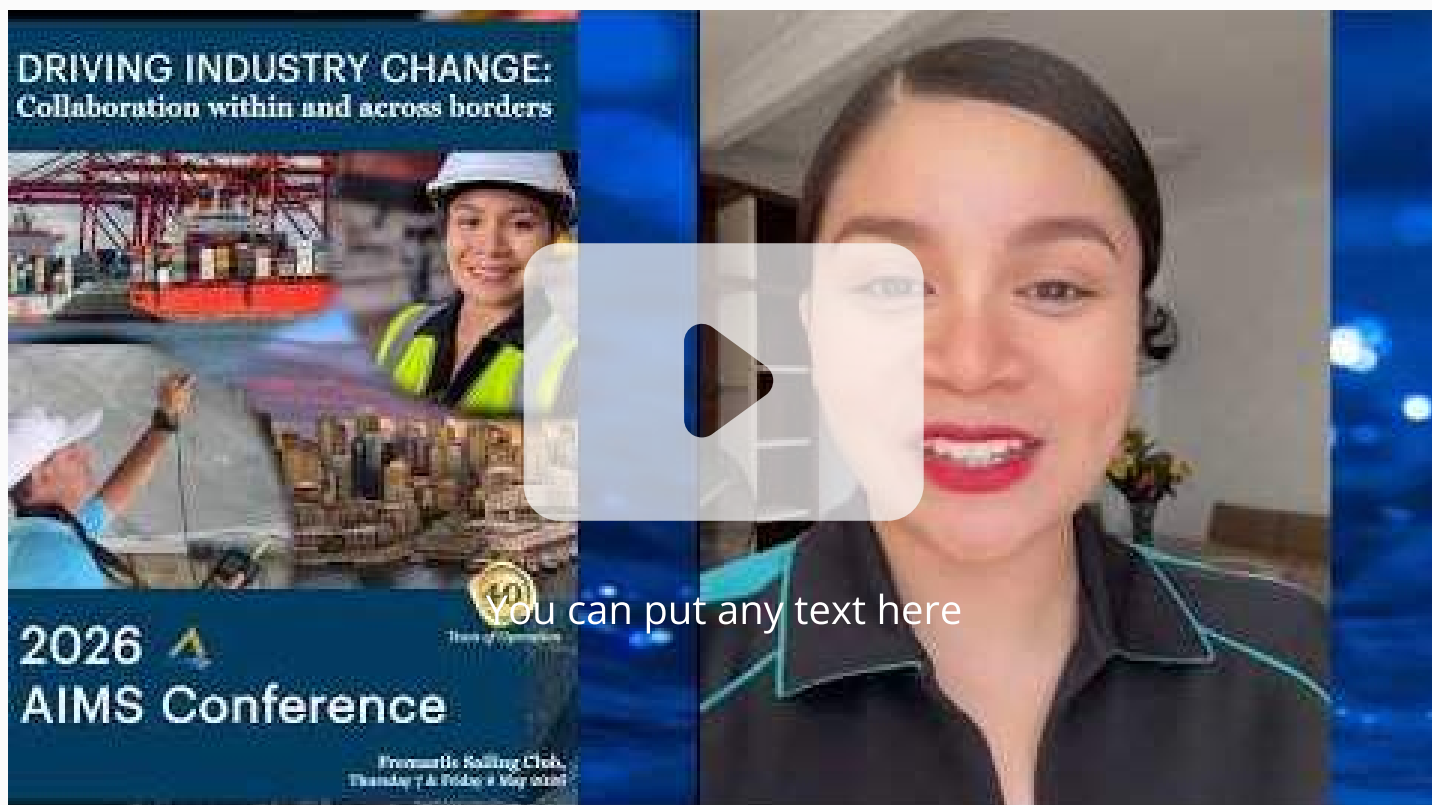


Greg is an MNZ and AMSA qualified and recognised marine surveyor and owner operator of Marsden Marine Ship Surveyors based in Wellington, New Zealand, specialising in recreational and sub 24m commercial vessels.

In addition, Greg is also an Inspector with the International Marine Certification Institute (ICMI) specialising in CE compliance, and a qualified Marine Accident Investigator having undertaken specialist training in marine accident investigation through the UK's National Maritime Training Centre. In this role he has supported investigations conducted by MNZ, the NZ Transport Accident Investigation Commission, NZ Police, as well as technical consultancy support to civil disputes.

Greg is the first New Zealand representative to join the AIMS Board and is keen to continue to foster the linkages between our Australian and New Zealand membership and surveying community.

Maike Fritz Ligan - AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyor | Marine Engineer

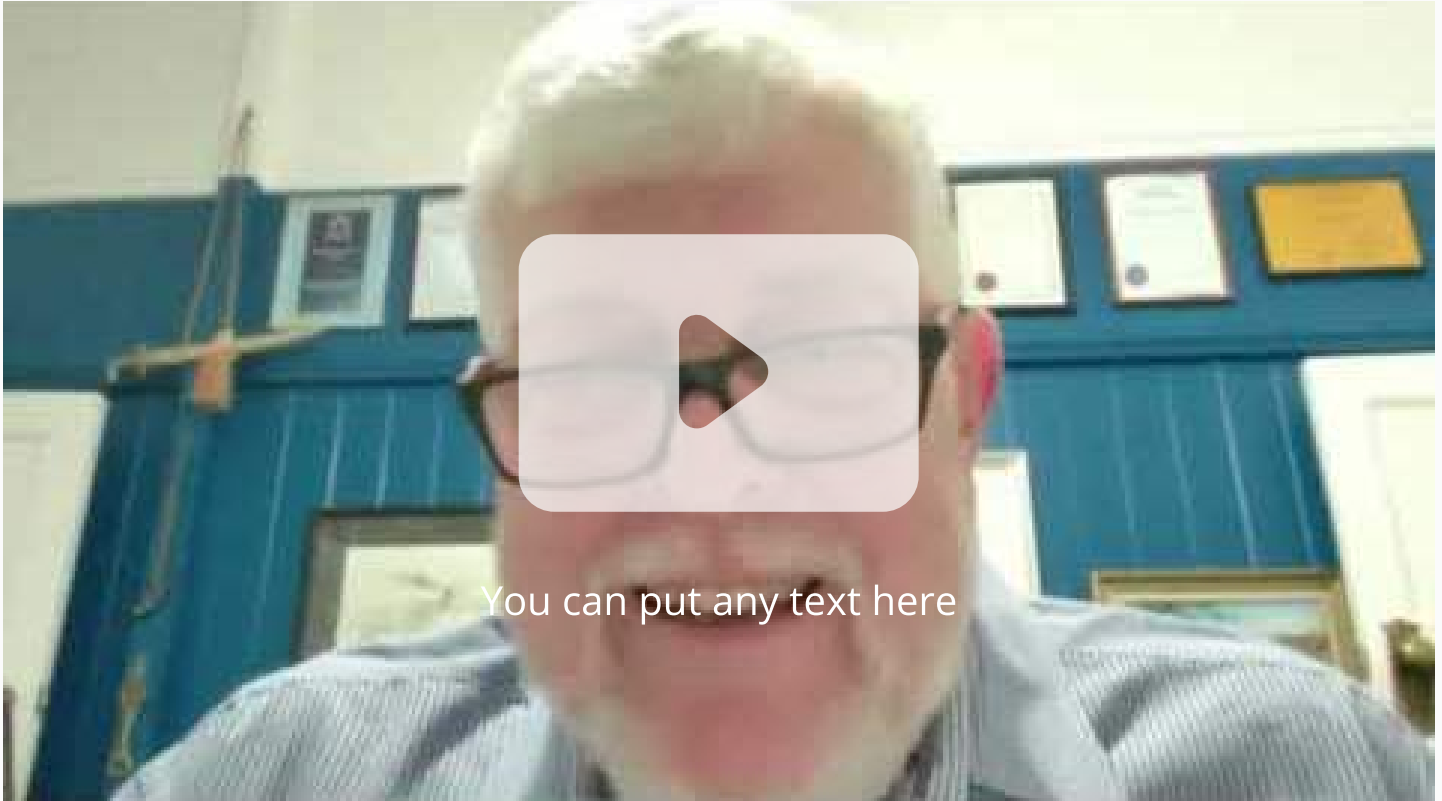


Maike is a marine engineer and surveyor with practical experience in vessel inspections, newbuild supervision, and compliance assessments under AMSA and NSCV standards.

She has worked across various stages of vessel construction and operation, ensuring technical integrity, regulatory compliance, and accurate documentation.

Her work often involves collaborating with shipyards, owners, and authorities to deliver clear, standards-based outcomes from initial build to final report.

Capt Peter Murday - Director, Cargo Consultants Asia Pte Ltd



Capt Murday began his career as a marine surveyor in 1986 following many years as a Master Mariner holding a Master Class 1 (Unlimited) qualification. Peter was the Managing Director of MCC Marine in Brisbane and is now Director at Cargo Consultants Asia Pte Ltd.

He has been a member of the AIMS since 1992. Peter was the Queensland State representative from 2006 to 2011, followed by Vice President until 2013, at which time he was elected President, a position he held for 8 years. In 2021, Peter became the first Chairman of the Board with the AIMS corporate restructure, later retiring his position in November that same year.

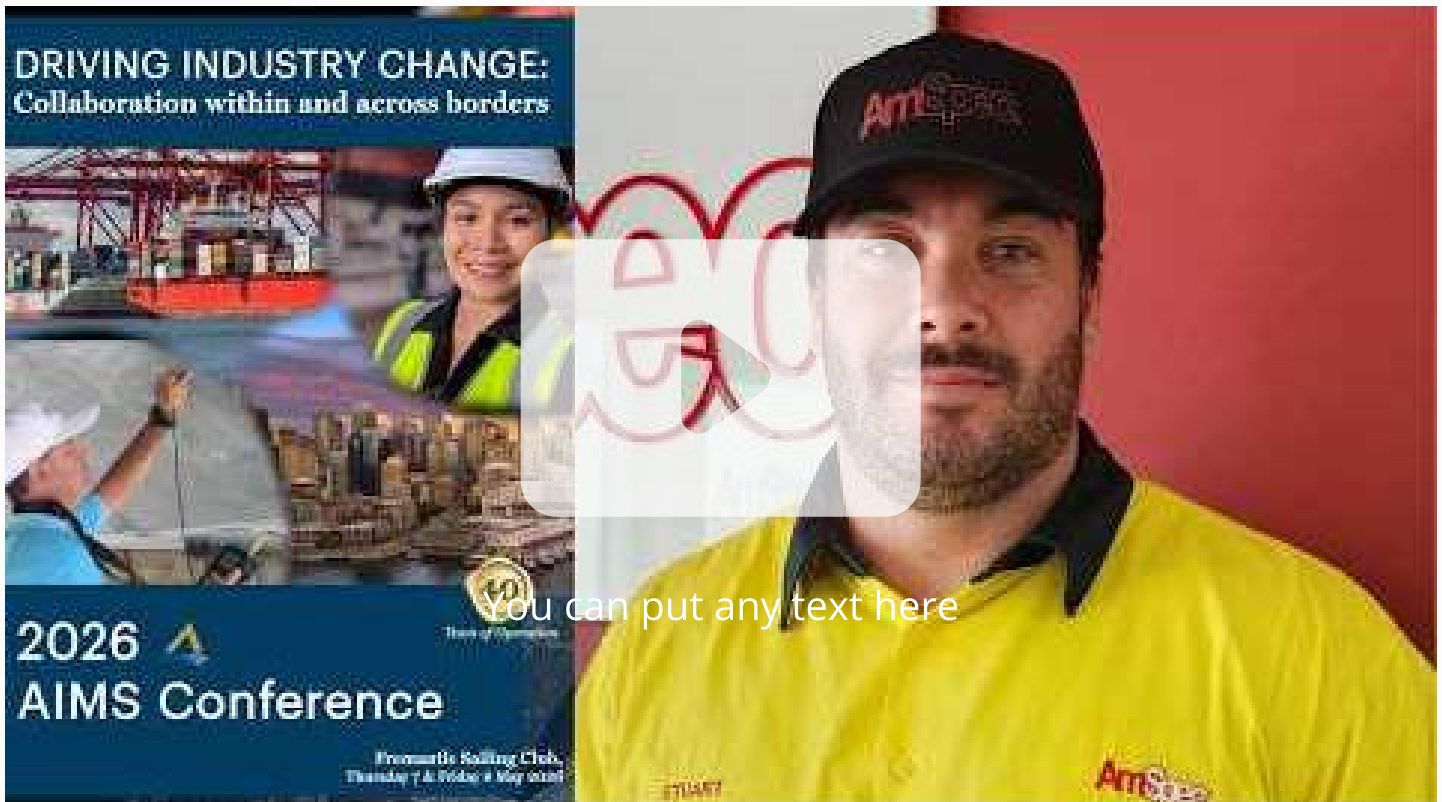
Margot De Villiers - Head of Marine – Executive Marine Surveyor ([ANZIIF (Assoc) CIP, Dip LA, DipMarSur C, MAIMS, IIMS, AICLA (Aff), Cert MWS], Sedgwick | AIMS Member



When Margot began working as an office manager for a marine surveying firm in South Africa nearly 25 years ago, she had no intention of pursuing a career in insurance.

But after taking some basic courses to learn about the field, she found herself studying project management, training under two respected marine experts, and earning a diploma in marine surveying. Margot conducts assessments to quantify insurance claims related to transit incidents.

Stuart Marra, Assistant General Manager - Marin, AmSpec



Wade Nagel, Director & Principal Marine Surveyor, Adapt Marine | Director, AIMS



Wade is the director of Adapt Marine, a marine surveying and consulting company established in 2022. Wade prides himself on integrity, ensuring a reliable, trusted and sustainable service to his clients. With over 15 years of industry experience working in various positions in the maritime industry both on vessels and ashore, Wade is experienced in vessel management, ship repair, new build supervision, compliance, asset management and HSEQ.

He is an AMSA accredited marine surveyor and AIMS Director, and remains active in marine engineering. Passionate about improving quality assurance practices in the marine industry, Wade is a certified ISO lead auditor 9001, 14001, 45001, ISM/ISPS, certified asset management assessor ISO 55001 and holds qualifications of graduate diploma in asset management, diploma in marine engineering and diploma in marine surveying.

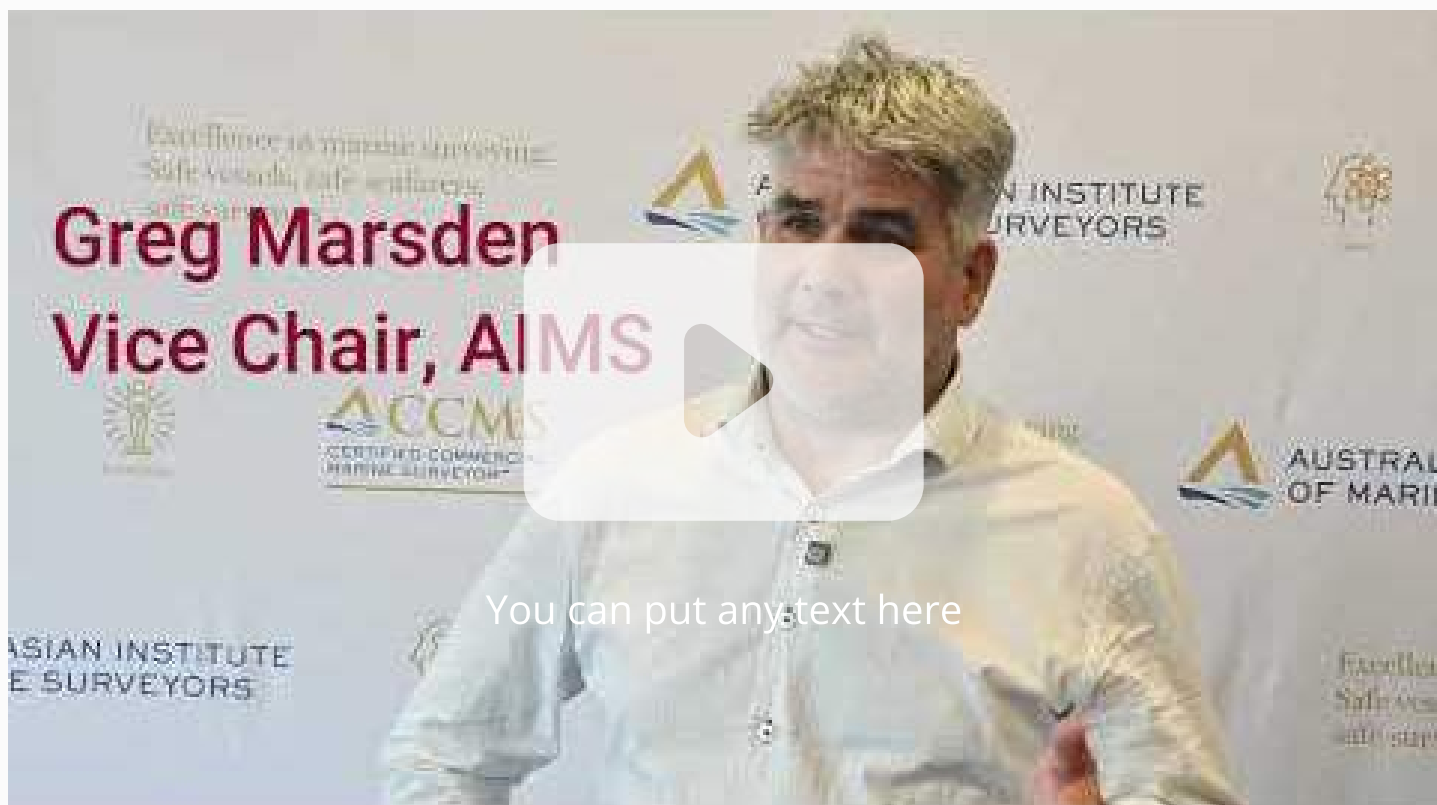
Kerryn Woonings LLB, DipMS, MAIMS, Senior Marine Surveyor Specialty, Crawford & Company (Australia) Pty Ltd | AIMS Member



Kerryn is a Senior Marine Surveyor at Crawford & Company, the world's largest publicly listed independent provider of global claims management solutions. Kerryn specialises predominantly in Marine Cargo and Liability investigations and is a qualified lawyer. Kerryn started with Crawford in Sydney in 2014 and relocated to her home in Western Australia (WA) at the end of 2020 to expand Crawford's Marine offering into WA. Prior to that Kerryn worked for a leading global transport insurer.

Kerryn has been heavily involved in the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) since 2019 and served as the Australian Vice-President in 2020 and 2021. Kerryn loves the opportunities her role at Crawford and involvement with WISTA present to advocate for women in the maritime industry, and to empower them to make their mark in a very male dominated field. Kerryn loves to read books and finds any opportunity she can to head to the south coastal port of Albany WA, to watch the ships go by and spend quality time with family.

Eric McIlwain, Chair, AIMS | Greg Marsden, Vice Chair, AIMS



Conferences provide one of many ways to bring Directors and members together to network and discuss issues of concern. Eric McIlwain, and Vice Chair, Gregory Marsden discuss their views of the success of the 2026 AIMS Biennial Conference.

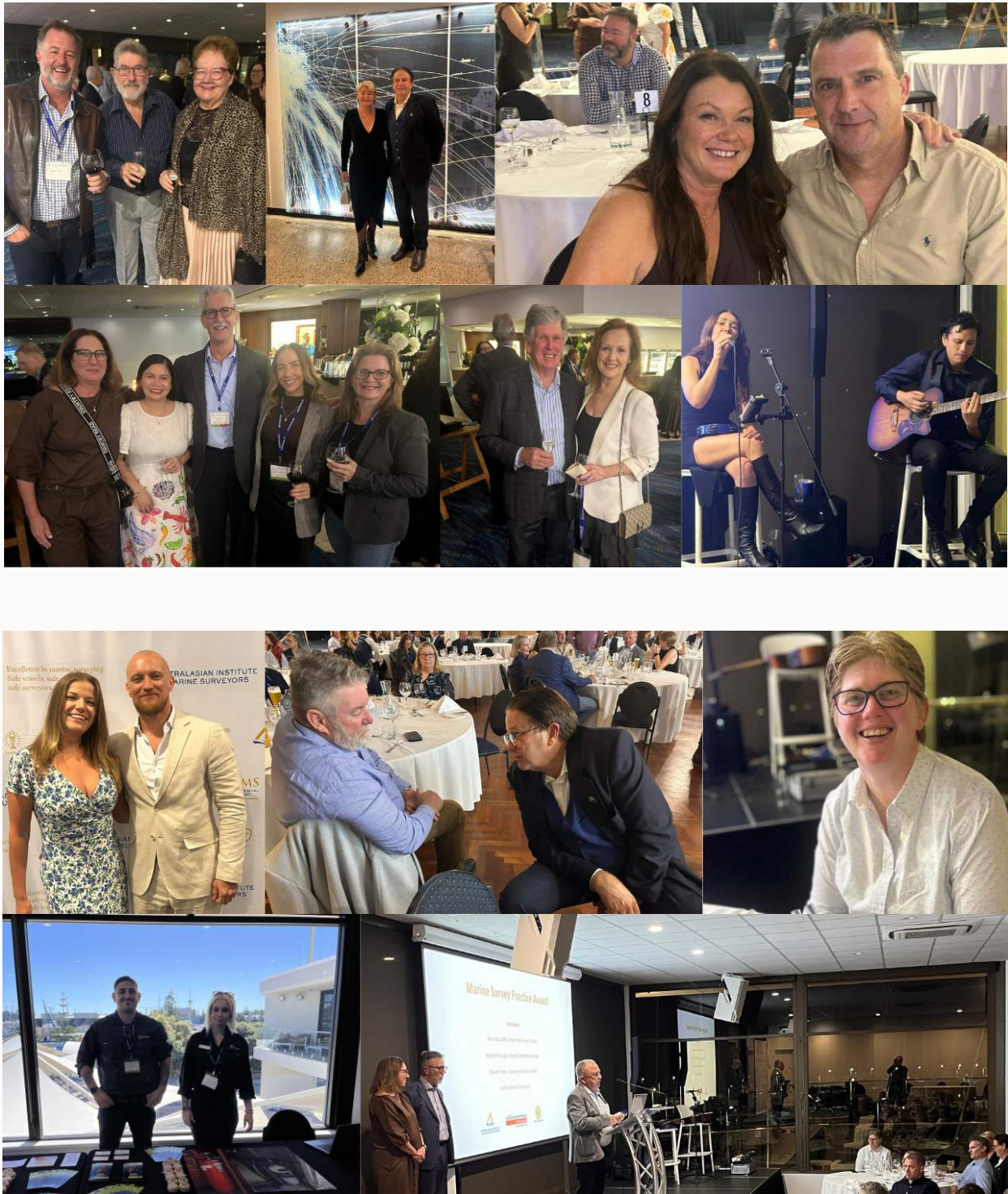
Day 1 - Networking





Day 2 - Dinner







AIMS Awards for Excellence













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