

Trade & Transport Newsflash

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CBP fittingly celebrated its appointment as a P&I Club Correspondent, on the first business day after the P&I Club year commenced, on 21 February. (The 20th February being the date upon which, traditionally, the Baltic Sea is regarded as being navigable).

At an inaugural function in its boardroom for clients and members of the Sydney shipping community the firm's managing partner, Dunstan de Souza, welcomed guests. He explained how excited the firm is to be extending its practice serving P&I Clubs and their members, complementing other specialist areas, including property, construction, commercial, insurance and commercial dispute resolution. Dunstan referred to the long 100 year history of the firm and the stability of its partnership.

The Chairman of Shipping Australia, Michael Phillips, (Chief Executive Officer of Hetherington Kingsbury Pty Ltd) congratulated the firm on its recent appointments and wished it every success. He took the opportunity to remind the audience how important it is for the industry to keep vigilant, particularly in relation to government action in several areas. Michael instanced examples of government intervention motivated by politics and not good policy.

Stuart Hetherington thanked Michael Phillips and the industry for its support. He noted the honour CBP felt in being appointed as a Correspondent for the largest of the P&I Clubs, the UK Club, which has approximately 175,000,000 tonnes of shipping comprising its membership and for one of the smallest clubs, The American Club, which has about 20,000,000 tonnes of shipping.

Stuart also outlined the vision for CBP to become the premier maritime law firm in Sydney over the next 10 years. He introduced his colleagues in the CBP shipping law group, David Miller, partner and Katherine Jones, solicitor. Katherine is one of the many talented young solicitors in the insurance and commercial dispute resolution groups. Stuart described the firm's support for Katherine's development as a maritime lawyer and in particular her attendance at the Southampton University short course to be held in Singapore in May.



Dunstan de Souza
Managing Partner CBP



Michael Phillips
Chairman of Shipping
Australia

Guests were able to view one of the series of art exhibitions held in the foyer of CBP, which have now been running for several years. The present exhibition comprises the work of Dr Nathan Dorra and has adorned the CBP foyer in recent months.

Artwork by **Nathan Dorra**



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