

# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ALAANZ CONFERENCES



**LOOKING FORWARD / LOOKING BACK:  
REFLECTING ON 40 YEARS OF ALAANZ**

**THE EMPORIUM HOTEL, BRISBANE, QLD**  
Wednesday May 1st – Friday May 3rd, 2024

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM & REGISTRATION

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ALAANZ 40TH CONFERENCE



# AVIATION LAW CONFERENCE



## ALAANZ 2024 Conference Committee Members

### Conference Chair

#### Shannon O'Hara

Senior Legal Counsel, Aviation & Claims  
QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited

### Committee Members

#### Mark Sainsbury

Partner,  
Sparke Helmore Lawyers

#### Richard Dealy

Business Relationship Manager Aviation,  
QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited

## Welcome from Conference Committee

Let's wind the clock back to 1982 – The Boeing 757 operated its first flight, Michael Jackson's Thriller album was released, Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands / Malvinas, NASA's STS-3 mission launched, the Air Transport Group of the Government of Australia's Department of Transport became a separate government department in its own right as the Department of Aviation, Steven Spielberg's ET was released, the Sydney Harbour Bridge celebrated its 50th anniversary, NZ won back the Bledisloe Cup from Australia, appeals from the State Supreme Courts to the Privy Council were abolished, making the High Court of Australia the final court of appeal, and importantly . . . The first ALAANZ Conference was held!

Fast forward to 2024, and it is my privilege to welcome you all to our 40th ALAANZ Conference. This year, we will gather at the stunning Emporium Hotel, Southbank, Brisbane to embark on a journey of knowledge exchange, connection, reflection, and celebration of four decades of excellence in aviation law under the theme "Looking Forward / Looking Back".

While this year's conference will provide ample opportunity for us to connect and reflect on the past, it will also ask you to look forward to the future through our exceptional conference program. In 2024, the conference will be delivered by a gathering of incredible legal professionals, industry experts, and thought leaders each of whom play a pivotal role in advancing the fields of aviation - insurance, sustainability, investigation and regulation, and law - aviation, space and insurance.

Our welcome reception and conference lunches feature stunning locations to enjoy the company of your colleagues and conference delegates. The conference dinner, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Brisbane River and Story Bridge, will be held at the award-winning Alchemy Restaurant, and will serve as a relaxed platform to network, recognise and celebrate the milestones of our ALAANZ journey and the enduring strength and resilience of the association, its committed volunteers, members, supporters and sponsors.

In closing, and in keeping with this year's conference theme of "Looking Forward / Looking Back", I'd like to reflect on the words of the then, Chief Justice Paul de Jersey AC, who delivered the 2003 conference opening here in Brisbane, noting that they are just as relevant today as they were 21 years ago:

*"In 1908, Wilbur Wright said, in a speech to the Aero Club of France: "I confess that in 1901, I said to my brother Orville that man would not fly for fifty years . . . ever since, I have distrusted myself and avoided making predictions." Just as advances in air travel itself have surpassed all expectations, the irrepressible development of aviation law has been equally unpredictable. Your attendance at and contribution to this gathering perpetuates that development . . . there are many areas worthy of your detailed consideration over the coming days. I encourage your involvement and commend you on your worthy attention to this important legal field."*

See you in May!

Shannon O'Hara |  
ALAANZ Conference Chair

## Conference Secretariat

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# 40TH ANNUAL ALAANZ CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW



## Wednesday, 1st May – Day 1

- 4:30pm **Registration**  
Pre-Conference Area, Emporium Hotel
- 6:00 - 8:00pm **Welcome Cocktail Function**  
Terrace Rooftop Bar, The Emporium Hotel  
*Sponsored by HWL Ebsworth*

## Thursday, 2nd May – Day 2

- 8:00 – 8:30am **Registration and Arrival Tea and Coffee**  
*Coffee Cart sponsored by Sparke Helmore Lawyers*
- 8:30 – 8:45am **Conference Opening Address**  
**His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, CVO, KC, Australia**
- 8:45 – 9:30am **Keynote Address**  
**Peter Harbison**, Chairman, GreenerAirlines, Australia
- 9:30 – 10:30am **Session 1**  
Aviation Law Updates  
**Session Chair: Anita Quoy**, Partner, Kennedys Legal Solutions, Singapore  
**HFW Speaker - TBA**  
**Andrew Tulloch**, Partner, Colin Biggers and Paisley, Australia
- 10:30 – 11:00am **Morning Tea**  
*Sponsored by Sedgwick Australia Pty Ltd*
- 11:00am – 12:30pm **Session 2**  
ALAANZ Debate: Expansion of the 'bodily injury concept' to include psychiatric injuries  
**Chair: Hon Martin Daubney AM KC**, Level 17 Chambers, Brisbane and 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, Australia  
**Richard Douglas KC**, Callinan Chambers, Brisbane, Australia  
**TBA**  
**Mert Hifzi**, Partner, HFW London, UK

12:30 – 1:00pm

## Session 3

CASA Regulatory Update

**Session Sponsored by CASA**

**Jonathan Aleck**, Executive Manager Legal, International and Regulatory Affairs, CASA

**Dr. Kate Manderson**, Principal Medical Officer, CASA

1:00 – 2:15pm

**Lunch**

*Sponsored by McLarens Aviation*

2:15- 3:00pm

## Session 4

**DAVID BOUGHEN ADDRESS**

3:00 – 3:30pm

**Afternoon Tea**

*Sponsored by GSG Legal*

3:30 – 4:30pm

## Session 5

Airlines

**Session Chair: Matthew Brooks**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth, Australia

**Alexander McKinnon**, Barrister, 16 Quay Central, Brisbane, Australia

**Jennifer Paige**, General Counsel/Company Secretary, Air New Zealand Ltd, New Zealand



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4:30 – 5:00pm

## Session 6

### Space Law

**Session Chair: Mark Sainsbury**, Partner,  
Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Australia

**James Minchinton**, Gilmore Space  
Technologies, Australia

5:00pm

### Close Day 2

7:00 – 10:30pm

### Conference Dinner

Alchemy Restaurant, Brisbane

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**Inaugural Presentation of Life  
Membership Awards**

## Friday, 3rd May – Day 3

8:30 – 9:00am

### Arrival Tea and Coffee

*Coffee Cart Sponsored by Sparke Helmore  
Lawyers*

9:00 – 9:30am

## Session 7

### ATSB Hypothetical

**Patrick Hornby**, General Counsel - Legal  
Services, Australian Transport Safety Bureau  
(ATSB), Australia

9:30 – 10:15am

## Session 8

### ESG/Sustainability

Fireside Chat hosted by **Heidi Hauf**,  
Global Sustainability leader and consultant;  
with **Kiri Hannifin**, Chief Sustainability  
Officer, Air New Zealand, New Zealand

10:15 – 10:30am

### AGM

10:30 – 11:00am

### Morning Tea

*Sponsored by Sedgwick Australia Pty Ltd*

11:00 – 12:30pm

## Session 9

### Airports

**Session Chair: Eoghan McCarthy**, Account  
Director, Aerosure a WTW Company, Australia

**Jayne Heatley**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth  
Lawyers, Australia

**Louise Martin**, Head of Legal & Privacy  
Officer, Auckland Airport, New Zealand

**Michele Wong**, CFO & Company Secretary,  
Cairns Airport, Australia

12:30 – 1:10pm

## Session 10

### Insurance

**Pat Doherty**, CEO, Aerosure a WTW  
Company, Australia

**Michael McNamara**, Head of Aviation, QBE  
Insurance (Australia) Ltd

1:10 – 1:30pm

### Closing remarks

1:30 – 2:45pm

### Lunch

*Sponsored by Charles Taylor Adjusting*



## ALAANZ 40TH CONFERENCE

### Conference Venue

Located in South Bank, Queensland's premier lifestyle and cultural precinct, Emporium Hotel is renowned for its exquisite design, beautiful detailing and exceptional service.

Allowing guests easy access to some of Queensland's main attractions including South Bank Parklands, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), the Queensland Museum and Science Centre and the Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art and located across the Brisbane River from Brisbane CBD, guests can take advantage of everything that the city has to offer.

Opened in mid 2018, Emporium Hotel prides itself on a spectacular new standard in exquisite boutique luxury accommodation and award-winning service. 143 luxuriously appointed suites feature all the comforts you could ask for, while an abundance of premium food and beverage options will leave you spoilt for choice.

Exquisitely finished with handcrafted touches, each accommodation suite boasts the latest in-room automation and entertainment technology, inclusive of Bose audio systems and a high definition 55 inch mirror-finish television.

On level 21 you will find a spectacular, 23m infinity edge pool and bar with magnificent views over South Bank Parklands, the Brisbane River, to the city and beyond. The coveted north easterly aspect will allow comfort and enjoyment morning to night, all year round.

### Conference Registration

Quoted Registration fees are in Australian dollars (AUD) and include 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST).

It is highly desirable that all delegates and accompanying persons register by submitting an online registration together with payment of registration fees.

**All ALAANZ Conference Registrations are done online via the conference website.**

**Please register online:**

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/alaanz24/home/>

If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact Conference Secretariat on [rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au](mailto:rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au)

### Conference Confirmation

Confirmation of your registration, including accommodation if booked, will be sent to you electronically via the online conference registration platform.

### Registration Cancellation

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Secretariat – MECCA Concepts.

A refund of the registration fee less a cancellation fee of \$100 will apply to cancellation(s) received on or before 30 days out from the start of the conference. After this date, no refund or cancellation will be possible, although substitute delegates are welcome. All refunds will be processed after the Conference.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

### Accommodation Cancellation

Cancellation of accommodation rooms less than 30 days before the event may incur the full accommodation charges for all nights booked.

### Student Registration

The ALAANZ 2024 Conference has developed a student registration rate to encourage full time students to participate and further educate themselves in Aviation Law. Contact Rachel Washington, conference Secretariat at [rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au](mailto:rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au) for information on student registrations.

### Dress Code

Dress code for the Conference and Welcome function is Smart Casual or Business attire.

Dress code for the Conference dinner is jacket and tie, or after five Apparel.

### General Registration information

Every care has been taken to ensure this program/registration brochure is correct and the time of printing, however the Conference Organising committee reserves the right to alter the program.

### Included in Registration fees:

#### *Full delegates – (Early Bird, Member, Non-member)*

- All conference Sessions
- Welcome cocktail function – Wednesday night
- Morning and afternoon teas during conference as listed in program
- Lunch- Thursday and Friday
- Conference dinner – Thursday night
- Name Badge
- Access to digital Conference App (mobile devices)
- Access to (approved) presentation papers online - via password protected access after the conference

#### *Day Registration – (Early Bird, Member, Non-member)*

- All conference Sessions on registered day
- Morning and afternoon teas during conference day as listed in program
- Lunch- on conference day
- Name Badge
- Access to digital Conference App (mobile devices)
- Access to (approved) presentation papers online - via password protected access after the conference

### Social Functions

*Social functions for day registrations can be purchased additionally to the day conference registration rate.*

- Welcome Cocktail Function - Wednesday night
- Conference dinner – Thursday night



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## 40th Annual Conference – 1st - 3rd May, 2024

### REGISTRATION

All ALAANZ 2024 Conference registrations are completed online via the conference registration website.

All prices are in Australian Dollars and include GST.

To register please go to: <https://na.eventscld.com/ehome/alaanz24/home/>

\* NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES A ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO THE ASSOCIATION.

A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM WILL BE SENT TO YOU AFTER REGISTRATION.

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### REGISTRATION PRICES

EARLY BIRD (if paid before Monday April 1, 2024)	\$1440 AUD
MEMBER	\$1490 AUD
NON MEMBER *	\$1590 AUD
DAY REGISTRATION - Thursday OR Friday	\$680 AUD (does not include social functions)
WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION TICKET	\$75 AUD
CONFERENCE DINNER TICKET	\$200 AUD



### ACCOMMODATION REGISTRATION

Please book your accommodation online when registering for the conference. Conference Venue: Emporium Hotel, Southbank, Brisbane QLD. The Conference has reserved a block of rooms at the Emporium Hotel Brisbane, at a reduced Group Rate. To obtain this rate please book your accommodation through the Conference Secretariat.

Accommodation is limited - book early to avoid disappointment.

- ☐ VISTA KING SUITE FOR ONE \$339 AUD ROOM ONLY PER NIGHT
- ☐ VISTA KING SUITE INCLUDING BREAKFAST FOR ONE \$359 AUD PER NIGHT

### ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION

Emporium Hotel Brisbane may charge the delegate for all nights if accommodation is cancelled at less than 30 days prior to the booking.

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