

ADAS Newsletter Issue 28, April 2021

Introduction

Welcome to Issue 28 of the ADAS newsletter.

This issue we introduce you to the newest ADAS Board members, Adrian Evans and Dr Stuart Cannon, who both come with impressive backgrounds in maritime services. We also share the latest industry related IMCA safety alert, and congratulate ADAS school CDA on winning an award of excellence. There is also a recruitment article for MMA Offshore, who are searching for qualified and experienced ADAS divers.

On a personal note, we invite you to help us raise funds for cancer research and support in memory of our friend and co-worker Tracy.

There is also a reminder that there are two months left of the ADAS photo competition, if you haven't submitted your images yet - do it soon!

As always, your thoughts and comments, or any ideas for future issues of the ADAS Newsletter are both welcome and appreciated.



Amanda Sordes

Executive Director

Change to the ADAS Board

The ADAS Board of Directors welcomes two new members, Adrian Evans and Dr Stuart Cannon.

In March and April, the ADAS Board of Directors approved the appointment of Adrian and Stuart who both have a strong maritime background and can bring a multitude of skills and knowledge to the Board.

Adrian Evans

With the retirement of Ian Bray from the ADAS Board, Adrian Evans has been appointed in his place. It has been a long-standing commitment of the Board that a person with strong links to the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) is in the best position to provide the Board with views and understandings of occupational divers. Adrian's appointment maintains this commitment.

Ian has been a valued member of the ADAS Board since late 2011 and has provided input and perspective not only as a union representative but also as someone highly experienced in the maritime industry. Ian recently retired from his position as the MUA's Assistant National Secretary to take on the role of International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Coordinator for Australia. ADAS and the ADAS Board wish Ian every success in his new role and thank him for the many years he has provided to the Board.

Adrian Evans takes his position on the ADAS Board in conjunction with being appointed the new MUA Assistant National Secretary. Adrian began his maritime career in 1991 as an apprentice mechanic before becoming an ITF inspector in 2007, and a union official in 2009. His extensive experience in safety and training, and his union expertise, are welcomed by both ADAS and the ADAS Board and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Dr Stuart Cannon

Stuart is the current Chief Technology Officer: Innovation and Strategic Research for the Australian Department of Defence. This role represents an accumulation of knowledge gained during his career in the maritime engineering and naval architecture fields in which Stuart has been instrumental in research and development of Royal Australian Navy surface ships. Stuart is also currently an Adjunct Professor in Hydrodynamics and Maritime Engineering at the University of Tasmania's Australian Maritime College, and holds a number of fellowships including Engineers Australia, the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, and the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering.

Stuart's passion and commitment to research and strategic planning is an asset to ADAS, with extensive connections to Standards Australia and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and his strong involvement in the business world throughout his career.

More information about Adrian and Stuart can be found on the [ADAS Board of Directors website page](#).

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Safety

The first part of 2021 has fortunately been relatively quiet in regard to incidents in the hyperbaric industry. In this issue we share an IMCA alert relating to incorrect umbilical markings.

[IMCA Safety Flash 09/21](#) Incorrect measurement and markings on divers umbilical

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Ship Husbandry Diving Guidance

Due to a continuing number of diver fatalities relating to ship husbandry (although thankfully none in Australia), IMCA, IOGP, and ADCI have collaborated to produce a guidance document aimed to alleviate this worrying trend.



The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has requested ADAS' assistance in drawing attention to the number of fatalities and serious injuries suffered by divers conducting ship inspections and other underwater husbandry work.

IMCA, along with the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP) and the Association of Diving Contractors (ADCI), are members of the International Diving Industry Forum (IDIF) which is collectively working to raise awareness of the dangers of shallow water diving on ships in ports, harbours, and anchorages. The Underwater Ship Husbandry (UWSH) for Ocean-Going Ship guidance document has been created and is available to all industry stakeholders. The guidance document provides guidelines for safety considerations, recommended operational guidelines, and training specific to underwater ship husbandry operations.

For more details, see the [UWSH Guidance document](#).

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ADAS School Wins Excellence Award

Congratulations to the Commercial Dive Academy (CDA) on winning the Excellence in Export category in the 2021 Tasplan Business Excellence awards.



In March, Tasmanian based ADAS school, the Commercial Dive Academy (CDA), won the Excellence in Export category in the annual Tasplan Excellence in Business awards. This award recognises companies with outstanding business excellence and which “create and/or develop export opportunities, that develop new export avenues and facilitate export businesses to develop their markets.”*

CDA has worked tirelessly in the years since it began ADAS training and assessment to ensure that its courses are available to people from all around the world. This includes submitting exemption requests to the Tasmanian Government to allow international students to enter the state for training purposes during COVID-19 travel restrictions.

ADAS congratulates the Commercial Dive Academy on this very well-deserved achievement!

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MMA Offshore Recruitment

Australian based offshore contractor, MMA Offshore, is looking for workers – you could be the next new recruit!



MMA Offshore specialises in providing high specification vessels and a comprehensive suite of marine services to the offshore energy sector and wider maritime industry.

MMA is currently seeking Australian based, experienced ADAS divers who are interested in casual diving work. This currently entails air diving, predominately involving inshore/onshore scopes at their Perth, Melbourne and Darwin bases.

If you are available, please follow the link below to apply for an expression of interest, attaching your current CV.

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ADAS Biggest Morning Tea

Each year the Cancer Council Australia holds a ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ fundraiser to provide support to cancer sufferers and survivors. This year ADAS is participating in memory of our friend and co-worker Tracy, and invite you to donate to this worthy cause.



Tracy sadly lost her four-year battle with cancer in November 2020 and is still intensely missed by the ADAS staff. Donating to the ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ is our way of paying tribute to Tracy and the incredible impact she had on the many people she had contact with over the years.

Please [click here](#) if you would like to help us support the Cancer Council Australia

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ADAS Photo Competition Closes Soon

Calling all photographers... Do you have an eye for interesting photos? Would you love to see your images in an ADAS calendar? Then we need you!



ADAS is looking for a collection of diving related photos that will become the ADAS 2022 calendar. To find the ideal photos for the calendar, we are running a photo competition from 1st January until the 30th of June 2021. People whose photos are selected to go into the calendar will receive a free ADAS divers/supervisors logbook and a copy of the 2022 ADAS calendar when its printed.

The images selected for the calendar will be ones with a clear connection to commercial diving. This could be worksites, jobs, or wildlife encounters you have had while on the job.

If you have photos to share with ADAS please email them to rae@adas.org.au, successful entrants will be announced in early July 2021.

We're looking forward to seeing some of the exciting places and stories you've captured on camera!

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