

ALAANZ COUNCIL MEMBERS



Tony Pyne – President, ALAANZ

Tony has been a member of ALAANZ since its inception, spoke at its first conference and was an office holder in the Victoria Branch for many years. He is now also ACT Branch President. He practised aviation law to partnership level in leading law firms in London, Sydney and Melbourne from 1977 – 2001 and served on the CASA Board from 1997 – 2000. Subsequently he was appointed Manager Compliance & Regulatory Affairs at Ansett / Air New Zealand and worked with several start-up operators. After periods as an aviation regulatory consultant, IATA Substitute Travel Agency Commissioner and with Australian Government Solicitor, he joined Airclaims Australia in 2009 as Legal Adviser and Surveyor in the Australasian region. Tony has held a pilots licence since 1968, has a Command Instrument Rating and owns and operates a Piper Twin Comanche and another aircraft. He has written numerous papers on aviation legal matters, lectured at several universities and advised Federal government Ministers.



John Dawson, Vice President, ALAANZ, New South Wales Branch

John was admitted to practice as a lawyer in 1985. He joined Carney Lawyers in 1985. John's background is in aviation, employment and workplace relations. For nearly a decade he worked in Air Traffic Services with the then Civil Aviation Authority. He has also been the State Secretary of the registered association representing employees engaged in the aviation industry and the Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australia. John's success in his legal practice comes from his qualifications and unique experience in these two areas. He's represented stakeholders in commissions of inquiry including the Independent Review of the Australian Advanced Air Traffic System and the Commission of Inquiry into Relations between the Civil Aviation Authority and Seaview Air.



Robert Burns, Victoria Branch

Robert T Burns (Robbie) has been in practise at te Victorian Bar for over 18 years. He has a general law practice which covers Family, Civil and Crime (with the odd Aviation matter). He is a pilot with nearly 2000 hours flying experience gained in military, airline and general aviation. He has been a member of the National Council for many years and has held the positions of Victorian Branch Chairman and Secretary.



Duncan Ferrier, New Zealand Branch

Duncan practices as a Barrister at Capital Chambers in Wellington, New Zealand. He graduated in 1992 from Canterbury University with a BA and an LLB and in 2002 from Victoria University of Wellington with a Masters degree in law. While his practice incorporates a broad range of civil and public law litigation issues, his particular focus is on matters of transport and liability. He acts for the New Zealand aviation and maritime regulatory entities, and has, from time to time, provided in house legal services to both of these organisations. Duncan advises and acts for insurers and other participants within the aviation and maritime industries.



Mark Gray-Spencer, New South Wales Branch

Mark has represented Underwriters and direct clients in many Australian, Asian and South Pacific jurisdictions in a variety of aviation related matters for over 15 years. These include civil claims, product liability claims, Coronial Inquests, Royal Commissions and prosecutions arising from breaches of occupational health and safety laws and environmental prosecutions. Underwriters have also regularly consulted Mark in relation to coverage and indemnity issues and policy and endorsement drafting. Mark has also since admission in 1986, had an extensive commercial litigation practice in most Australian jurisdictions including two appeals to the High Court of Australia. Further, due to his post graduate qualifications in Trade Practices law, he has advised clients specifically in respect of Part IV and V of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in both civil claims and prosecutions. In particular, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in product liability claims. His Masters degree also incorporated an extensive review of the ongoing difficulties with international carriage under the Warsaw Convention. Mark has been consistently named in *Euromoney Legal Group Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers* since 1998.



Patrick Hornby, ACT Branch

Patrick is the Manager, Legal Services, at the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB). He practises across a wide range of areas that encompass coronial inquests, civil litigation, commercial matters, administrative matters and legislative development and drafting. Working with the ATSB, he has particular subject matter expertise in transport accident investigation. Patrick was responsible for developing the amendments to the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003* which created the Bureau on 2 July 2009. He also negotiated and drafted the Casualty Investigation Code for Maritime Investigations which is annexed to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.



Ben Martin, New South Wales Branch

Ben Martin, a partner at Norton White, is recognised for his depth of knowledge and experience in aviation regulatory, liability and commercial law. His practice includes advising and acting on regulatory and competition matters, acting in transactions for the acquisition, finance, leasing or disposal of aircraft and other commercial transactions including the acquisition and disposal of airlines and other businesses and acting and advising on liability claims and litigation. Ben has been ranked by the 2007 & 2009 *“Guide to the World’s Leading Lawyers – Best of the Best”* as one of the top 25 aviation law practitioners in the world. He is the only Australian practitioner to be included in the Best of the Best List.



Chris McKeown, ACT Branch

Chris came to the Bar in 1989. He was a solicitor for 6 years from 1983. Chris appears in all mainland State jurisdictions and all Commonwealth jurisdictions. He can, in some circumstances deal directly with clients or with solicitors acting for their clients. Chris practices in a number of areas of the law including Criminal Defence work, Administrative Appeals, Negligence law and Damage Claims, Family Law and Commercial Law. He specialises in Australian Aviation Law.

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Shannon O’Hara – Queensland Branch

Shannon is an Associate in Carter Newell Lawyers Aviation Team. Shannon acts for a range of aviation clients including national and international insurers, national and regional airports, airlines, companies providing ancillary support to the airline and airport industry, licensed aircraft maintenance engineers and various government agencies. Shannon has acted in defence of claims across Australia including: Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia in addition to Papua New Guinea and the Asia-Pacific region. Shannon has a special interest in representing the interests of parties at Coronial inquests but also provides a range of legal advice to clients within the aviation industry on issues such as jurisdiction and procedure, policy interpretation and indemnity, liability and quantum and subrogated recovery actions.



Allison Radcliffe – Queensland Branch

Allison is a lawyer in the Brisbane office of HWL Ebsworth’s National Transport Group, whose practice focuses on all aspects of transport law including aviation, maritime, road transport and general commercial litigation. Allison acts for a wide range of domestic and international clients including insurers/underwriters, brokers, airlines, shipowners and transport companies, providing advice and conducting claims arising from cargo, personal injuries and related liability claims. Allison has acted for clients in a number of large scale disputes in the Queensland and New South Wales Supreme Courts on a broad range of commercial issues involving contractual, insurance, property damage claims and trade practice claims. She has also participated in various forms of alternative dispute resolution.



Andrew Tulloch, Victoria Branch

Andrew Tulloch is a partner at DLA Phillips Fox and leads that firm's Trade & Transport Group. He has been practising with that firm for more than 30 years and has been a partner of the firm since 1984. He has experience in both aviation and marine work and acts for aviation insurers, airlines and others associated with the aviation industry, principally handling litigation matters but also with involvement in general commercial matters. He has been listed for a number of years in the International Who's Who of Aviation Lawyers and has also been named among the Best Lawyers in 2009 and 2010. Andrew is a past secretary and current President of the Victorian Branch of ALAANZ and has been a council member and Director of the Association for a number of years.