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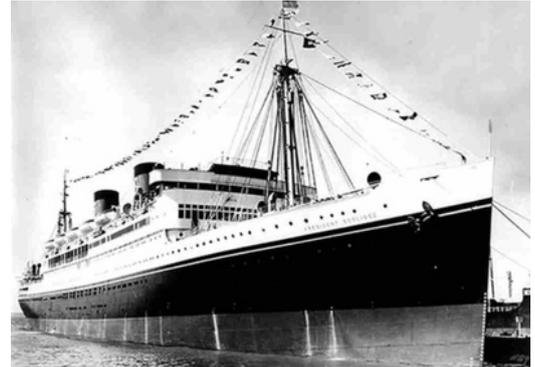
2024 RINA QLD AGM  
TECHNICAL PRESENTATION: SS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

DATE: TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2024  
TIME: RINA AGM 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm  
TIME: Technical Meeting 6:45pm start  
PLACE: View Hotel Brisbane  
Cnr Kingsford Smith Dr & Hunt St  
Hamilton QLD 4007

ZOOM LINK: (Technical presentation only)  
Meeting ID: 863 1561 8722  
Passcode: 387067  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86315618722?pwd=GqzT9kBJalYWjRAD3DbkasxdaQ6MB3.1>  
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Please send your RSVP no later than Friday the 26th of April

RSVP:



## RINA QLD Annual General Meeting

RINA Queensland is pleased to invite all RINA QLD members to its AGM to be held on Tuesday the 30th of April at the View Hotel Brisbane. Members wishing to attend via Zoom are kindly asked to make this clear to our secretary Tom Ryan in their RSVP that this is the case, as the Zoom link for the AGM will be sent separately. For those attending in person we ask that you are punctual to ensure a timely start and prevent from delaying the technical presentation.

The AGM will cover annual reports and a new committee will be elected for the coming year. This is your best opportunity to influence change in RINA QLD as we strive to improve the organisation and what it can provide for its members each year. Your attendance and input are greatly appreciated and we would further encourage you to consider volunteering in some capacity in the year ahead.

## IMarEST Technical Presentation

Following the AGM, RINA QLD members are invited to join IMarEST to enjoy a technical presentation from Carl Linkenbach on the SS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

### Summary:

The SS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE was a passenger ship built for the Dollar Steamship Company (later American

President Lines) by Newport News Shipbuilding. Entering service in 1931, the ship was homeported in San Francisco and used on the Trans-Pacific route to China, the Philippines and Japan via Honolulu. At 22'000 GRT and 200m in length with a turbo-electric propulsion system and with luxurious art deco fittings, she represented the best of American passenger ship design of the time.

Requisitioned as a troopship in 1941 following the outbreak of WW2, the ship was lost in Espiritu Santo (Vanuatu) on 26 October 1942 when she struck a friendly minefield at the entrance to the Second Channel. Today, the ship is one of the largest ships accessible to recreational divers. Diving the wreck is a spectacular, awe inspiring experience. This presentation will provide an overview of the fascinating story of the ship, how and why she was lost, her condition today and some direct observations on what it is like to dive the wreck.

Carl Linkenbagh (CEng CMarEng MIMarEST) is a Senior Systems Engineer who specialises in maritime systems. His career started in 1999 as a Marine Technician in the Royal Australian Navy on amphibious ships and guided missile frigates and for the last 10 years he has worked as a Consultant on a variety of maritime projects for the Departments of Defence and Home Affairs. He holds Masters degrees in Systems Engineering and Project Management from UNSW Canberra. Carl relocated to Brisbane in late 2023 after one Canberra winter too many and in his spare time he drives heritage steam locomotives, rides road and mountain bikes and is a qualified Technical Diver and proud member of Global Underwater Explorers with a passion for historic shipwreck exploration.

Please RSVP by email at your earliest convenience. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Kind regards,  
Tom Ryan  
Secretary, RINA QLD Section

