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Shipping industry in Queensland acknowledges the marine environment education contribution being made by AUSMEPA

At the SAL Shipping Industry 'Deep Blue Sea' Ball held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 11th October, Mr. Ian McAlpine, Chairman of the SAL Qld State Committee presented Mr. Michael Julian, Executive Director of the Australian Marine Environment Protection Association with a cheque for \$10,000.00 from the Ball proceeds.

In presenting the cheque Mr. McAlpine said how pleasing it was that the Qld shipping industry had in this way acknowledged the importance of the work being done by AUSMEPA in providing free marine environmental educational resources to school teachers and their students through its website www.ausmepa.org.au. He additionally noted the aid to seafarers given through the DVD 'Welcome to Australia - Protecting the Marine Environment' where over 3,000 copies have been placed on ships visiting Australian ports by members of Shipping Australia Ltd.

Mr McAlpine said that each year the ball committee identifies a shipping related project to sponsor and for 2008 AUSMEPA had been the worthy recipient with the success of this venture being primarily due to the generous contributions of so many organisations all of whom were part of an active Qld shipping community.

In accepting the cheque Mr. Julian expressed his appreciation to the committee in selecting AUSMEPA and thanked all those who had contributed to such a great outcome. He said the funds would be used to develop a website for the new Ships and the marine environment education program, to be launched on the AUSMEPA website in November.

The new education program is to provide information to school students about shipping and what ships must do to ensure their operations do not cause pollution or adversely impact the marine environment. Mr Julian said it was most important that school students, as the next generation, not only understood the reasons but were also committed to sustaining the pristine nature of our seas and oceans and the marine environment.

Presentation Photo Attached

Left to right are: Michael Julian, Executive Director, Australian Marine Environment Protection Association and Ian McAlpine Chairman, Qld State Committee, Shipping Australia Ltd.



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