

PRIDE & PRINCIPALS



The first 50 Years
of the New Zealand Association
of Shipowners and Shipping Agents Inc
(now Shipping New Zealand)



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I hope NZASA members, past and present, find pride in the work they and their association have done for half a century, as captured in this book.

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Foreword

Fifty years have passed since shipping agents throughout New Zealand gathered on July 14, 1971 to form what was initially called “The New Zealand Chamber of Shipping”.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since that winter morning in the Wellington offices of Russell & Somers.

We later became The New Zealand Association of Shipowners and Agents (Inc) and now work under the less-formal title “Shipping New Zealand”.

We may have changed names, but during those 50 years our members have continued to provide the day-to-day services to shipowners, operators and principals that are essential for this country’s seaborne imports and exports to get to market.

We feel this important milestone should be honoured by the publication of this book, which details not only the history of NZASA, but the real issues that we as agents have grappled with over the decades.

We have also tried to capture the “human interest story” – the thoughts of some of the people who have been at the heart of the association through our five decades of existence.

It is a great achievement to reach 50 years. This book acknowledges our half century and in so doing also pays tribute to the people who have contributed so much of their time and effort into the work of shipping agencies throughout New Zealand.

We hope you enjoy it. It reflects not only our association’s story, but our lives in shipping.

Billy Preston
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