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HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY AISF



This Year the AISF turned 40. Originally named Australasian Institute of Metal Finishing. AIMF was established in March 1969 by the inaugural President Mr Clive Whittington.

The AIMF started with 429 members and worked out of the Institute of Metals and Minerals.

In 1991 The AIMF employed a full time person Heather Hoggan who served the Institute for some 17 years.

In 2003 Peter Harrison played an integral role in implementing our Apprenticeship Training Program, which to date has only been able to be run in our Victorian Branch, however we are striving to branch this out Nationally

In 2006 we changed name to AISF, Institute of Surface Finishing to best categorise our member base. The institute was also doing well financially and we purchased our own office building also in 2006.

The institute now has 350 members and 15 Honorary Members who have all contributed greatly to the running success of this association.

In November 2008 our long standing Executive Officer Heather Hoggan moved on to greener pastures and Sharon Campbell took over her role.

To celebrate such a milestone the AISF - Victorian Branch held a Birthday Party in conjunction with their annual Apprentice Awards Dinner on



November 20 2009.

The evening was held at the Celtic Club in Melbourne and attended by 72 guests.

A tradesman comedy duo greeted guests on arrival with hammers and plungers, much to their surprise. And roamed around entertaining guests prior to the entree being served.

This was followed by a juggling show. Where members of the audience were dragged on stage to take part in the Jugglers tricks. Lots of laughs were had by all

After dinner, Marilyn Monroe surprised our guests by bringing out a delicious cake with the AISF logo on it, and singing her famous Happy Birthday tune to the Institute. She also posed for pictures for any who desired one.

A great night was had by all. It was great to see some of our honorary members come along.



Marilyn singing Happy Birthday to the President



Committee men fighting over a



Adam Dempsey joined in the fun with the Builder Jugglers



Another Anniversary is that of our Executive Officer - Sharon Campbell who joined us in November 2008.

Peter Harrison from the Victorian Branch presented Sharon with some flowers and a voucher to mark her first year anniversary with the Institute.



APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The same evening of the 40th Celebrations was the Victorian Branches annual Apprentice of the Year Awards. After Dinner and the Jugglers show, Peter Harrison of the Victorian Branch along with the trainers Pat McIlvena and Brian Bray presented 3 Awards.

The first being the Encouragement Award for Electroplating for the student who showed the most potential in class. This was awarded to Jason Hozzm of Alliance Electroplating in Epping. Jason received a cash prize of \$50 and an Electroplating Technical handbook

The second award was the Electroplating Apprentice of the Year Award and this went to Chris Stuttard of Preston Plate in Thomastown. Chris was also the winner of the Encouragement Award last year. Chris is a dedicated student and shows great potential to succeed in the workplace.

Powder Coatings Apprentice of the Year Award went to Samantha Quinn of Alspec in Dandenong. Samantha is the first female to ever win the Apprentice of the Year Award. Samantha is a conscientious student and was recently promoted to Paintline Supervisor in the workplace.

Sam has also joined the AISF committee in Victoria. Her fresh ideas and enthusiasm is most welcomed and im sure she will be great for the institute.

The winners of the Apprentice of the Year Award were given a cheque from Murray Mallee Training Company, a cash prize from the AISF and a technical handbook.

Congratulations to all the winners!

If you would like to enrol in our Apprentice Program, please contact Sharon at the AISF 03 9416 2222



Jason Hozzm receiving the Encouragement Award



Electroplating Apprentice of the Year - Chris Stuttard receiving his certificate and prize



Powder Coating Apprentice of the Year - Samantha Quinn receiving her certificate and prize

ELIMINATION OF PRE-SCRIBED INDUSTRIAL WASTE TECHNICAL NIGHT. 15 OCTOBER 2009

Rob Legg organised a very successful technical information night on the reduction of chromic acid waste in the plating industry in October of this year.

The AISF, in conjunction with the AIG and EPA, has commenced a project on the recovery and recycling of chromic acid in the electroplating industry.

The intention is to establish recovery technology to reduce and ultimately eliminate sludge and filter cake disposal to landfill.

This currently costs our member companies a great deal of money and it will increase further in the future.

Member companies will be contacted by the project contracted company, Hyder Consulting, to commence gathering information.

The results of this information will be

used to determine useful recovery / recycling technologies.

The AISF will then assist participating companies in getting subsidised financial assistance from the EPA HazWaste fund, to help cover the cost of implementing these initiatives.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Sharon at the AISF on 03 9416 2222

Keith Coombe
Victorian Branch President

NSW BRANCH PAST TO PRESENT REUNION DINNER

A long time ago Gary Hollis floated the idea of an industry reunion dinner to reunite many of the old faces from the industry who have either retired, moved on or simply disappeared into other fields of endeavour.

The task to find some of these people was at times a Sherlock Holmes mystery, but a substantial list grew of old colleagues deserving of an invitation to such an evening.

Eventually by searching phone books, the internet and quizzing people if they knew of others whereabouts, a list of well over 100 people had been contacted and was under the control of Alan Jacobs. Naturally some of these people were regrettably unable to attend, either through poor health, other commitments for the night or simply the traveling distances prevented them making the journey. Eventual numbers rounded out in the high seventies.

Richard Hammond welcomed all to the night and gave away some prizes. Some recipients of these were longest serving in the industry, (Bill Jacobs) longest serving supplier, (Neil Sommerville) furthest travelled, (Michael Rose), life members (Tim Elley, Barry Brown, Keith Chapple) and for the ladies, the largest brood of grandchildren!



A continuous slide show was running throughout the night with photos of many conferences, meetings and golf days. Some people never seem to age!! In fact there were photos of the first conference held in Melbourne in 1954.

Many thanks to Sharon and Heather for digging out these relics from the archives of the Melbourne office.

Once the meals began, the committee did reserve one more trick up their sleeve, a well concealed entertainment package that only a couple of people in the room were aware of.

The waiters in the room, who had been serving drinks before the engagement began, began a routine of trying to “out-sing” each other for bribes from members in the room. The quality of their voices soon exposed them as professional tenors and between them they serenaded the group during dinner, culminating in a version of Puccini’s *Nessun Dorma*.

Unfortunately some could not attend, some of these being Max Gibbs, Jeff Carlson, Grant Hill, Bob Lynch, Bob Green, John Morgan, Max Mawson, Ross Woodley and Ron Thomas.

Some of the old faces who did come along are Keith Chapple, Ron Shannon, Bill Jacobs, Bob Wade, Max Taylor, Rob Isaacs, Richard Budd, Cliff Horan, Jim Lowe, Keith Evans, Don Barwick, Alf & Vic Turrin, Jan Friedrich, Jane & Steve Grundy, Bob Cullen, Barry Brown, Dave Edwards, Col Gorsuch and Ed Marsh to name a few. It was also wonderful to see so many of the wives in attendance.

Keith Chapple responded on behalf of the



“old timers” and expressed thanks for the evening and the chance to get together with so many old friends. He also recalled the history of the associations (AES, AIMF, MEA, AISF) and the camaraderie of the members since the first meetings were held prior to World War II.

The remainder of the night was spent moving from group to group talking with old colleagues and workmates, some not having been seen for many years.

Many of the retired and current members have expressed thanks for the opportunity to get together again and all those who attended will remember the night in the years to come.

A special thanks to those committee members who spent many detective hours searching for people now spread to all corners of the state, it was through their efforts and time that the evening was such a great success.



TWO DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSES

The two day Introductory Powder Coating courses continue to be popular. The NSW branch held a 2 day course on October 22nd and 23rd at ITW Gema premises in Riverwood.

We had great attendance with 10 students from a broad range of industry, an extremely good roll up from Dexion.

The Victorian branch held a two day Course on October 1st & 2nd. The training was conducted at Nordsons premises in Mulgrave.

Due to the downturn in the manufacturing sector attendance was low with only 4 in attendance



Thanks to Nordson and ITW for supplying their premises and to Alan Airey for his assistance in presenting the practical content of the Powder Application Module.

All students were particularly interested in using the latest in application equipment.

Thanks also to Ben Braszell and Alex Cruikshank of Chemetall for conducting the Pre-treatment Module, their knowledge was most helpful in answering some curly pre-treatment problems.

Unfortunately this year the Intro to Electroplating courses did not run due to poor interest. We believe this is due to the decline in the manufacturing industry and hope that it picks up soon.

We look forward to conducting more courses in 2010 so any interested parties please contact ...

Sharon Campbell at AISF office
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TRAINING



Report by Brian Bray
Powder Coating Trainer
AISF

Tribute to the Late John Cochrane 1928 - 2009

It is with great sadness that we report the news that our dear colleague, one of the painting industry's greatest stalwart John Cochrane passed away in July at his home on the Central Coast. He was 80.

Those that knew him, worked with him or dealt with him always knew where they stood. John was a perfectionist in every thing he did and operated with good "old school" values that seem lost on many people of today.

He was never afraid of hard work (or anything or anyone) and always relished the challenges and humbled by the rewards that life gave him.

After an illustrious career at Berger Paints and then Dulux he joined Vertikote Corp in 1990 where he brought his great technical knowledge and in-

dustry experience to help transform and underpin our growing business into what we have today.

He was intelligent, innovative, perceptive, cantankerous but very much focused on what had to be done.

John lived for his work as a professional industrial chemist and never stopped learning or teaching others as he sought answers to old and new problems.

He was responsible for many products and improvements in paint technologies and was a leading voice for high quality powder coating and paint finishes.

He was always there to help others be better at what they do or lend that helping hand and absolutely loved his Western Suburbs Magpies rugby league club. Many a day was spent with his old mates reminiscing about those

glory days as a young man.

John was a fierce competitor with a hard as nails attitude whether on a football field or in the boardroom, he hated the misuse of authority yet he respected everyone equally and never judged a book by its cover.

In recent times, he became active in his local council's community seniors group where he "kept the bastards honest".

He loved us all at Vertikote and was as loyal as a drovers dog from the moment he first dealt with our late founding father Spyro Fallas and the rest of our team up till that last Friday when we all said goodnight and locked up for what would sadly prove to be our last time together.

ONYA COCHO!
May you Rest in Peace.
Peter Fallas

GOLFING

The Victorian Branches annual golf day was held at Waterford Valley on the 30th November and was attended by more than 90 members and their guests.

The day was a huge success, with some \$30,000.00 worth of prizes on offer. Although the weather was against us for the first 3-4 holes the rain disappeared and it became perfect conditions for golf.

Many scores in the mid thirties were posted with one of the members guests (Jeff Richardson) carding a staggering 44 stableford points to be the overall winner of the day.

The winner of the members section and the lucky recipient of the John Van Raay memorial trophy (A gold

plated putter donated by Precision Plating) was Peter Morris with 35 points, which is quite a feat considering he was playing off a handicap of only 7.

Congratulations to both our major prize winners.

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors: without the generosity of these companies it would be impossible to organise such a successful event.



Chemetall launches multi-million dollar technical centre.

Chemetall (Australasia) Pty Ltd launched its new multi-million dollar technical centre in Bayswater, Melbourne on Wednesday 23 September with an official champagne opening

Addressing his guests, Grant Cruickshank, Chemetall (Australasia) CEO, said: "This new building is a visual representation of the outstanding growth and success that Chemetall has enjoyed since coming to Australia 12 years ago.

We are delighted with the results and I am sure I speak for the whole team when I say we cannot wait to move in."

Peter Harrison, President of the Australian Institute of Surface Finishing, also spoke at the event.

He said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chemetall and its staff for their long standing commitment to the Institute and representation on its various committees.

This new facility will enable Chemetall to continue its position as the industry leader, and provide its clients with the products and technical support to help them remain relevant and competitive in the challenging times we find ourselves in."

AkzoNobel launches Interpon D1000 and Interpon TC

September not only established Geelong and Melbourne Storm as premiers but also marked the most significant powder coatings event in 18 years when AkzoNobel launched its new residential architectural powder coating, Interpon D1000 and new General Industrial powder coating, Interpon TC.

Speaking of the launch, Phil Judde commented that "with a turn out of over 800 customers nationally, the launch was an outstanding success.

We are delighted with customer feedback on the new products, Interpon D1000 and Interpon TC, which both feature Particle Management Technology providing outstanding application properties and exceptional flow".

