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Industry Insights

The Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing



President's message

To All AISF Members and Industry Stakeholders

2019 has been a crucial year of change for the AISF where we have taken some significant and important decisions to reset and begin the long journey of re-establishing the Institute as the preeminent industry body for the Powder Coating, Anodising and Electroplating industries.

After considerable consultation with applicators, finishers and suppliers it was clear the AISF was appreciated and a good thing for our core industries to have by many but unfortunately not as effective in securing ongoing passion and participation from the thousand plus potential members across Australia. The AISF was in dire straits as it stalled and membership dwindled. The message from our fellow constituents was loud and clear that to survive required a huge shift in how we operate, what we want to achieve, what services we offered and how we interact with peers, suppliers and regulators to ensure a viable and sustainable Institute could be of great value and benefit to all members. Some of the major changes included:

- the decision to appoint AGWA as the provider of high end Secretariat Services that included the relocation of the AISF office to Sydney and subsequent recruitment of Natalie Miles;
- the members voting to accept a new modernised Constitution that provides the newly elected Director's with a platform to pursue the objects of the AISF;
- the election of new Directors with significant industry experience from across applicators/ finishers and suppliers; and
- the decision to put the Collingwood property on the market.

For 2020, the new leadership team is now firmly focused on putting forward new strategies that not only deliver on what the membership requires from its industry body but to also build a new culture whereby the AISF is again considered an informative, leading and trusted scientific and industry partner that represents the membership at all times.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members and their businesses for their commitment to reinvigorating the AISF and especially to those that have also put their hands up as volunteers and/or with contributions to help make a difference to allow the AISF to achieve its collective goals. The new Board looks forward to meeting and discussing our industry presence with as many of you as we can.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous 2020.

Kind regards

Peter Mallios

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DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD



The Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing are please to announce our new Board of Directors.

ELI ATALLAH

AkzoNobel Interpon Powder Coatings

Eli has over 22 years experience in the surface finishing/coatings industry in both wet coatings and powder coatings.

Eli started with AkzoNobel just over 3.5 years (3 years of which have been in Powder Coatings). The remainder of his time was within the Packaging Coatings and printing Inks business across Aluminium and Steel can coatings and in various market segments such as Food, Beer & Beverage, Screw Top Caps & Closures, Paint cans etc. Eli's current role at AkzoNobel is Regional Sales Manager- Interpon Powder Coatings and his scope includes responsibilities for both Australia and New Zealand Powder Coatings. He is based in Melbourne, Sunshine and is part of the AkzoNobel Australia and New Zealand executive management team as well as the SEA Powder coatings management team. Prior to AkzoNobel, Eli was with PPG Australia & NZ as a member of the executive leadership team, heading up one of the 8 business units (Packaging Coatings) across three PPG manufacturing sites. He was with PPG for 16 years after serving 2 years with Courtaulds in the Coil coatings business. Previous roles within PPG included: Technical Officer, Technical Sales Representative, Key Account Manager, Market Manager and Business Manager.

In addition, Eli has obtained a bachelor degree in science majoring in both Biochemistry and Chemistry.

During his career, Eli has had the privilege to work with various functions and customers, including direct applicators, downstream customers, operations, purchasing/suppliers, RDI, technical, marketing etc., covering both internal and external stakeholders across Australia & NZ, South & North Asia, Europe and US.

Eli is looking forward to bringing his experiences in the surface finishing industry to help re-establish the AISF as an industry leader.

MITCH CONNELLY

Australian Chemicals & Coatings (AUSCHEM)

I am the current Business Development Manager at AUSCHEM, with over 13 years' experience in the Surface Finishing Industry. My industry experience in the early days had me exposed to product development, manufacturing, logistics and OH&S as a chemical supplier. Currently, as Business Development Manager, my position has me liaising with apart from our loyal customers, our multi-national partners, Condat Lubricants & Surtec International. Through our ongoing relationships, we have had great success in introducing many innovative products into the Australian Market & in particular the SF industry. Being a market leader in Anodising our partnership with Surtec who are world leaders in non-chrome technologies for Aerospace & Pre-treatment the product & support we are bringing to the market is vast. Other areas we support which dove-tails into SF is paint removal processes, water treatment systems, Condat lubricants, PVC plastisol & powders, raw materials and many others areas.

I appreciate the opportunity to share these few thoughts on my role at AUSCHEM & my appointment as a Director on the Board of the AISF.

TONY LEARD

Dulux Powder & Industrial Coatings

Tony Leard is the General Manager of Dulux's Powder and Industrial Coatings business where he has held this role since 2015. Over a 22 year history with Dulux, Tony's previous roles were senior commercial roles in Trade Paints in both Australia and New Zealand, and as General Manager of Dulux's Protective Coatings. Prior to this he was a Chemist with Watty's Protective Coatings business and has a bachelor of Applied Chemistry from QUT in Brisbane. In his current and immediately past roles, Tony has added to his professional capabilities with proven skills in General Management, Strategy & Planning and Business Finance.

As a serving committee member of the AISF, Tony is looking forward to becoming a valued Board Member of the AISF and making a stronger, competitive and more sustainable industry.





PETER MALLIOS

Vertikote Group (returning Director)

Peter Mallios is the Executive General Manager of the Vertikote Group of businesses that provide large scale powder coating and industrial protective coating services across Australia. He has an accounting background with over 30 years in senior corporate management roles for major manufacturing, mining, construction and agricultural firms, including at Bradken, Costain, Peabody Coal and Rio Tinto, where he gained significant and broad experience in business management from early stage feasibility & project investigations, development of "greenfield" opportunities, business turnarounds, change and performance management, contract negotiations, business alliances, workplace improvements, teamwork and innovative thinking.

Peter has been actively involved in the AISF since 2010 and a Director since 2011, where he has held several positions including Federal President 2012-2014 and again from 2017. During the last 24 months, together with Chris Sweetnam, they successfully garnered interest from across the surface finishing industries to reinvigorate and bolster the AISF whilst managing limited financial resources including establish a secretariat arrangement with AGWA, relocate the office to Sydney, lead the migration to a new modern constitution and welcomed the election of new representatives from industry suppliers & applicators/ finishers as new Directors.

In addition, Peter has strongly championed the introduction of AISF accreditation and quality licenced programs, the formation of technical working groups to oversee renewal of powder coating standards and promotion of industry training projects. He is keen to see the delivery of these key initiatives to help improve the knowledge and competencies of all surface finishing stakeholders.

Away from work, he is President of Carlton Rovers FC in Sydney where he plays in O45A's and coaches men & women teams plus is an avid Ford muscle car fan.

CHRIS SWEETNAM

Multicoat (returning Director)

Chris Sweetnam has an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering and an Economics Degree both from Monash University and qualified as a NACE Level 1 Coating Inspector.

Chris has worked across the globe in foundries and the ceramics industry focussing on the installation and commissioning of plant and equipment with a focus on factory automation and mechatronics.

Special interests are root cause analysis, business systems analysis, business automation and training.

Chris, as the Director of Multicoat, bought an existing "back yard" powder coater 20 years ago and turned into a business that can exceed all of the performance requirements of Australia's powder coating standards for all the main substrates.

Having been a Director of the AISF for 9 years as Secretary and Treasurer, Chris envisions a continuance of the growth of powder coating training via the School of Powder Coating and to maintain continuity of knowledge to be shared with new board appointments.

BILL WYLLIE

Australian Aluminium Finishers

Bill Wyllie is a founding Director/Owner of Australian Aluminium Finishing Pty Ltd (AAF). He started his career in the building industry after completing an Economics Degree at Sydney University.

The AAF Group commenced operation in 1975 in electroplating and moved into powder coating 1986, following adding the capacity to offering anodising.

Bill has been involved on various standards committees and was National President of the AISF in the late 1990's. Bill believes it is essential for the finishing industry to have a national voice, training programmes, and a forum to improve the industry generally and to create a community of members with similar industry interests.

With pressure from the window industry in the late 1990's (primarily from the then named AWA) for a form of third-party accreditation of aluminium powder coating, Bill was instrumental in negotiating the AISF licence of the international Qualicoat audit system. Subsequently, Bill participated in the development by the AISF of a local third-party accreditation programme for Anodisers, Anoaudit.

While Bill has not been a Director of the AISF in recent years, he is pleased to again play an active role to assist where possible to re-build our Institute to ensure there is a strong, relevant and active Association servicing and supporting our industry.



Legislative changes

The Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing have been keeping in contact and up to date with the relevant Government Regulation Authorities. Please review the below state relevant updates:

VIC - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

What the new ACT means for Victorian Businesses

The new Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018 will change how Victoria regulates pollution, waste and contamination from businesses.

QLD- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & SCIENCE

Commencement of 2019 Environmental Protection Regulation and Environmental Protection Policies

The QLD Department of Environment & Science have advised that commencing the 1st September the following subordinate legislation commenced.

- Environmental Protection Regulation 2019
- Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2019
- Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019
- Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy 2019.

NSW - SAFE WORK NSW

New list of codes of practice

Safe work NSW have updated 23 model codes of practice which were implemented in August 2019.

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Qualicoat update

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Research & Development Manger
Deco Australia*



QUALICOAT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in Dubai - 21 & 22 November 2019

Over the 21st and 22nd of November, Craig Brennan (AISF Technical Consultant) and Richard Hamber (DECO Australia) travelled to represent the Australian Powder Coating Industry at the Executive and Technical Committee meetings of Qualicoat. The representation is a great opportunity to promote the Australian Industry interests at the international meetings and to have discussions with our international colleagues, about ongoing technical advances.

Over the two full days of meetings, there were many items discussed including:

- Powders testing from Australian suppliers to be taken from a range closer the powders relevant to the Australian Market.
- Discussion Qualicoat 3.0, a voluntary additional standard being developed. This is an exciting area that defines what qualities the aluminium must have to be successfully coated to the highest standard for corrosion resistance and adhesion. This has been driven by the European powder coaters where recycled aluminium is starting to be increasingly used in the market.
- Investigation into the addition of combustibility testing for powders into the specifications for the information of coaters and customers. This is internationally a hot topic for industry in the wake of building fires in the UK, UAE and Australia.

For further information on becoming a Qualicoat member, contact Natalie Miles @ the AISF.

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AISF Office Update

Collingwood property

As previously reported our Collingwood property has been listed for sale and is available for view on [Real Commercial.com.au](http://RealCommercial.com.au) We have had a few persons interested, however this property will attract a specific owner occupier. If you would like to view the property please refer to the attached link:

www.realcommercial.com.au/for-sale/property-suite-109-134-136-cambridge-street-collingwood-vic-3066-503361694

Member Spotlight

Let's get to know a Member – Sharon Windbanks

Company name (that you are employed by): *Capral*

What interested you in your role at Capral: *The opportunity to be involved with the German Schüco range of products, and to rejoin colleagues who were still there.*

When did you commence your role: *Late 2017 (second time around at Capral!)*

Main areas of interest (professionally): *Sustainable Design, correct specifications*

Tell us something interesting about you: *I like reading Science Fiction and Fantasy novels (and reading generally)*

What was once of the most interesting duties you have been asked to perform at Capral: *One Christmas we decided to have a sprint race in the car park. I came second! I fancied myself as a bit of a runner in those days, now my hamstrings wouldn't be up to it.*

Tell us about the project one you learnt the most from: *The Commonwealth Games Village in Southport Queensland (when working for AkzoNobel), mainly because I learnt a lot about what colours are possible to manufacture in a UV high durable powder. There are some real subtleties that I didn't appreciate until then, such as the incompatibility of colours you can mix to make, e.g. pink (red and white) – that are durable by themselves but not when mixed. Also it was very interesting to see the ways which we managed the compromises needed while still being able to make the required gradual shade changes from light to dark.*

Tell us about the best project you have worked on: *So many! I will say AAMI Park (Rectangular Stadium, home of the Melbourne Victory soccer club), as it involved all of the main 3 companies I have worked for over the years – AAF, Capral and AkzoNobel. There were 9 shades of white that were submitted before the client was happy with the particular shade used for the parametric façade. Plus it looks great!*

If you could change anything about our industry, what would it be: *Professionalism*



Image: AAF

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

We hope you have a safe Christmas break and
look forward to seeing you in the New Year

*Please note: our offices will be closed from
Friday 20th December 2019 and will re-open
on Monday 6th January 2020.*