



Summer Edition

A Word From The President

Welcome to the 2004 / 05 issue of the Works Officers Association of Queensland Inc. Newsletter.



Fred Spinks

The start of a new era with a new committee. Our commitment to achieve the standards set are high on our agenda for the coming year.

This year's AGM was held at the Town and Country Motel and Restaurant at Nerang. A special thanks to Chris, Penny and their staff for the exceptional service and food. The AGM sponsors this year were Rocla Pipes, C-M Concrete Products and Queensland Road Surfaces.

A high attendance of corporate members and council members enjoying the interaction at this function was great to see and this can only happen with the continued support of our sponsors.



Colin Rush Study Award

Sponsored by James Hardie FRC Pipes

The Colin Rush Study Award for 2004 was presented to Caloundra City Council employee Terry Duckmanton who chose to visit Councils in Tasmania with special interest in bitumen works.

The presentation was made by Steven Robertson National President WOA and Dale Fern representing James Hardie FRC Pipes.

Our thanks to Lester Jackson Tasmanian President of WOA for his organisation at the Tassie end.

New Committee

The new look committee:-

- President: Fred Spinks, Noosa Council
- Secretary: Dermot Bruen, Gold Coast Council
- Treasurer: Carl Hager, Gold Coast Council
- Committee: David Shing, Noosa Council

Committee Members retaining their seats:-

- Colin Rush, Gold Coast Council (past President)
- Phil Lakey, Caloundra Shire
- Ian Richardson, Maroochy Shire
- Ian Saunders, Logan Shire
- Paul Newton, Beaudesert Shire
- Michael Joel, Pine Rivers Shire
- Public Relations Officer: Ian Price, Gold Coast Council

Again on behalf of all the members of the WOAQ we would like to thank the 3 gentlemen that elected not to stand for re-election for their positions Bryan Johnson, Colin Rush and Daryl Collins for their role into putting in fruition the WOAQ.

Steven Robertson, National President WOA with Colin Rush, retired President WOAQ.

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Technical Tour – Port Of Brisbane – July 2004

Technical tour held on 7 July 2004 was a tour at the Port of Brisbane. All aboard a bus with a tour guide through the Port starting and finishing at the Visitors Centre where a great lunch was provided. The Ports' ability to cater for so many businesses was amazing, from loading facilities to holding and container areas. The expansions are constant with preloading of reclaimed areas ever moving out to sea. With all this that's happening, the major and utmost importance is the environmental impact on the whole of the Port is fantastic.



Technical Tour – S.A.T. Civil Constructions Hipar Machines – November 2004

Our second Tech Tour started at Gold Coast Council's Beenleigh Works Depot on the 10 November 2004, S.A.T. Civil Constructions presented us with a working experience of bitumen rehabilitation with their Hipar machines, on site at Edens Landing. Peter Atkinson and Jan Weinert of S.A.T. Civil Constructions explained the workings and final function of this great machine. Ossie Mood and Carl Hager from Gold Coast Council explained the cost and principles associated with this type of rehab works.

Gold Coast Council is using the Hipar for rehab on 18 of their existing roads with a total of 64,000m² under this contract with S.A.T. Civil Constructions.

Over 40 members attended and all were very impressed with the outcome. A special thanks to Jan and Veronica Cooper for providing a great tour ending with a luncheon at the Gem Hotel.



WOAQ Corporate Members For 2004 / 2005

- * Allstate Linemarking
- * Rocla Pipeline Products
- * Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd
- * Booths Hire Pty Ltd
- * James Hardie Australia Pty Ltd
- * Wormall
- * HVS Qld Pty Ltd
- * Rossthorpe Investments Pty Ltd
- * Laser Services Pty Ltd
- * Donpra Hire
- * Boral Resources (Qld) Pty Ltd
- * Funnell Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- * Qld Road Surfaces Pty Ltd
- * Coastal Concrete Cutting Pty Ltd
- * ConPlant Hire
- * Trades & Labour Hire
- * Guardrite Security & Traffic Management Pty Ltd
- * Allens Asphalt Pty Ltd
- * Barry Bros Specialised Services
- * Patent Products
- * Reinforced Concrete Pipes
- * Traffic Control Supplies
- * Stabilised Pavements of Australia
- * Dura-Post
- * Linemarking Australia Pty Ltd
- * C-M Concrete Products
- * SAT Civil Constructions Pty Ltd
- * FRH Group Pty Ltd

The 2005 Golf Day

- When : 25 February 2005 (Shotgun start)
- Time : 7.00am for 7.30am
- Where : Virginia Golf Course
- Event : 2 ball Ambrose
- Cost : \$15 per head (golf and luncheon)

For more details please read enclosed flyer



A First At LOGOV

The WOAQ had a small table, thanks to Traffic Control Supplies and their support to allow us to share this area to help promote the Works Officers.

The response was good with corporate members and our neighbouring Councils, its good to see the word is getting out there.

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Your Comments

MAROOCHY SHIRE

This year has seen a further growth in membership from this Shire with three new members joining at the start and a couple who have resigned after discovering their membership had lapsed for a year.

All reports from our crew indicated that the AGM was a success and all are looking forward to upcoming events for this year.

Thanks must go to Colin Rush for getting the organisation up and running for the past four years and we throw our support behind the new president. Good to see he's from our neck of the woods. Good luck Fred.

NOOSA SHIRE

To cater for increasing traffic problems, Noosa has major arterial projects underway with completion date in 2006. Three bridges are to be constructed as part of the project and the prediction is that this will reduce the existing traffic problems by up to 50 percent.

GOLD COAST CITY

When will it ease ???

Growth is continuing within Gold Coast with Council's infrastructure being constantly tested.

Engineering Services Day Labour Construction Branch with a budget in excess of \$46,000,000 creates enormous pressure on Council's 9 supervisors and their supporting staff who are required to work extended hours to meet Council's budget requirements.

Trained or semi skilled labour is almost impossible to obtain. However, assistance is given by Council's HR Branch in implementing in-house training for employees in need.

For all members of WOAQ give our new committee your full support and have a happy 2005.

PINE RIVERS SHIRE

Pine Rivers will commence a major MRD project on their sub arterial road starting from South Pine Road through to Old Northern Road. This project will also incorporate development works with their contribution will place the finishing date to 31st December 2005. The Project Officer will be our old friend Bill Brew, good one.

BEAUDESERT SHIRE

A bit quiet this year but has two large projects coming up in 2005.

CALOUNDRA SHIRE

As with most SEQ municipalities Caloundra is in catch-up mode with regard to transport infrastructure due to the enormous population growth. Caloundra is now on record as having the fastest population growth in Queensland. Many arterial link roads are now under construction throughout the region which, when completed will ease traffic congestion considerably. Whilst most of this infrastructure is being constructed by developers, the hand-over of previously constructed assets is increasing the demand on an already stretched Council workforce. Council this year undertook to drastically increase funding in the area of road resealing and rehabilitation in an attempt to bring the road network up to an acceptable standard. Another area of concern in the City is the timber bridge network throughout our rural area. Caloundra City has in excess of 60 bridges in various states of serviceability and this will be a focal point for considerable expenditure over the next few years.

Have Your Say

If you have any materials, articles etc which you feel may be appropriate for the next WON UP, please post to:-

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