



NEWSLETTER



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Stop Press

- The Hon Barry Jones, AO will be presenting the opening keynote at ICOMS Asset Management Conference. Only 2 weeks to go!
- The latest program for ICOMS is now out on the website.
- National Chair, Jim Kennedy is attending the European Federation of National Maintenance Societies board meeting in Trondheim.
- Rohan Koenig has taken on the Tasmanian Chapter Chair role.
- The AM Council has appointed Kai Dong to manage the website.
- The Annual General Meeting is on June 4th, in Sydney. Notices have been emailed to all members.

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New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members.

Individual Members

Brisbane	Ravi Kolli Bjorgvin Thorsteinsson
Canberra	Murray Thomas Mark Stone-Tolcher
Melbourne	Joo Wah Gerard Gan
Perth	Paul MacFarlane
Sydney	David Smit

NEW STAFF!

Kai Dong has joined us as webmaster, and has already upgraded our website, with improved functionality and content. He has just completed a Master of Business and IT at the University of Melbourne.

Calendar of Events

- ❖ ICOMS Asset Management Conference 2009 June 1-5, Sydney
www.amcouncil.com.au
- ❖ ABRAMAN Conference 2009 (Brazilian Maintenance Association), August 31 to September 4th. in Recife, Brazil
- ❖ World Congress on Engineering Asset Management 2009 (WCEAM 2009), Athens, Greece, September 2009. For further details www.wceam.com
- ❖ SMRP 17th Annual Conference, October 19-22, 2009, St Lois, Missouri. For further details www.smrp.org
- ❖ Euromaintenance 2010: 11-13th May 2010

Asset Management and Maintenance Peak Bodies at ICOMS

Key representatives from the following peak bodies will be at ICOMS this year.

ABRAMAN, Brazil

European Federation of National Maintenance Societies

Institute of Asset Management UK

Saudi Aramco Maintenance Council, Saudi Arabia

Society for Maintenance and Reliability Practitioners, USA

AGM Notification

Notice for the Annual General Meeting of Asset Management Council

Date of Meeting Thursday 4th June

Time of meeting: 12.30 pm

Place: Sydney Masonic Centre

From MY DESK

Letting Go

The cinema aficionados amongst us will likely recognise the words of Li Mu Bai, the hero of Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon - *"My master would say: there is nothing we can hold onto in this world. Only by letting go can we truly possess what is real."* This is my last



"From my desk" article reflecting the imminent change of National Chair to the current Deputy Chair, John Hardwick from EnergyAustralia. Over the past four years following ICOMS 2005 in Hobart, a maintenance centric MESA has steadily evolved into one of the few organisations in the world focused on whole of life Asset Management. At ICOMS 2009 in Sydney, the AM Council will come of age with the formalisation of a new constitution and the presentation of the framework for a professional Asset Management peak body in Australia. Change is always difficult and often unsuccessful – while all representatives on the governing MESA Council of Chapter Chairs supported the change in 2005, many believed the change to be so obviously right that it would happen faster. With hindsight we now realise that such changes must move at a pace the stakeholders can absorb else the coherence of the organisation would be at risk and likely fragment. This alternate future has been deftly avoided by the balance in the governance bodies of the AM council, the inclusiveness of the approach taken and the dedicated work of many over the last four years.

Our strength and value as a peak body will come from the involvement of many, our willingness to establish open and sharing relations with others and above all our ability to be inclusive of other established organisations that represent professionals operating across the broad church that is the asset lifecycle. Almost 20 years ago when working in the Melbourne rail Industry to implement sound 'whole of life' approaches, myself and the other two managers involved were interviewed on what we were doing to change the rail industry. After a day of often expansive discussion the interstate visitor, a lovely lady with an arts and education background, looked across the table at the three of us quite earnestly and said *"is this a religion"*. Good whole of life asset management can be a bit like that, passionate and out to save the world.

So, like Li Mu Bai and after more than 20 years of involvement in the AM Council, MESA and its forerunners, it is time for me to let go and give full reign to our new National Chair, our new and very professional secretariat in Surrey Hills and the many new Chapter Chairs that will energise the Asset Management Council to make a difference. I congratulate John on his new role and the unique opportunity to take an internationally influential body, the AM Council, to another level.

Regards, best wishes and my very heartfelt thanks to the many that have helped in the journey that made the AM Council of today.

James (Jim) Kennedy

29 April 2009

Chapter News

Brisbane Chapter

Following is the provisional technical program for Brisbane Chapter this year.

- 25 May 2009 Lutfiye Allahmanli - Maintenance Strategies Analyst, Powerlink
- 8 July 2009 Steve Dick - Regional Manager Maintenance, Anglo Coal
- 10 Aug 2009 Robert Williams - Practice Manager Asset Service Delivery, Technology One
- 9 Sep 2009 - Dr Venkat Reddy - Reliability Consultant - GHD Pty Ltd
- 12 Oct 2009 Gary W. Moss - Sales Executive - Maximo Solution, IBM
- 3 Nov 2009 Jim Calder - Managing Director, Calder Engineering Pty Ltd

Sydney Chapter

What's Happening in Sydney?

At our 26 March technical meeting Glenn Hopkins from Logica CMG presented a discussion on a detail method for developing an Asset Management Capability. Being such a large subject and the limited time available Glenn could only give an overview of the method and approach that he has used to introduce Asset Management into asset intensive companies. Glenn's presentation was well received by the audience who could relate to many of the issues that Glenn outlined as needing to be addressed to make Asset Management business as usual for a company. Glenn highlighted the effort required to solve the cultural as well as technical issues of a company if there is to be a successful transition to and asset management capability. Glenn also demonstrated how his method and experience is aligned with the principles covered by the AMC's framework for asset management.

What's Coming Up

The ICOMS Asset Management Conference is happening in Sydney. Over 50 independently referred papers, 6 hot topic forums and panel sessions, 7 specialist workshops, 15 exhibitors and sponsors, and many colleagues to meet!

Melbourne Chapter

6:00pm for 6:30pm Wed 27th May 2009

Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Asset Management Plan for a Public Private Partnership (Case Study).

The presenter, Ken Robertson has over 30 years experience in maintenance and asset management across a wide range of operational sectors. In his current role as UGL Services' Asset Manager, Ken is responsible for the assessment, configuration and deployment of asset management strategies and provides support to UGL Services' service delivery teams. Ken was the Chair of the Maintenance Engineering Society of Australia and the Asset Management Council (AMC), Melbourne Chapter for six years and is an auditor of the annual AMC Asset Management Excellence Awards.

From the CEO

Today, I reflect on the past 12 months. In two weeks it will be another ICOMS. ICOMS and the asset management week are important series of events for the AM Council. Not only do we deliver the best technical and specialist conference that we are able to achieve, many other key activities take place, and the outcomes of projects are delivered.



One of the most important events is the coming together of our chapter chairs. The chapter chairs are at the heart of the AM Council, working with your elected committees to deliver local meetings at 10 or more locations across Australia. Twice a year, they meet to help to exchange information and to deliberate on how the AM Council may improve or add to its administration and to its services.

Many of our project teams announce the latest on their work – on courses, certification, glossary, technical FAQs . . .

Finally, one of our premier events apart from ICOMS are the asset management awards, aimed at recognizing and rewarding those who undertake and achieve on the asset management journey to improved outcomes.

It takes considerable dedication, passion and commitment from key members of the AM Council to bring together all of these outcomes, all of which are to help improve the effectiveness of people working in the maintenance and asset management profession, and ultimately to improve the prosperity of our nation.

Come along, and meet these people. Add your ideas and information to theirs. We will all benefit.

Regards,
Sally Nugent
Chief Executive Officer

Do You Have News?

If you have a news item or letter to the editor, deadlines for forthcoming newsletters are given below.

Newsletter deadline

Jun	June 5
Jul	Jul 1

Training Dates, 2009

Asset Management Fundamentals 2009

Melbourne, 9 July
Canberra, 21 August
Perth, 18 September
Brisbane, 6 October
Sydney, 12 November

This one day course provides participants with an understanding of how their businesses can benefit from effective asset management capability.

For more information contact Tina Grenfell at info@amcouncil.com.au or tel: (03) 9830 4899

ICOMS Asset Management Conference, Sydney 2009

"Sustain Your Business" 1-5 June 2009



ICOMS@2009 is hosted by the Asset Management Council, a Technical Society of Engineers Australia. The objective of Asset Management Council is to promote, foster and enhance the science and practice of asset management and its associated engineering discipline of maintenance engineering, as a strategic approach for competitive enterprises that deliver service through physical assets.

Venue

Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. Tel: 02 9284 2860

Partner Program

Monday, 1 June: Pre Conference Tour of NSW Art Gallery and Botanic Gardens walk to Mrs Macquarie's Chair.

Tuesday, 2 June: Sydney Aquarium, Cruise of Sydney Harbour and visit to Sydney Wildlife World

Wednesday, 3 June: Opera House tour, Sydney Harbour Bridge and visit to the Rocks.

Thursday, 4 June: Sydney Tower Lookout, then to the Town Hall to visit the Queen Victoria Building.

Social Program

Monday, 1 June: Exhibition Opening and Welcome Cocktail Reception at 5:00 pm. Sponsored by EnergyAustralia.

Wednesday, 3 June: AMEA Excellence Awards and Annual Dinner at SMC, 7.00 pm, SMC. Sponsored by Transfield Services.

Thursday, 4 June: Farewell drinks at the venue.

Registration Desk Hours

Monday, 12 noon until 7.00pm

Tuesday, 7.00am until 6.00pm

Wednesday 7.00am until 6.00pm

Thursday 7.30am until 6.00pm

Friday 8.30am until 4.00pm

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Forum on How Maintenance is Related to Reliability

2-5pm, Mon June 1st, Sydney Masonic Centre

- What is the definition of maintenance?
- Is reliability is defined as “The probability that an item will perform its intended function for a specified interval of time and at stated environmental conditions”?
- Is maintenance is an organisational function?

Speakers will include Deryk Anderson, Gary Winsor, Peter Kohler, Jim Kennedy.

Current Technical FAQs on the website include

[Asset Management FAQ3: Influencing Lifecycle Cost Though Continuous Improvement ...](#)

[Asset Management FAQ2: We are heading into, or are already in, a severe ...](#)

[Asset Management FAQ1: Under Review](#)

Asset Management Definition and Model

“The life cycle management of physical assets to achieve the stated outputs of the enterprise”

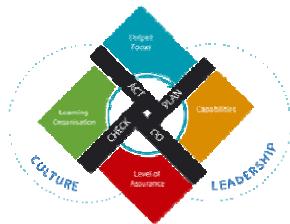
The AM Council’s model of asset management represents the principles and processes of asset management and the organisational requirements required to support them.

Three components comprise the model:

- Four Key Principles of Asset Management
- Plan Do Check Act Process
- Good Asset Management Processes

Comments on the definition and the model may be made

at the on-line forum (see  section of the website, www.amcouncil.com.au).



Glossary from AM Council Wiki: Asset Management Glossary

A

Acquisition	Activity	Activity Based Costing
Actuarial Analysis	Applications Parts List	Appointed Person
Approve	Asset	Asset Management
Asset Management Information System	Asset Management Plan	Asset Management Strategy



Asset Register	Asset Replacement Value	Asset Solution
Audit	Authorize	Availability

B

Balanced Score Card	Benchmarking	Benefit-Cost Ratio
Best Practice	Backlog	Best Practice
Building Services	Breakdown	Breakdown Maintenance
Business Plan	Business Process	

C

Capability	Capability Assurance	Current Value
Capacity Utilisation	Computer Support	Cash Flow
Concept Exploration and Validation	Causes	Components
Clearance	Concept	Condition Based Maintenance
Condition Monitoring	Conditional Probability Of Failure	Create/Dispose
Current Replacement Value	Culture	Continuous Improvement
Current Asset	Consequence	Corrective Maintenance
Cost Of Ownership		

D

Demand Analysis	Delay	Demand Management
Disposal	Depreciation	Design
Defect	Design Out Maintenance	Deviation
Discount Factor	Discount Rate	Discounting
Due Diligence		

For more terms and to check out definitions, visit the glossary site.

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