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What a great four months it has been, so much has happened in a short period of time, relocation, new premises and staff, new associated board members, updated I.T. and a new website and all of this around the current events. This will not stop as there is so much more to be done.

This has happened as we at the MPA have been willing and open to change to make the Association more viable in the long run. This work undertaken is not done by individuals but by a team with a common focus and set objectives. I would personally like to thank all those who put so much effort in working towards those goals.

Remember that the Association is your voice within the industry and is only as good as its members within it, so we encourage you to follow our media posts, visit and use our new website and provide us with feedback.

We also note the passing of Col Hensen's wife Sue. Col who passed away a few years ago was Secretary of the MPA during the 70's, 80's and 90's. Our sincerest thoughts go out to the family.

I would also like to thank Haluk Kar our outgoing President for his tireless work in leading our association and for his dedicated effort with our office move. We wish Haluk all the best for the future.

Mark Flood

Vice President



Members looking for Painters!

Are any of our members looking for qualified, reputable and experienced painters? We have some members that are looking for subcontract work or even work on wages. By hiring a member, you know that they have insurances and have met all the criteria of membership.

We also have a female looking for an apprenticeship in Painting and Decorating. She is 20 years old, has her own vehicle and is super keen. She is currently doing a Pre Apprenticeship at Holmesglen but would really like to start her apprenticeship sooner. She is only able to work 3 days per week which may suit some of our members. Please call the office for more details on 03 9813 5922.



Due to Covid - 19 - Exclusive deal for members!

Due the Coronavirus affecting many of our members financially, we have a special offer for our members.

Membership invoices will be sent out soon for the 2020/2021 Financial year. If you pay your membership

fees in full by the 30th of June, 2020, you will receive one free month of membership. This means you will not be invoiced for membership until July, 2021.

For those members unable to pay the full amount, we are offering quarterly payment plans. [Please click this link, fill in the form and submit](#) and you will be invoiced quarterly for membership.

Any members suffering financial hardship, please we urge you to contact the office to work out a payment plan or discuss what other options may help you moving forward.



[Click here for Swiftscuff Website](#)



Swiftscuff Scaffolding has been providing safe working platforms solutions in Victoria since 2004 prior to that we were in the Civil Industry for 17 years.

We are proud to have been the first company to provide the German Layher Scaffold system in Victoria after witnessing its design capabilities and unique ring system.

This has giving us a massive advantage over most Scaffold systems here in Victoria. We supply most painters from domestic to semi Commercial Painters including a small group of builders, Melbourne Water and the Event Industry.

There is always an answer to getting safe access to all sites no matter how large or small.

Our ability to provide a scaffold design and to work with our clients in an efficient and timely manner is what we continually strive for .

Our friendly team and Director Paul Houghton 0418502422 would be happy to work with you.



Message from Worksafe

From July 1, Workplace Manslaughter will be come a criminal offence in Victoria. Worksafe is inviting you to a free webinar with a panel of Worksafe Experts, who will explain what the introduction of the new law means for employers and what you need to do to comply. Webinar is scheduled for Tuesday 19th May at 11 am.

To find out more and register, please click on the link below.

[Join the Webinar](#)

Also Worksafe have released their new [Guidance on Managing the risk of Covid-19 exposure for the Construction Industry](#).



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

Important information from the Tax Office

Enrolments for the JobKeeper payment have now been extended to the end of May. Also have you lodged your March BAS as yet as eligible employers are receiving a cash flow boost. Below are some useful links to find out more.

[Eligibility Information for Jobkeeper Payments](#)

[Enrol for Jobkeeper Payment](#)

[Cash Flow Boost for Eligible Employers](#)



Tasmanian Government providing an extra \$20 million for small business

The safety and security of Tasmanians is our number one priority as we face the challenge of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the significant impact the unfolding COVID-19 situation and the associated trading restrictions are placing on small businesses.

Throughout this incredibly tough time we are continuing to back small businesses and I thank them for their compliance during this extremely tough period.

I'm pleased to announce we will allocate an additional \$10 million to the small business grants program and a further \$10 million in hardship grants to enable more access to financial support, taking the total support package to \$60 million.

More than \$25 million has now been paid in Small Business Emergency Support Grants, with more than 10,355 businesses receiving grants, while \$20 million has been allocated to support those businesses under severe hardship with grants of up to \$15,000, with 167 grants paid out so far.

This support is in addition to the Tasmanian Government's \$985 million Social and Economic Support Package, the most significant business support package in the history of our state. We are committed to working with business and industry to remain resilient and ensure jobs and livelihoods are protected.

While we know there is still more to do to support the thousands of Tasmanian businesses and workers that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to work with Tasmanian businesses through this emergency and into recovery.

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