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Thank you to all those members that have paid their membership fees and sent back their membership update forms. Remember to always include the invoice number or company name in the reference when doing a direct debit.

The Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner has been postponed but we are still accepting entries. The Project dates will be extended, and more information will be forthcoming once we know what restrictions will be in place.

We are also taking Expressions of Interest for the Implement Safe Lead Paint and Asbestos Work Practices in the Painting Industry. We intend to run the course in August and due to Covid 19 the course delivery will be different. Part of the course will be run online, and the other practical areas of the course will be via evidentiary requirements. More information will be available closer

to the course date. We are also running a small business course in the near future which will be run by <u>Keith</u>

<u>Collins from Action Victoria</u>, for a sneak preview of the <u>content watch this informative video</u>. If you are interested in participating in the Lead Course or the Small Business Course, please fill out the <u>Expression of Interest Form</u> and click Submit Form to email back to our office.

Introducing our Mentoring Program for Painters

We are looking for experienced Painting and Decorators who would like to help other less experienced Painters Decorators to give them advice and help where necessary on painting techniques and onsite management. Part of being a Master Painter is about supporting your fellow members and this is not a huge commitment and may only take up a phone call every now and then. If you are interested in joining our program as a Mentor or a Mentee, please let us know.

Mark Flood

President



MGA Insurance Renewals

MGA has made a decision to change underwriters for only the second time in 15 years, with Protecsure your new insurer for 2020/21. In moving to Protecsure, we have an insurer that specialises in the Trades Industry and there have been some small changes to the covers.

There is now no limit on overspray claims as opposed to the previous policies that was capped at \$250,000. The standard excess remains at \$500. The height limit has been increased from 10 metres to 20 metres. There is also an option that allows your business to insure your subcontractors for their liability within your policy at an additional premium.

In most cases policy premium costs have reduced. Please contact MGA on 1300 654 642 to get comparable quotes for your Public Liability, it may save you money.



Master Painters Survey

Thank you to all our members who provided the information required to ascertain how much product our members are purchasing from our sponsors per annum.

This is the first time ever our association has undertaken this marketing tool on your behalf so as to accumulate much needed information.

You may ask why is the information needed?

The answer is two fold, we now have some very interesting figures in our possession in order for our office to engage our sponsors so as to actually be in a position to be able to negotiate with our sponsors on your behalf the total amount and to actually inform our Sponsors concerning the amount of product our members have actually purchased per annum.

We have appointed **Mr Phil Hardy** who you may remember from his Dulux, Sherwin Williams (Wattyl Solver) and PPG days to assist our office and to undertake a role concerning sponsorship retention and growth duties.

The Survey Request and Mr Hardy's appointment is just another recent appointment made by our board to bring on much needed expertise in their fields to assist us in all our combined endeavours.

There will be another survey questionnaire coming your way next February March so please assist us with this much needed information.

Bob De Groot



Wanting to Upskill or Get Qualified? Register your interest.

Licensing Update

The MPA has been engaging with the DELWP regarding the introduction of licensing for Painting Trades due to come into effect in 2022. The Minister for Planning has determined that Carpentry will be the first scope of work to be considered for regulation. The Regulatory Impact Statement for Carpentry Work is due to be released in July/August which will give us an idea of how licensing will work.

We urge our members who are not qualified to not be in a rush or scaremongered into getting their qualifications prior to the options framework is clearly defined. I encourage you to read the <u>FAQ's</u> which clearly outlines the time line so there is no hurry or urgency.

The Master Painters Association will be your pathway to obtaining a qualification working with the Tafe's to ensure a quality delivery of training that will achieve the level of competence to get your licence.

Our members and others who are not qualified can continue to operate as normal. Please call the office on 03 9813 5922 if you have any questions.



Worksafe Update

Worksafe is issuing a reminder about potentially deadly risks associated with working from heights without adequate fall protection after two construction employees have died recently in separate incidents.

New Workplace Manslaughter laws come into effect on July 1 and WorkSafe held an educational webinar about workplace manslaughter and what it means for

Victorians. A panel of WorkSafe experts discussed who the legislation applies to and what employers and workers need to do in order to comply. <u>Click here to</u> watch the webinar!



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