

Presidents Report 12th October, 2022 - AGM

Once again it gives me great pleasure to be in a position to present this Presidents report to you knowing that another page has been written annually in Australia's oldest not-for-profit trade-based association in Australia.

I often reflect, knowing that we are supporting not only the big end of town painting companies, we also represent the small firms out there and are able to give them a voice in the industry and be in a position to supply them all with industry based information to assist them in all their endeavours.

I come from that smaller end of town working with my father, learning from his knowledge which was vast to say the least and when he got unwell it was other older members of the association that helped guide and assist me and supply me with the confidence to run the family business. We are an association of painters and like-minded people and to meet our members and be able to discuss problems and successes with them on occasions like tonight is a satisfying pleasure.

Once again, our staff and board have put our finances in front which not long ago was not occurring and extinction was possible.

Thank you to Jodie, our staff and board members in selflessly helping achieve another year of financial success. Please be safe with the knowledge that all the above people do not waste our members and associate's sponsorship dollars and contributions to the association.

Where are we heading?

We have increased our staff levels, membership numbers and have been taking the association into outlying country areas including visits to Hobart and Launceston to put our brand closer to our outlying members.

In July the association undertook a visit to TAFE Gippsland and spent time with Pre Apps and apprentices. A members meeting occurred in the Gippsland area followed by our participation in a job skills expo at Lardner Park.

In August the association attended the state Victorian Skills Plan launch at the Kangan Institute in Docklands.

In November we will be meeting members in the Geelong and Surf Coast region so as you can see we are reaching out to rural areas.

In closing once again thank you to our staff and sponsors for helping to achieve our goals. To my Vice President Jono Lloyd and board members thank you for your support and I assure all that the association is 'Painting a Brighter Future' for our members.

Regards and best wishes to all
Yours Sincerely,

Bob de Groot
President, MPA Victoria and Tasmania