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Australian Security Fencing
Australian Temporary Fencing
Australian Temp Fence (Bris)
Australian Temp Fence Perth
Barry Bond Fencing
Centurion Temporary Fencing
Chain Mesh Security Fencing
Citywide Temporary Fencing
Coast Wire Fencing
Coburg Fencing & Gates
Crown Temporary Fencing
Delta Secure Solutions
Dercon Security Fencing
Diamond Fence (Aust) Pty Ltd
Diamond Security Fencing WA
Discount Fencing
Downee
Emu Wire Co
Fahey Fence Hire
Fence Hire WA
Fencescape
Fencing Australia Pty Ltd
Fencepac
Fencing By O'Briens
Frauenfelder Gates Pty Ltd
Glennwire Fencing Pty Ltd
Hurricane Wire Products
Jackal Fencing
Keena Fencing Pty Ltd
Lee Bros Fencing
McNamara Fencing Contractors
Mesh Fencing Hire
Neil Bristow Fencing
Olympic Fencing Pty Ltd
OneSteel Market Mills
Otter Fencing Pty Ltd
Playsafe Fencing Pty Ltd
PNR Temporary Fencing Hire P/L
Protective Fencing Pty Ltd
Ready Fence NSW
Ready Fence Perth
Safeguard Fence Hire
Superior Fences and Gates
Temp Fenz
Temporary Fence Hire
The Fence Barn
The Temp Fence Shop
Ultracourts Pty Ltd
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Victorian Temporary Fencing
WA Temporary Fencing Supplies

THE CHAIN-LINK

CHAIN LINK FENCING CAN BE INNOVATIVE

Downee Once again the Association is seeking entries to the Chain-Link Innovation Design Award. We are very pleased to announce that Downee have agreed to sponsor the competition again this year.

The Association is keen to acknowledge projects that have incorporated the innovative use of chain-link fabric and showcase the quality workmanship of our members.

Uniquely designed plaques will be awarded to both the fence designer and the installing contractor with a cash award of \$1,000 to be shared between the designer and the contractor.

Photo - Opposite

A recent example of innovative use of chain-link is this 400 metre long art façade at the San Jose airport car parking facility in California. Nearly 360,000 plastic discs were snapped by hand in place on 107 panels between two layers of chain-link fabric. This project was judged the winner of the US 2010 CLMF design award.



To qualify for the Innovation Design Award the nominated project must employ an innovative use of chain-link fence materials on a commercial, Industrial, educational or sporting project.

Last year a variety of entries were received including a bird aviary, weapon testing nets, sporting enclosures and an endangered native animal fencing project.

Photos - Left and Below

Not an illusion! Specially designed fencing delineating pedestrian areas at light rail station in Port Oregon USA



Members are urged to review their completed projects and submit a suitable project for the award by 15th August.

It is envisaged that the award will be made at the National conference at Airlie Beach on the Whitsundays Coast, Queensland mid September 2011.

For more information contact **Brian Mullarvey 03 9857 4305**

or

www.chainlinkfencing.com.au and click on Design Award.



NSW FENCING CHAPTER MEETING

The NSW Fencing Committee held its first meeting for 2011 in late February and the group is off to a good start by commencing work on two of its key activities.

Development of an Australian Standard for Welded Mesh Fencing

Standards Australia was contacted about our concept and they explained their new approach to how Standards are resourced and tracked. It is quite a different business model to their old methods. Trevor Buwalda and I attended AS Briefing Sessions on the new business model in March to gain a better insight, which will assist the group's work in this area. The Standard being considered by our group will cover high security anti climb type fences including welded mesh product, Palisade, tubular, pedestrian exclusion fences and anti throw screens. The group has started to collect the current world-wide Standards on these products and will commence a review of these soon.

Development of an Accredited Fencing Course

Discussions with Colin Britton from NSW TAFE were held in early February about developing an accredited fencing course. NSW TAFE is very interested in assisting us in developing a course suitable for our industry and were able to provide our group with outlines of two courses they believe could be suitably modified to our needs. Our group is reviewing these courses and discussing the content that will need to be included for our industries' needs.

Work continues on progressing towards our first open meeting at which the presentation of the new AS 1725, as being developed by the Vic chapter, will be a key feature.

Ross Smith
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NSW Fencing Group
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VICTORIAN FENCING CHAPTER

Work has been progressing by a small working group headed by Glenn Otter preparing a précis highlighting key points in the new Australian Chain-Link Standard AS 1725 parts 1 to 5.

Using information already assembled by Peter Kurmis (McNamara Fencing SA) the group has prepared a document which will be distributed to a number of Councils and Landscape Architects in Victoria. The précis with an attached letter will advise recipients of the release of the new Standard. The précis covers Parts 1 - 5 including security fencing, commercial and residential tennis courts, cricket enclosures and low level chain-link sporting fencing.

The correspondence will urge specifiers and Councils to clearly indicate on their documentation that chain-link fencing projects undertaken on their behalf are to conform to the relevant Australian Standards AS 1725 -10 and AS 2324.

During March, it was brought to our notice that although documentation for a Melbourne Council chain mesh project had specified the fencing conform to AS 1725, the drawings indicated posts at 4.00 m centres. The ambiguity was pointed out to the Council and Engineer involved and the matter rectified.

Members are urged to notify Brian Mullarvey of instances where ambiguities exist in the tender documents for chain-link and the matter will be addressed by the Association on behalf of the industry.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA FENCING CHAPTER MEETING

Malcolm Michael, AWIA Director, visited WA in April contacting a number of potential fencing members. Malcolm is scheduled to revisit WA within the next three months to facilitate a meeting with both the security fencing group and temp fencing colleagues. The issue of Council requirements for mandatory use of temporary fencing on residential sites is still on the agenda.

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AUSTRALIAN STEEL INSTITUTE

ARE DIRECTORS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL?

At a recent seminar sponsored by Australian Steel Institute focussing on duties and responsibilities of a Company Director, participants were reminded that Directors of a small company must follow the requirements set out in the Corporation Act 2011 (Corporation Act).

General duties imposed by the Act require Directors to:

- Exercise their powers and duties with care and diligence
- Ensure they are properly informed about the financial position of the company
- Ensure the company doesn't trade if it is insolvent
- Exercise powers in good faith in the best interest of the company and for a proper purpose
- Ensure there is no improper use of position to gain an advantage for self or someone else or to cause detriment to the company
- Ensure there is no improper use of information obtained through position to gain an advantage for self or someone else, or to cause detriment to the company.

Recent media reports highlight instances where regulators are now seriously investigating situations where Directors have only given lip service to some of their duties.

For more information visit
www.asic.gov.au/companies
or contact ASIC's Infoline on **1300 300 630**

REMINDER - FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Victorian Fencing Chapter - Chain-Link and Temporary Fencing Meeting
5.00pm - 7.00pm, Thursday, 19th May 2011
Tower Hotel Hawthorn

National AWIA Committee Meeting
Tuesday 24th May during National Manufacturing Week, Melbourne

**FENCING
INDUSTRY SNIPPETS**

TREVOR LUM



Well known ARC Queensland fencing supervisor Trevor Lum plans to retire shortly after over 25 years in the fencing industry. Trevor commenced work with Boral Cyclone as a storeman in 1985. He transferred across to Smorgon Fencing when the Boral fencing and rural businesses were purchased by Smorgon in 1992.

After a stint in Smorgon ARC's Virginia call centre between 2004 - 2005, Trevor moved to ARC's fencing site at Yeerongpilly when the steel reinforcing and fencing businesses were separated in 2006.

In recent years Trevor has held the position of the Internal Fencing Sales Co-ordinator and in that position has assisted many fencing contractors, builders and specifiers with specification interpretations and quotation preparation.

After nearly 50 years in the workforce, 26 in our industry, Trevor says "It's time to pull up stumps on this part of my life and move on to next phase - Trev time".

Your fencing colleagues wish you well in your retirement.



Photo: Trevor Lum with Queensland ARC Fences Branch Manager Kevin Smith

WEBSITE UPGRADES

The upgraded Wire Industry Association web site www.wireassociation.com.au went live late in April 2011 alongside our current site www.wireassociation.org.au.

During testing a few glitches were discovered and it was decided to run the old site in parallel for a few weeks to ensure the glitches were ironed out.

The updated site incorporates many of the latest technological advances that have occurred over recent years including easier updating of web pages and allowing members access to make changes to their own profiles and product offerings.

Chain-Link Fencing site and Temporary Fencing sites will also be updated over the next few months using the same site template.

Any suggestions on ways to enhance the fencing sites by adding additional information should be directed to National Committee members championing the upgrades.

Glenn Otter (glenn@otter.com.au) Chain-Link site

Mitch Bruger (mb@advancedns.com.au) Temporary fencing site

NOTE FROM AWIA PRESIDENT

What a few months it has been since the last report - floods, cyclones, earthquakes and a tsunami.

And to add to further pressures, it would seem, we are in for another round of cost increases with scrap steel, coking coal and oil, all rising as the world slowly crawls its way out of recession.

On the positive note - yes, there is some sunshine in the world - now the political uncertainty has been resolved with a change in Government in NSW, hopefully, the economic outlook in this State will improve. Qld also looks set to get back on its feet after a chaotic summer and the mining industry is coming back on line after the floods. Members are reporting an increase in their order book values and are still reporting strong quoting demand. Hopefully this will all combine to produce a stronger finish to this financial year.



Organisation is well underway for this year's conference in the Whitsundays. We are keen to entice as many members as possible to this year's event - so take advantage of early bird airfares and bring the family.

On the fencing front, further work is being undertaken in investigating a revision of AS 2324 (Galvanised Wire Fencing Product Standards) with several members attending a recent Standards Australia briefing on the revision of Standards process.

At a recent meeting of the NSW Fencing Chapter a resolution was passed supporting a name change for the Australian Chain-Link Fencing Association (ACLFA) to Australian Metal Fencing Association (AMFA). It is understood other State Chapters also favour a more encompassing name for the Association to better reflect the diversity of fencing activities within the industry. The National committee is working its way through this issue.

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WHO ARE YOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE?

Ongoing brief profile notes on members of the AWIA

PETER KURMIS

Peter is Managing Director of South Australian company, McNamara Fencing Contractors Pty Ltd, a significant SA fencing contractor (established 57 years ago). He also manages Total Gate & Door Automation Pty Ltd, a leading automation company.

As well as being a qualified accountant, Peter possesses very good practical and technical knowledge gained from his years of experience in manufacturing and construction industries.

In addition to being a National Committee member of AWIA he served on the CE008 Australian Standards Committee which produced the new chain-link fencing Standard in 2010 and was a Judge in the Innovative Use of Chain-link Award.

He lives in the Adelaide Hills area, is married to Tricia and has 3 adult sons.



NEW FENCING MEMBERS

We would like to welcome two new members to the Association:



Fencescape founder and Director, Tim Murray has over 20 years experience in the fencing industry. The business was established on the Queensland Sunshine Coast at Forest Glen over 10 years ago.

Fencescape offers a wide range of fencing options including chain-link, Colorbond, glass and pool fencing as well as rural and wildlife fencing.

Tim's vision has been to set new benchmarks in the industry, building a professional business combining traditional family values with a passionate focus on customer service.

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Ambit Industries is a leading fencing company in Western Australia. According to Managing Director Steve Coombes, for the past 13 years Ambit has offered a comprehensive range of Chain wire, Colorbond and other fencing to residential, commercial and industrial fencing to their customers in WA.

Located at Joondalup, Ambit supplies and installs fencing anywhere in the State. Steve says the company has geared up to handle the expected increased fencing demand resulting from the increase in the number of mining and natural gas projects likely to proceed in the period ahead.

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Something New Downee

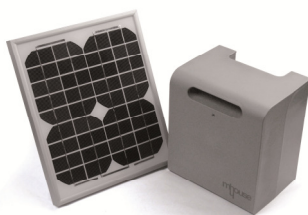
Solar Kit to suit the Downee's Mhouse sliding and swing gate automation range.

Key to its release has been significant modification to the Mhouse gate motor electronics, to reduce current usage when the gate is in standby mode.

General Manager Bruce Allan says many existing solar powered applications have disappointed due to high current usage draining the battery, even when the motor is in standby.

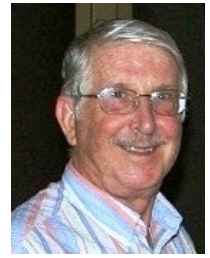
"The redesign of electronics within the Mhouse motor ensures minimal power usage and increased endurance, all from a modest sized battery."

Downee anticipates demand from the rural sector (particularly property entrance gates) and in other applications **where providing mains power to the gate is difficult or expensive.**



SECRETARY'S REPORT

In recent months some of our industry colleagues have reported that, like me, they have been bombarded with internet spam mail from China.



Offerings are being made to sell direct to fencing suppliers and distributors product including chain-link fabric, temporary fence panels, pipe and welded mesh at discounted prices. With a near record Australian dollar some of these deals can look quite attractive.

Whilst some of this product no doubt will meet local standards, instances have been reported where some final shipments have not mirrored the pre-delivery samples. It can also be difficult to ascertain exactly who you are dealing with in some internet transactions. Are you are dealing with an agency / middleman or an actual manufacturer? Agents can describe themselves as manufacturers when in fact they are not.

It is very important to have confidence that when materials are specified on drawings and in specifications they are required to conform to AS 2423-2002, AS 1725 - 2010 or AS 4687-2007 and that they actually do so.

Whether it is imported product or locally manufactured items, as fencing professionals the public expect us to supply products and materials fit for purpose and to meet required Australian standards.

Brian Mullarvey

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PRIVACY AND CLIMBING PROBLEMS

When refurbishing an existing Chain-Link fence at a Victorian Police Station car park, it was requested by the purchaser to add more privacy and make the fence harder to scale thereby providing better security to the parked vehicles.



The solution suggested was to replace the existing chain-link fabric with 50 mm 3.15 mm PVC green mesh and to add Green Bottom Lock Slats. More information: www.scenicproducts.com.au

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