

Australian Technical Millers Association (Victorian Division)

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Upcoming Function

Presentations & Dinner

Thursday 26th February
5pm Start

Treacy Conference Centre
126 The Avenue
Parkville, Vic., 3052

Guests Welcome

To register contact Sophie on 03 9819 1433 or email
atma@flourmillers.com.au

Australasian Milling Conference **2010**

"Australia's Edge - Are We Sharp Enough?"

Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th April 2010

Etihad Stadium, Melbourne
(Formerly Telstra Dome Stadium)

Please diarise these dates.

Membership

Current membership numbers for ATMA Victoria are 83.

We welcome new member
Richard Tranquille.

Unfortunately we will say
goodbye to the following people
however hope to see them at the
occasional meeting in the future.

Paul Lawrence

Bill Allott

Carl Elliot

Allied Albury Mill Closure

Harold Coles - Retired

John Tillott - Retired

Tremayne Watts - *Change of
Industry*

Errol Shaw

Graeme Schultz

Membership

If you know of potential new
members email their contact
details to the office, alternatively
fill out a Membership Application
Form from our website
www.flourmillers.com.au and fax
it to The Secretary, ATMA –
Victorian Division on 03 9819
1477.

Allied Mills commissions new mill at Picton

Allied Mills have produced their first commercial quantity of flour from their new \$97 million flour and maize mill at Picton (NSW).

Construction of the new milling complex started in 2006. The Picton mill complex has the capacity to process over 200,000 tonnes of maize, and hard and soft wheat per annum.

GrainCorp Managing Director Mark Irwin said, "The operating costs at Picton will be significantly lower than at Summer Hill and Albury, the two sites we will be decommissioning."

"The mill building and wheat silos were constructed using an innovative 'slip form' continuous concrete pour technique. This is the first time this technique has been used in Australia to build a flour mill. Using the 'slip form' method creates an interior structure that minimises voids and ledges, which means improved plant hygiene." Allied Mills Managing Director Mr Di Leo said.

The Allied Mills Picton complex will be officially opened in the first quarter of 2009.

On the Move.....

Rob Jenkins, formerly of Riverbank, Werribee, is now with Langdon Produce as Cobden Operations Manager at Cororooke. Wayne Siviour formerly from Ben Furney Flour Mills, is now the Head Miller at Kialla Pure Foods, Greenmount Queensland. If you know of any people movements we should include in the newsletter email atma@flourmillers.com.au .

**Personal Profile - Ian Murray -
Committee Member (Vic. Div.)**



Current employer and role?

Industry trainer,
National Centre for Dairy Education (NCDEA). We are
a part of the Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE

How did you get into milling?

Via the Bread Research Institute (BRI) in Sydney way
back in the early 80's. They built their pilot mill with the
AWB and I got into the planning of it all.

**How many years have you been in milling and what
roles have you performed?**

I have been associated with milling for 25 years now. I
have worked in the labs at the BRI and as a miller
within the pilot mill. I was a sales rep for Henry Simon.
Then worked as an assistant shift miller for GF at their
Pyrmont mill in Sydney, now buried under a whole lot
of freeways.

I then took a job for the AWB based in Cairo Egypt as
their Middle Eastern Milling Advisor.

I came back as Production Manager at Goodman
Fielder in Albury, a site that milled wheat, maize, oats,
soy and rye in a series of differing mills on the one
site. Great site great job.

I was Mill Supervisor for a couple of years and then
moved to Production Manager at the old Defiance mill
in Newport, Melbourne. The mill was owned and run
by a private company out of Sydney at the time.

When not working at a mill I have been a Production
Manager in general food manufacturing for two
companies, Uncle Toby's, and Kraft.

I was self employed for two years serving as a
consultant and trainer to Nestle.

Greatest mentor?

Dick Eliot at Henry Simons

Paul Lawrence, at Goodman Fielder, now Allied Mills

Dr Ray Moss at the BRI

Sandy Powell now at the NCDEA

Employment Highlight?

Living and working in Egypt for the AWB.

What I am now doing.

**Most interesting machinery or operation from your
work history?**

Old eastern block milling machinery and trying to work
out their respective flows in Cairo.

**Most archaic piece of machinery or operation from
your work history?**

Stone mills in Yemen

Employment Update Fair Work Bill 2008

Late 2008 the Federal Government introduced the Fair Work
Bill 2008 (FW Bill) into Federal Parliament.

Despite apparent earlier indecision, the Coalition moved quickly
to announce that it will not block the passage of the FW Bill
through Parliament.

The FW Bill is the second and most significant component of
the Government's much publicised reform of Australia's
workplace relations legislation.

It follows the Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to
Forward with Fairness) Act 2008 which, among other things,
abolished Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) and
triggered the award modernisation process.

The Government has announced that a third piece of legislation
dealing with the way in which parties will transition from the
current regime to the new system and consequential matters
will be introduced in the first half of 2009.

The Government intends that the new legislation will replace
the WR Act with effect from 1 July 2009; certain aspects (in
particular, the new unfair dismissal and enterprise bargaining
rules) will commence from that date and the balance of the
legislation will come into effect on 1 January 2010.

Those bodies are: Fair Work Australia (FWA); the Fair Work
Ombudsman (FWO); and the Fair Work Divisions of the Federal
Court and Federal Magistrates Court.

Fair Work Australia FWA will replace the Australian Industrial
Relations Commission (AIRC), the Australian Industrial
Registry, the Australian Fair Pay Commission (AFPC), the
AFPC Secretariat and the Workplace Authority.

The key functions of the FWO will be to promote and monitor
compliance with the new workplace relations laws and, where
necessary, undertake enforcement activities, such as
investigations, issuing compliance notices and initiating court
proceedings.

NEW SAFETY NET National Employment Standards (NES)
The new safety net for employees in the Federal System will be
the National Employment Standards (NES).

An employer may request or require an employee to work
reasonable additional hours.

The cashing out of annual leave by an employee in accordance
with a term of an award or otherwise by agreement will be
permitted as long as the employee maintains a leave balance of
at least four weeks.

Consultation clause A clause which requires the employer to
consult with the employees about major workplace changes
likely to have a significant effect on the employees.

While unions will have to comply with certain notice
requirements and reasonable requests of the employer, this
new broad right for unions to recruit from within the workplace
has caused, and we suspect will continue to cause, some
consternation among employers.



Moonee Valley Night Races - Friday 14th November

Approximately 30 people enjoyed an excellent night of racing at Moonee Valley on the 14th November 2008. It appeared the dismal punting performance in 2007 was not to be repeated with several people having a collect on the night.



Chris Barnes & David Diakodimitriou from Buhler



Trevor Gardner from CopRice



Peter Cobb & Paul Martin from Laucke



*Mark Cockerill (CopRice),
Brendan Farrer (Riverland),
Dean Harris*



Matthias Anker & Chris Barnes from Buhler

ATMA Moving to a National Body

The proposed National ATMA organisation is progressing. The NSW branch will communicate the agreement to form the National ATMA to non financial members thus completing formal processes. Following this the National organisation will be implemented.

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