

Australian Technical Millers Association Inc.

Newsletter

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Launching our new logo

ATMA Launches New Modern Direction

Keeping up with technology is no easy feat, but ATMA Inc. have decided to take on a whole new look and direction to keep up with modern times.

The new fresh approach includes:

- NEW LOGO AND A FRESH NEW LOOK
- NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

The committee is elated with this logo which captures our new national approach and reflects the industry we serve. We hope you are as pleased with the logo as we are!

The second item which will bring us into the 21st century is a brand new technologically advanced website. The construction of which is well underway with intentions of releasing the website to members on the 27th October 2011. Special thanks are extended to Graeme Lukey for the multitude of hours he is spending on the sites construction to make this an extensive information resource for all milling industry personnel. It is intended that the launch will co-incide and be a highlight of the Annual General Meeting for 2012.

The new site will provide more tools and resources to promote the interests of members and serve as a central facility for industry participants to be involved and to access resources.

An entire section of the new site is devoted to you, our members. This will include newsletter, images and vision gallery, useful links, technical information, membership listing, job advertisements, etc.

A feature of the site will be interaction access through social media, Facebook, Twitter, Linked In etc. plus a blog to provide further ability to input and share.

Members will receive their own login and password. Access to many areas of the website will be for members only so we encourage members to spread the word to potential new members from the milling industry.



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ATMA Plant Tour

A first stage post harvest Pyrethrum processing facility commissioned in 2010 was the first stop for those who attended the recent ATMA Plant Tour held on the 27th September. Botanical Resources have constructed the first Pyrethrum processing facility outside of Tasmania. Andrew Mullen hosted approximately 30 people with a most informative visit.

A quick lunch and the group was back on the bus to Smeaton to tour the Unigrain facility. This state of the art Oat Mill operates 24 hours / day 7 days / week to produce high quality breakfast cereal products for sale both domestically and internationally. Unigrain Smeaton is due to undergo a major upgrade to double capacity.

Special thanks are extended to Bill May of Unigrain and Andrew Mullen of Botanical Resources for their support. Thank you also to the members who supported the event. We trust you came away having learnt something new about the industry in which you work.

International Speakers Appointed

Australasian Milling Conference 2012

20-22 May 2012 – Gold Coast

Tim Hall from Hutchinson's Flour Mill, Kirkcaldy Scotland has been confirmed as the Keynote International flour speaker for the 2012 Australasian Milling Conference.

Don Orr of JBS United USA will be the Keynote International Feed Speaker and will present on the *Profits and Pitfalls in Feed*.

The program is shaping up to provide us with an excellent line up of both International and Australian speakers.

The conference theme "Feeding the Nation" will encompass topics such as :

- Industries role in "Feeding the Nation"
- Grain Availability
- Advances in feed milling – What's new
- Learning from Adversity
- Energy Efficiency
- Flour Technical Issues & What's new
- Feed testing technology and precision milling

The 2012 conference will combine with PIX (The Poultry Industry Conference) which will result in greater exposure for exhibitors and sponsors. Organisers are expecting between 800-900 delegates to attend the event. Efficiencies of combining the two conferences have resulted in reduced costs for Sponsors and Exhibitors so if you would like to showcase your business obtain a copy of the Prospectus or speak to our staff to discuss the best option for your company.



Industry Events

Australasian Milling Conference 2012

"Feeding the Nation"



To discuss Sponsorship or Exhibitor options for your company contact:

Sponsorship

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Conference Secretariat

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Queensland, 4212

Website:

www.millingconference.com.au

Weston's flour and semolina mill back in business

Sept 6, 2011 – Matt Paish

Queensland's largest flour mill and only durum semolina mill, owned by Weston Milling, has recommenced production after an extensive rebuild that followed the devastating Brisbane floods in January 2011.

The mill, located at Moorooka in Brisbane since 1954, is of strategic importance to Weston Milling's supply of flour for domestic and international markets.

Weston Milling produces a range of flours to make bread, cakes, biscuits, pastry, noodles. The company's customers range from large Australian businesses including Tip Top Bakeries, and Top Taste Cakes, to small hot bread shops.

Weston Milling Managing Director Peter McKinney said, "After more than six months of clearing and rebuilding our manufacturing capability, we are now back producing on site.

"The flood waters caused considerable water damage particularly to major electrical equipment as parts of the site were covered with more than two metres of water.

Mr McKinney added, "The rebuilding effort has included new electrical rooms and equipment, refurbishment of our quality assurance laboratory, administration offices and test bakery.

"Many of our employees temporarily moved to work in our mills in New South Wales and South Australia to help produce the flour needed to supply our Queensland customers. These employees have returned to Queensland and we thank them and their families for their assistance."



Industry News

Grain consumption down

A survey commissioned by Go Grains Health & Nutrition - an advisory and advocacy body for the industry - shows, on average, people have reduced their consumption of grain-based foods by 25 per cent in the past two years.

Bread consumption has fallen from 15.3 serves a week to 11.9 and cereal consumption from 3.8 serves a week to 2.99.

Go Grains Health & Nutrition's chief executive Robyn Murray believes the reduction has been driven by a perception that grain-based foods contribute to weight gain. As a result, she says, many are missing out on vital nutrients.

Australian Crop October Outlook

Rain across cropping areas in the past week together with favourable conditions over the coming week has meant crop analysts expect a national crop of 24 million tonnes of grain. The Central Queensland harvest has commenced with yields slightly below average but with good grain quality.

Further Deregulation of the Wheat Export Industry

In response to the Productivity Commission's recommendations regarding wheat export market arrangements the Federal Government says the current export regulator, Wheat Exports Australia, will be abolished this time next year. This also includes removal of a separate port access test for bulk handlers and less stringent accreditation scheme for exporters.

The government has accepted the Productivity Commission's recommendations in announcing the changes.

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Joe Ludwig said that a fully deregulated market for bulk wheat exports will improve wheat marketing arrangements and reduce costs to growers and exporters

Australian Wheat Stocks

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) announced on Sept. 27 the current wheat stocks in Australia. At the end of August 2011 Australia's bulk storage of wheat grain was estimated at 9.8 million tonnes. Stocks of milling grade wheat grain were 5.1 million tonnes and stocks of feed grade wheat grain were at 4.7 million tonnes.

ABS advised the percentage of stock of milling grade wheat is much less than for the previous year due to the poor season and difficult harvest conditions.



Trevor Gardner (ATMA President) and Stefan Birrer (Buhler) presenting Jeremy Burgin of Kialla Foods with the 2010 ATMA Young Achiever Award. The award was presented at the Australasian Milling Conference

Member News

Membership

Membership numbers for ATMA Incorporated have risen to 131.

Welcome to **Upul Kalugalage** of Allied Mills Kensington, **John Mallet** formerly of Bitwise and now retired, **Bruce Smith** of Airco Fasteners, **Wayne Saviour** of Satake Australia and **Neal Lane** of Bitwise.

People Movements.....

Denis M'Gee has completed his contract with Soy Australia. Denis maintains an industry role with soybeans via the Australian Oilseeds Federation as Industry Development Project Coordinator. Fortunately for ATMA it means Denis has been able to allocate time to join the ATMA Committee. It also gives Denis time for consultancy work within the industry.

Andrew Mullen (formerly with Satake Australia) has accepted a position with Botanical Resources working out of the new Ballarat Plant and with Liam Flanagan at the Ulverstone plant in Tasmania.

Dave Dryland formerly with Millers Foods has taken the position as General Manager for West Coast Milling in WA.

Potential Members

If you know of potential new members email their contact details to Graeme Lukey at graemelukey@gmail.com, alternatively fill out a Membership Application Form from our new website and fax it to The Secretary, ATMA Inc. on 03 5330 1346.

Membership Fees

Please ensure you are up to date with your 2010/11 ATMA fees so as we can assign you your login and password codes to the members only section of the new website. 2011/12 invoices will be sent out in November 2011 following the Annual General meeting.

Can You Believe This!

If you have ever wondered why industry must watch the workings of Government Departments the following extract quoted from the North American Millers Association taken from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal just about tops it all.

EPA's proposal includes a description of "micro-sanitation," don't laugh - cleaning mills with toothbrushes, pipe cleaners and cotton swabs. NAMA submitted photographs with the comments making it clear why "micro-sanitation" is not practical and will not prepare a mill for fumigation or eliminate the need for fumigation altogether.

The volume of an average mill will easily exceed 1.0 million cubic feet. For perspective, that is equivalent to a box 205 feet long, 70 feet high and 70 feet wide, filled with seven floors of machinery, spouting, motors, electrical conduit, wheat & flour bins, etc. NAMA said, "Suffice it to say we believe the Agency's concept of micro-sanitation to be so lacking in real-world practicality that it is rendered meaningless."

nabim Flour Milling Correspondence Course

The course study year has now commenced with students working towards examinations in May 2012.

There are 93 students studying for a total of 120 modules. These numbers are consistent with averages over recent years.

Industry Awards

Once again ATMA Inc. and the SFMCA will be offering personal development awards in conjunction with the Biennial Conference in May 2012.

Details of the 'Young Achiever Award' and 'Development Awards' will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter.

Applications will be called for early in 2012.



Upcoming Events

Australian Events

Australasian Milling Conference 2012 - 20 – 22 May 2012 (See page 2 for details)

International Events

2011 Course Schedule

IAOM Mill Maintenance Course - October 17-19 - (registration ends 9/26/2011)

Buhler-KSU Executive Milling Course - November 8-12 - (registration ends 10/5/2011)

2012 Course Schedule

IAOM-KSU Introduction to Flour Milling Course - January 23-27 - (registration ends 12/20/2011)

IAOM-KSU Managing Mill Performance Course - January 30-February 3 - (registration ends 12/30/2011)

AIBI-IAOM-KSU Grain Milling: Safety & HACCP Workshop – TBA - (registration ends approx. 1 month prior to start date)

Buhler-KSU Expert Milling Course - March 19-23 - (registration ends 2/19/2012)

IAOM-KSU Mill Processes I: Basic Milling Principles - June 4-8 - (registration ends 5/1/2012)

IAOM-KSU Mill Processes II: Advanced Milling Principles - June 11-15 - (registration ends 5/11/2012)

Buhler-KSU Executive Milling Course - July 30-August 3 - (registration ends 6/30/2012)

Buhler-KSU Executive Milling Course - November 5-9 - (registration ends 10/5/2011)

IAOM Mill Maintenance Course - October 2012 - (registration ends September 2012)

2nd Annual IAOM Southeast Asia District Conference & Expo - October 30-November 1

Grand Hyatt Bali, P.O. Box 53, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, Tel: +62 361 77 1234

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