



e-Newsletter

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AGIC's Chief Executive Officer – Doug Harland



AGIC would like to welcome Doug Harland to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Doug is the former Executive General Manager of Toowoomba Metal Technologies (TMT) where he led a dynamic rebuilding, optimisation and growth programme from 1993 - 2005, turning the company into a profitable, world class business.

Under his management sales grew from \$10m to \$40m per annum. A mechanical engineer, Doug led significant technology upgrades at TMT, including robotics, CAD-CAM, solidification and stress simulation packages, along with strong performance improvements in customer service, R&D, product branding, safety, environmental management and product development. TMT won numerous business and export awards during Doug's time as Executive General Manager.

Under his leadership, TMT was an early voluntary member of the Greenhouse Challenge and was recognised for its

Client Needs and Marketing Workshop

A workshop was held on Saturday 23 August to assess AGIC client needs, stakeholder engagement strategies and tactics. Great contributions were made by the 12 volunteers who participated to enable AGIC to update its marketing initiatives. The key outcomes from the workshop were:

- Targeted communications for new stakeholder groups
- Messaging consistency across communication channels
- Relationship building program to:
 - » Encourage consultants, academics, contractors, government and industry experts to become involved and contribute to the content of the AGIC rating tool
 - » Encourage membership from new sectors including finance, law and affiliated industries
 - » Host new networking events – stay tuned!

AGIC Website Refreshed

The AGIC website has been refreshed to profile foundation members, new sponsorship and membership opportunities and the scheme's progress. Don't forget to check out the new and improved AGIC website at www.agic.net.au.

achievements. Doug was and remains very committed to sustainable practices that exceed legislative requirements.

Doug has been involved in heavy transport, energy, and water distribution and treatment projects during his career.

His leadership philosophy is to lead by example treating everyone with respect and dignity and ensuring business sustainability is achieved through transparent business practices and employee involvement.

Doug is Queensland Past-President and Past-National Vice-President of the Australian Industry Group and Past National Chairman of the National Cast Metals Council. He is a Fellow of Engineers Australia. Doug was on the Board of South West Power during the deregulation of the electricity industry.

He is also President of the Sunrise Way Therapeutic Community Association, a drug rehabilitation programme under development in Toowoomba. Doug has lectured in business development, HR and technical topics at Queensland University and international campuses.

Doug is looking forward to applying his experience to build AGIC into a successful organisation that makes a difference in economic, social and environmental sustainability.

AGIC's Member Services Director – Steve Fermio

AGIC would like to welcome Steve Fermio to the role of Member Services Director.

Steve joined the AGIC Board in July 2008 and will be championing member services by ensuring the interests and expectations of AGIC members are being met.



Steve has more than 14 years environmental management and planning experience in the private and public sectors in NSW. He has worked in the planning and environment team at the NSW Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation (TIDC) since 2002 on projects including the Epping to Chatswood Rail Line, South West Rail Link and many others. He is currently Director of Planning and Environment.

Steve has also worked in other NSW state government departments on water reform, natural resource management and pollution control and has spent time as an exploration geologist in the Tanami Desert region of the Northern Territory.

AGIC Volunteer Profile

Rose Boyd – AGIC Event Coordinator

Name: Rose Boyd

Lives: St Lucia, Qld

Home organisation: Arup & UQ

Role in AGIC: Event Coordinator

How long have you been volunteering for AGIC? 1 year

What motivated you to volunteer for AGIC? I am working directly



in construction, and can see the need for a catalyst for change. I think the whole construction industry is heading toward a tipping point and I want to be part of it.

What are the challenges of your volunteer work with AGIC? The key challenge is trying to keep up to date with the scheme's progress and the tool development. I also find it challenging to keep up to date with possible conferences to promote AGIC. Input from working group members on possible conferences or volunteers for presenting on AGIC would be great.

Professional Background? I qualified as a teacher and taught in Hong Kong at an International school, before having an environmental epiphany and doing a Masters of Environmental Studies in Adelaide. My rebirth started as a consultant, and is now spiralling to academia as I undertake a PhD. The PhD is on Sustainability in Construction with the School of Engineering at UQ.

Most interesting project worked on? The Clare Valley Water Supply Scheme in the picturesque Clare Valley, South Australia. We had to reconcile the amount of water that the vineyard owners use on their crops, as the land is becoming saline. The complexities of the project were fascinating ... and I learned a lot about Australian Riesling!

Pets? Claudia and Suzannah, the cats

Ideal holiday destination? The isolated depths of the Flinders Ranges, South Australia. It is one of the oldest places in the world, and you can walk for a whole day and see no one.

Favourite sport/hobby? Cycling, Kayaking

Favourite food? Chocolate anything

Upcoming Conferences

- Infrastructure Expo
16-18 October, Adelaide
- AusRail 2008
1-2 December, Melbourne
- NZSSES Forum
9-12 December, Auckland NZ

Built Environment Meets Parliament

David Hood attended Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP) in September and was pleased to note recognition of AGIC and mention of the Council's aims and scheme.

Current AGIC Members

The current AGIC members are as follows:

- Thiess
- GHD
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- SMEC Australia
- Maunsell
- Qld EPA
- Arup
- Connell Wagner
- Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation
- CRC for Construction Innovation
- Local Government Infrastructure Services
- Brisbane City Council – Brisbane Infrastructure
- Leighton Contractors
- David Hood
- Penny Townley
- Simon Cavendish
- Bluescope Steel
- Peter Newman
- Powerlink
- Efy Karagiannis

New AGIC Members

AGIC would like to welcome the following members who have recently joined:

- QUT
- ACTEW Corporation
- Claire Lawson
- Rob Quinn
- Peter Milne
- Sarah Kemp



Please note that Incorporated Alliances are now eligible for membership.

Getting Involved

Organisations and individuals interested in getting involved in AGIC and the development of the tool can register interest with the AGIC Secretariat on info@agic.net.au.

Opportunities include:

- Sponsoring an AGIC activity;
- Contribute to a working group;
- Nominating a project(s) for trialling the scheme;
- Promoting AGIC to your clients, colleagues and peers; &
- Sharing your knowledge.

For more information please contact

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