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# FLUID TALK

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## Fluid Power Annual General Meeting

The society's AGM was held on 27 July 2001 in the sumptuous surroundings of the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

It was pleasing to see this event supported by 45 members.

After President Tim gave a snapshot of happenings over the past 12 months, Alan Stockdale announced all committee positions vacant and called for new committee members.

We welcome Ian Lavington, who joins Tim Bailey (President), Nick Noble (Vice President), Stuart Coleman (Secretary/Treasurer), Neil Sarich, Lloyd Hollier, Guy Truss, Phil Bristow-Stagg, Barry Catanach and Malcolm Tucker on the committee.

Our sincere thanks to outgoing committee members George Romek and Graeme Rutherford for their expertise and support this year.

## Tunnel Vision

The recent visit to the Transfield Tunnelling Project in Wembley proved fascinating with Richard Milton, Project Manager from Transfield giving members a technical insight to the world of digging very large holes.

"It was a great evening," President Tim said. "Those members that didn't make it should be disappointed because opportunities like this don't come up very often."



*Barry Catanach (AMTC), Richard Milton (Transfield), Tim Bailey (President) and Peter Marwood (AMTC) examining some of the many intricate drawings from the Tunnelling Project*

# President's Prologue

By Tim Bailey



Another AGM has been and gone and time marches relentlessly on!

As always, its good to see old friends from the Fluid Power Industry and catch up on gossip whilst enjoying the sumptuous food, surroundings and view from the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

If you missed out on the AGM dinner - don't miss the Christmas function BBQ on Friday 23rd November at the same venue - by popular request! To save the ladies having to suffer the burnt offerings if their men do the cooking, we've arranged for the Yacht Club chef to do it for us!

As you will see in other parts of this newsletter, the recent activities arranged for you have been most interesting - in particular, the visit to the Transfield Tunnelling Project in June, when we gained a good insight into the intricacies of the tunnelling machine and the actual process.

Again, those who did not attend really missed out according to Lillian Lee, whose husband is Ben Lee of Ben Lee Hydraulics, as she found the evening very interesting - contrary to her expectations!

We have two events in September and one each in October and November - so check the events calendar on this page and make sure you don't overlook anything.

We have two changes to the general committee membership this year, with George Romek and Graeme Rutherford stepping down. The two positions have been filled by Ian Lavington of Parker-Commercial and Shane Rossi of Kempe Fluidair.

Thanks go to George and Graeme for their contribution to your Society and Ian and Shane are warmly welcomed.

Discussions with the Metals Consortium are continuing in our determined effort to have the knowledge content of our Curriculum Matrix reflected in the National Training Framework so that Fluid Power students have a clear pathway to achieving competency levels required by the Industry.

Your committee is due to have a meeting with Mr Bert Beevers, Chairman of the Metals Consortium and Mr Ian Hall, Executive Officer of the Metals, Manufacturing and Services Industry Training Council, in late August, and we anticipate that good progress towards achieving our goal will be made.

Don't forget to encourage friends and workmates to become members of the FPS of WA. Membership application forms are available from Stuart Coleman on Phone (08) 9362 3722 - or down load one from our website.

With Best Regards,

Tim Bailey.

## Events Calendar

**Wednesday 5th September 2001**

**General Committee Meeting**

AMTC Wembley

Committee Members meet for Monthly General Committee Meeting.



**Sunday 9th September 2001**

**Annual Golf Day**

Peninsula Golf Course

Members are invited to play 18 hole round of golf followed by a BBQ lunch.



**Tuesday 18th September 2001**

**Hydair Drives Open Day**

The management and staff of Hydair Drives invites all WA Fluid Power Society Members to their Belmont Facility Open Day.



**Friday 23rd November 2001**

**Christmas BBQ**

Royal Perth Yacht Club

Come along and socialise with fellow members whilst enjoying a BBQ dinner.



*The above events will be confirmed to members by correspondence.*

# Fluid Power Websites

The Fluid Power Society of America has a great discussion board that can be found at <http://www.ifps.org/wwwboard/wwwboard.html>. If you're looking to have a question answered or just interested in what others around the world are discussing in the fluid power industry, be sure to check this page out.

Fluid Power Net International (FPNI) is a worldwide Network of Research R&D Fluid Power Laboratories. The objective of FPNI is to develop close research co-operation between member Laboratories and Industry and provide research facilities worldwide. The multinational character of FPNI and the specialized skills of the various laboratories are well suited to meet the challenges ahead for fluid power.

FPNI publishes the International Journal of Fluid Power, specialized books on fluid power and maintains the WWW Virtual Library on Fluid Power.

An important aspect of FPNI is technology transfer via Workshops, Conferences and Forums - a total of seven international events have been run since 1998, and exchange of students between member Universities. FPNI currently has 23 National Nodes and networks 30 R&D Hydraulic & Pneumatic Laboratories with over 50 academic staff and over 80 research staff and PhD students.

FPNI also publish articles and research papers on an ad-hoc basis on the net from Universities and Institutes all over the world.

FPNI can be found at: <http://fluid.power.net/>

# Golf Day Reflections

With the upcoming Fluid Power Society Golf Day, it was an opportune time to tell the members some of the little known history of the game and Ambrose four.

Scotland is considered the birthplace of golf, with rabbit runs being to be ideal fairways for early golfers.

Dr. Benjamin Rush was quoted in 1770 about the benefits of the game. *"Golf is an exercise which is much used by the Gentlemen in Scotland. A large common, in which there are several little holes, is chosen for the purpose. It is played with little leather balls stuffed with feathers, and sticks tipped with horn. He who putts with the fewest strokes gets the game...A man would live ten years the longer for using this exercise once or twice a week."*

During the 1400s the sport flourished to such a large extent that it endangered the public in the vicinity of the golfers. Three attempts by the Scottish parliament to suppress or ban golf failed. No fees were paid; the game was played for the sheer enjoyment and always followed a visit to the local tavern (good to see that not everything has changed).

The Ambrose game as we know it today, was introduced to Australia by Richard and Mary Ambrose in 1965. It was a game played often in their home club, the Spring Valley Country Club in Michigan, USA where locals knew it as "the shotgun game".

If you are looking to improve your game in time for the Golf Day, visit [www.golfselect.com.au](http://www.golfselect.com.au) and download the free software GOLFSselect Pro, guaranteed to give you an edge.

The software is designed to identify your strengths and weaknesses on the golf course. By knowing what areas to work on and monitoring this over time your golf will improve!

Good luck and see you all on the day.

# Hot Air!



## Earnings Down

Parker Hannifin Corporation reports that it expects earnings for the quarter ending June 30 to be about one third lower than analysts currently estimate. The demand in aerospace, energy and power generation, although lower than the previous quarter, remains strong, but weak industrial outlook has prompted management to accelerate the restructuring activities during the current quarter. The company is cutting spending, consolidating production and reducing inventory to the lower demand levels in the North American industrial markets.

## Boys Toys

Word around town has it that well known identity in the Fluid Power Industry Alan Stockdale has recently purchased a new toy with a "WRX" label, similar to that owned by our President. Apparently, Commissioner Matthews surveillance cameras have caught Alan reliving his second youth hood with much joy and abandonment - unfortunately to the detriment of those sacred '12 points'. "Learn how to use your cruise control" is the tip from Tim, that's the only way I've managed to stay on the right side of that thin blue line.



# Movers & Shakers

- Parker Hannifin Australia has recently announced the appointment of Tony Adams to the position of Hydraulics Product Sales Manager. It is expected that an announcement of the Position of Product Sales Manager – Seals, will be made shortly
- Long time and well-known Victorian Fluid Power Society members, Alan Hensall and Mike Morgan have both recently left Parker's Mobile Division (formerly commercial Hydraulics) to pursue other interests.
- Heat Transfer Systems would like to welcome Mark Ormsby to their Industrial sales team. Mark is looking forward to meeting existing and new clients over the coming months.
- Neil Sarich has resigned from Denison to take up an appointment with Hydac WA.
- Mike Murphy has resigned from Goyen Controls to pursue other interests.

## Tyco Services Acquire John Honey Group

On 16th July 2001, Tyco Services, a division of Tyco International Pty Ltd., acquired the John Honey Group, a leading hydraulics servicing company in Western Australia. This acquisition strengthens the Tyco offering in particular to the marine and mining industries.

John Honey Group will continue to service existing customers and is looking to build a national position in the hydraulics business in Australia and New Zealand through both organic growth and acquisitions.

## Another Fluid Power Acquisition

Dayco Pacific's principle, Mark IV Industries and Carlisle Companies Incorporated, a multibillion dollar US based company, have signed a definitive agreement whereby Carlisle has agreed to acquire the global assets of Dayco Industrial Power Transmission business. The closing date for this transaction was 17th August.

Dayco Pacific will be sold as part of the Fluid Management transaction. Although a letter of intent has been signed to sell the Fluid Management Business, at this date a definitive purchase agreement has not been entered into with the prospective buyer for the Fluid Management business.

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