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Celebrating 50 Years as the voice of fire protection – for the community



FIRE Protection Association Australia celebrates its 50th year as the voice of fire protection for the community in 2010.

To help mark the occasion and to thank you, the member, for helping grow the association into what it is today, we will be holding anniversary dinners in each state in June and July.

At each dinner, a special commemorative presentation will be made, which each event coordinated by the respective State Committee. FPA Australia will be themed for 2010 with a special 50 year commemorative logo, which will be rolled out on all communication and marketing material for the remainder of the year.

Anniversary merchandise will also be available through the FPA Australia store, and items will be forwarded to all members throughout the year as part of the celebration. We will also be looking at some of the landmark occasions throughout our association's history throughout the year and featuring them in all member benefit publications and initiatives, including Fire Talk.

FPA Australia, which began as the Australian Fire Protection Association, was founded back in 1960.

It began as a modest not-for-profit technical and educational organisation, but we now service thousands of members Australia wide interested in safeguarding life, assets and the environment from fire and other emergencies.

In this Autumn edition of Fire Talk, we pay tribute to the man who helped start it all, Mr Harry Marryatt.

Mr Marryatt was a true legend in fire protection, not just in Australia, but around the world.

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The below is the obituary that featured in the Herald Sun on Monday, October 13, 1997 following the passing of Mr Marryatt, who suffered a stroke at the age of 90.

LIFE-Saving work lives on

Harry Marryatt

Fire Protection expert

Born: September 7, 1907

Died: October 1, 1997



Harry Marryatt was a world leader in his industry and made a big contribution to the protection of life and Property from fire.

He began his career in 1924 as a junior in the drawing office of fire equipment maker Wormald Brothers Ltd, and eventually became the company's general manager.

Not one to shirk hard work, Mr Marryatt studied part-time while he was with Wormald and gained a commerce degree and a masters degree in applied science from the University of Melbourne. As a designer of fire-safety products and systems, as well as a writer and speaker, he earned the respect of fire industry professionals around the globe.

In 1960, Mr Marryatt founded the Australian Fire Protection Association, now known as FPA Australia.

Eleven years later the association published a book by Mr Marryatt about the performance of fire-protection sprinklers.

The book was acclaimed worldwide and helped form fire codes and regulations in many countries.

The success of Mr Marryatt's first book led to a sequel on the same topic.

He was constantly in demand as a speaker in

Australia and overseas.

His last international speech was in Scotland at the age of 83.

In 1979, Mt Marryatt was made a member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to fire safety.

The Australia Fire Protection Association gave him honorary life membership and the title of president emeritus.

His work was also widely acknowledged in the US, where he was awarded life membership of two fire-protection bodies.

Outside work, Mr Marryatt was a keen sportsman, representing University of Melbourne in running and played golf well into his 80s.

He was also a great lover and supporter of music, and an active Rotarian since 1952.

Mr Marryatt believed people were never too old to learn, and to prove his point he enrolled in a computer course at the age of 82.

FPA Australia and University of Western Sydney sign MOU



Dr Betty Gill and Mr Chris Orr sign off on the MOU.

FPA AUSTRALIA is playing a leading role in supporting a key postgraduate program in bushfire protection to the broader industry, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Western Sydney (UWS).

The UWS offers a postgraduate program which includes Postgraduate Diploma and Certificate in Bushfire Protection. FPA Australia administrates a professional accreditation scheme called Bushfire Planning And Design (BPAD) Certification Scheme. The two parties recognise through the MOU each other's core business in the area of bushfire protection.

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FPA Australia Chief Executive Officer, Mr Scott Williams, said the UWS' program underpins the qualifications required by the Association's BPAD Certification Scheme

"The signing of the MOU is a significant step in helping the industry to ensure that professionals receive the necessary education and training to achieve high level of competence in Bushfire Protection," Williams said.

"By doing this, we help ensure that we all live and enjoy a safe environment with the appropriate planning controls and construction to reduce bushfire risk."

Dr Yaping He, Head of the Bushfire Program in the UWS School of Engineering, said "Our bushfire protection program has been established for more than six years and is a unique one in Australasia. We recognise the importance of the current program and believe this MOU sets the foundation for close collaborations with FPAA for future development."

Mr Grahame Douglas, the Course Advisor, said students of the program gain a solid understanding of bushfire behaviour, fire fighting and the impact of bushfires on the natural and built environment.

"Students acquire the skills and knowledge to assess the risks of building sites and respond with tailored designs that meet the relevant standards to protect life, assets and the environment from bushfire.," Mr Douglas, said.

"Graduates are also able to provide advice on the development of alternative solutions for construction in bushfire prone areas and emergency management arrangements for special developments such as nursing homes, aged care facilities and schools."

FPA Australia president, Mr Chris Orr, believes the UWS program has the strength and breadth to set a national benchmark.

"Following the tragedy of Black Saturday in Victoria in February 2009, there is an even greater need to ensure industry professionals and practitioners to have a superior level of understanding in the fundamentals of bushfire protection," Orr said.
"Evidence submitted to the Victorian Royal

Commission into the Black Saturday fires highlighted a need for greater education, awareness and professional development for those designing, building and overseeing construction in bushfire prone areas.

"The UWS program together with the FPA Australia's accreditation scheme facilitates the pathway to achieve this goal."

The courses are based on distance learning with a flexible mode of delivery to cater for full-time employed professionals to undertake part-time study. They attract students from all over Australia, including fire agency staff, building surveyors, architects, town planners, environmental practitioners and builders. The UWS is currently negotiating with the CFA the delivery of the program to its staff and will provide opportunities for those in local government and the private sector to participate.

Website to connect fire technicians around Victoria

A new interactive website is being developed to improve skills in fire protection industry practice. Fire protection service technicians will use innovative web 2.0 technology to access and share best practice workplace examples on the website.

The Hub website will also offer technicians the chance to develop information technology skills and create an e-portfolio to store evidence of their own work tasks.

The project is being led by FPA Australia, in partnership with the Country Fire Authority (CFA), Fire Equipment Maintenance Division (FEM), Swinburne University of Technology and other members of the fire protection industry.

The project is being funded by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

A simple online site will be created, where technicians will upload workplace examples using multimedia tools.

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The technicians will be provided with phone and email support to learn how to send in and publish their photo, video and audio work examples on the web. Participants can choose whether to publish to the website housing workplace demonstrations or to their own space to build an e-portfolio.

The photo, video and audio examples published on the Hub will be validated by technical experts from the fire protection industry. Technicians will use the website to update, maintain, demonstrate and share their fire protection industry skills at a time and pace that suits them. The design of the website will encourage content collection and provide access to social networking features such as a blog or forum.

It is hoped the site will become a useful resource to bring members of the industry located in remote, regional and metropolitan areas together to support and share comment on best practice examples of fire protection work.

It is hoped that overall the project will lead to:

- A highly skilled and productive fire protection workforce.
- More confidence in the use of website tools in the fire protection industry.

Contact for the project

If you would have photos or videos of fire protection tasks that could be included on the website, please contact Katharine Ebbs at FPA Australia.

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Victorian State Committee donates \$5000 to Royal Children's Hospital Burns Unit



(L-R) Mr Dan Amarant, Mr Andre Mierzwa and Mr Norm Winn from the Victorian State Committee present the cheque to the RCH.

THE Victorian State Committee of FPA Australia is playing its part in helping the lives of sick children, donating \$5000 to the Royal Children's Hospital Burns Unit at a special presentation in Melbourne yesterday.

The cheque, raised through the kindness of Victorian members of FPA Australia, was presented to RCH Foundation Executive Director, Mr Brian Mallon, at the hospital's Parkville headquarters.

Presenting the donation to the RCH Burns Unit, was FPA Australia Victorian State Committee Chairman, Mr Andre Mierzwa, and committee members, Mr Norm Winn and Mr Dan Amarant.

"The generous contribution by FPA Australia's Victorian State Committee to the Foundation is an example of the overwhelming kindness shown by people in this country. It's what make's us so unique," Mr Mallon said.

"We are so very grateful to have support from such an important organisation like FPA Australia, and we offer our heartfelt thanks and praise the Victorian State Committee members for their generosity.

"This donation will really make a difference in the lives of sick children and their families."

The \$5000 donation was raised at last year's Victorian State Committee Annual Dinner, with the fundraising initiative headed up by Mr Amarant and fellow member, Mrs Suzie Cowan.

Extinguishing Agent Handling License holders

If you hold an Extinguishing Agent Handling Licence – Experienced Person, and wish to continue to hold the licence, you will need to apply for a Qualified Persons Licence within 12 months of your Experienced Persons Licence expiring.

Currently licence categories 1: Portable Fire Extinguisher Maintenance and 4: Recovery, Reclamation, Fill and Recycling are being rolled out. To apply for a Qualified Persons Licence you must have the relevant national units of competency as per the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995.

FPA Australia provides training and assessment, including Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), for the units required for these licence categories. Depending on your level of experience, this may be RPL, training and assessment, or a combination of these pathways. We will also provide these services for the units required for licence categories 2, 3 and 5 when they are implemented.

Our Learning & Development staff can help you identify the units you require for a particular licence category and advise you on the best strategy to obtain these units. Email Learning & Development at: training@fpaa.com.au Phone (03) 9890 1544 or visit www.fpaa.com.au/training Would you also like a nationally recognised qualification?

If your work involves installing, servicing or commissioning fire protection equipment and systems you can add to the units required for your Extinguishing Agent Handling Licence – Qualified Person to obtain a national qualification. For more information, contact Rebecca Daire at rebecca.daire@fpaa.com.au

MFB and Standards Australia appoint new CEO

THE Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) and Standards Australia have both announced new Chief Executive Officers.

Graham Fountain has been appointed in the MFB top job, having been CEO of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport for the past three years.

He also has over 20 years experience with the Country Fire Authority, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief Officer.

Colin Blair takes over at Standards Australia and is no stranger to the company, having been acting Chief Executive since October last year.

Blair has been with Standards Australia for many years and has a unique set of skills and deep and extensive experience of the standards environment.

FPA Australia welcome four new members to the team

FPA Australia has welcomed four new members to the team since January, with Fiona Tapply, Mark Murray, Naomi Grant and Bloss Oliver-Skuse all coming aboard.

Fiona joins us as the new Executive Assistant, having over 20 years experience in the role and was most recently the EA for the retail General Manager of Origin Energy.

Mark takes up the Communications Coordinator position, having extensive experience in the media and communication sectors. He has been a journalist with Fairfax Media, and joined FPA Australia after running the communications position at Football Federation Victoria. Naomi and Bloss join the Projects team as technical writers.

Bloss has spent the last three years working in educational publishing, most recently at Macmillan Education Australia, while Naomi has recently completed a postgraduate diploma in editing and communications and has 10 years experience in quality accreditation within the health industry.

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USA engineering students assist with Fire Protection website



FPA Australia has been fortunate to host three Engineering students from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the USA over the past six weeks.

As part of their studies in Fire Protection Engineering at the Institute, Greg Trumbull, Gerard Libby and Eric Camiel (pictured above) have assisted FPA Australia with the development of the fire protection interactive website while also completing research to contribute to their courses of study.

During their short study placement with us, Eric, Gerard and Greg have observed and recorded fire protection tasks and solutions at a number of metropolitan and rural Victorian locations. They have also conducted surveys to find opinions on useful website content and features.

FPA Australia has enjoyed hosting the students and wishes them well in their future endeavors.

Congratulations TJS Fire and Safety!

FPA Australia ran an 'Upgrade and Win' promotion in February, with TJS Fire and Safety from NSW the lucky winner.

The NSW business was rewarded for upgrading from Corporate to Corporate Silver membership, and can now enjoy two gold class vouchers and food and beverage vouchers to the value of \$60.

The competition was drawn by FPA Australia CEO, Scott Williams, on March 2.

Congratulations TJS Fire and Safety.

Fire Australia magazine – editorial submissions open



Fire Australia welcomes interesting and topical editorial contributions from our members for the inclusion in the quarterly Fire Australia publication. Editorial contributions are welcome across a range of areas, including:

- research findings
- topical fire protection issues
- innovative solutions to problems
- unique / award winning projects
- incident response papers
- technology advances.

If you have something you would like to share, please let us know at magazine@fpaa.com.au. For a copy of the editorial guidelines, please visit the Fire Australia Magazine page on our website www.fpaa.com.au and click on the "Information" tab.

Editorial contributions for the upcoming Winter editions close on Monday, May 10.

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Dependable Fire Services P/L
Catalyst Fire & Electrical Services Pty Ltd

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Backdraft Fire Technologies & Training Pty Ltd

SA

Compliant Fire Services Pty Ltd

VIC

Aspinall Fire Service Testing Pty Ltd
Seadan Security & Electronics
Quiklec Services (Aust) P/L

WA

Fireguard Building Solutions Pty Ltd
Midwest Fire Protection Service
Complete Fire Design

NT

Fire Maintenance Services (NT) Pty Ltd

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NSW

Baden Fire
Controlled Fire Protection P/L
Emergency Fire Protection NSW P/L
2020 Fire Protection Pty Ltd
GMC Fire Services
Safewise Security Systems P/L t/as VMC Rockdale
Think Fire Pty Ltd
Emergency Fire & Safety Training Pty Ltd
Face Services
CEASSA
Complete Plumbing and Fire Services Pty Ltd
Firefect
Somerset Fire Solutions Pty Ltd
Home Safety Solutions (Nambucca)

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SA

United Fire Protection Pty Ltd

QLD

Emergency Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
Lewis Bros Fire Pty Ltd
Central Western Fire P/L
1300 Smoke Alarms
Firepak

VIC

Fire Warden Fire Protection
Australia Fire Safety P/L
Beca Pty Ltd
General Fire Services Vic Pty Ltd
Nationwide Building Essential Services Pty Ltd
Sterling Maintenance Services Pty Ltd
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WA

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NSW

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Alan Reilly
Gavin Richards
Alistair Robinson
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Bruce Rowlings
Paul Spreser

SA

Jennifer Strickland

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Kevin Batchelor
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Upgraded Members

FPA Australia would like to thank the following members who have recently upgraded their membership.

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Upcoming Events

HazMat National Conference & Exhibition:

Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre,
5-6 May 2010



Hazmat 2010 is the key hazardous materials, chemical management and dangerous goods conference and exhibition in Australia. Held over two days, presentations by leading industry experts and international key note speakers cover current issues and future topics, such as:

- Risk Assessment & Management
- Major Hazards
- Dangerous Goods
- Security & Training
- Chemical Management

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National Seminar Series - FM Data Sheets

12 - 21 May 2010

FM Global has updated their Installation Guidelines for Automatic & Storage Sprinklers - Data Sheets 2-2, 2-7, 2-8N & 8-9.

FM Global Data Sheets 2-2, 2-7 and 2-8N have been replaced by a completely new data sheet 2-0

(Installation Guidelines for Automatic Sprinklers). Data Sheet 8-9 Storage Sprinkler Design has also been updated and streamlined.

This morning workshop will cover in detail the revision of the pre-existing automatic sprinkler installation guidelines into the current DS 2-0, together with the associated changes in DS 8-9, both of which introduce a whole new concept in the design of Sprinkler Protection.

For more information visit www.fpaa.com.au/events

USA Study Tour & NFPA Conference

San Francisco, Los Angeles & Las Vegas, USA.
29 May - 13 June

Applications for the 2010 US Study Tour are now closed. Twelve industry personnel will be taking in local fire service and building industry tours in the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Anaheim and Orange County areas. It will include a site visit of the Disney Land reconstruction project, the 2008 Wildfires, historic fire industry buildings, vehicles & equipment and more. The three day NFPA National Conference will be held in Las Vegas.

Participants will also enjoy tours of San Francisco, including Alcatraz, dinner by Santa Monica Pier, a tour of the Grand Canyon by air and land, and a wild west sunset dinner and more.

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