

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

These are the guys that do their best to keep the W.A.S.P.A. fighting for the plastering industry. Here is just a quick summary to let you know who is working behind the scenes.

NAME	FROM	ROLE
Dave Allan	Allan Plastering Services	President/Awards
Grant Mason	Mason & Mason Plastering	Vice President
Bill Tyler	Retired Plasterer	Secretary
Rick Crugnale	Lime Industries	Treasurer/Newsletter Editor/Awards Committee
Jose' Galindo	World of Plaster (WA) P/L	Committee/Newsletter Editor/Awards Committee
Cosi Catania	Dulux	Committee/Newsletter Editor
Cosi Sorgiovanni	Kalamunda Plasterers	Committee
Peter Ashworth	P.W.A. Plasterers	Committee/Awards
Aub Jones	Karrinyup Plasterers	Committee/Awards
Tino Lionetti	Wallkraft Plasterers	Committee/Awards
Peter Hill	Peter Hill Plastering Service	Committee
Glen Lewis	Glen Lewis Plastering Service	Committee
Alistair Mc Kay	Bradys	Committee
Steve Moller	Cockburn Cement	Committee
John Susacs	Susac Lime Supply	Committee
Glen Ford	Rondo	Committee
Don Behets	CSR	Committee
Mike Clark	Rocla Sand Supplies	Committee
Damian Hewitt	Homebuyers Centre	Committee

Last General Meeting

The last general meeting was another huge success at the M.A.A.C. on the 28th of March 2001. The guest speakers were Hale Burkett, an independent paint consultant speaking about some of the issues occurring with paint and plaster, and Paul Barker from Bradys, explaining their new product Kwikrock. Needless to say, everyone found these speakers very educational and very interesting.

Of course, it was great to see all the plasterers networking and communicating to each other about some of the happenings in the industry.

Next General Meeting-AGM!!!

Make sure that you come down to our next meeting to discuss any of your views or to find out what the W.A.S.P.A. committee and members are currently up to.

Of course, our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where committee members are voted on (or off!) and the official positions of President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer are up for re-election. If you feel like you would like to have more input into the W.A.S.P.A., come down and apply to become a committee member. Remember, many hands make light work!

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held at the W.A.C.A. on the Wednesday the 27th of June, 2001 at 7.00pm.

Membership

There are many reasons for joining the W.A.S.P.A. including the benefits you receive for being part of a large independent organisation in the plastering industry, and the fact that you are investing in your own industry and future. If you would like to join, please contact Joseí on 9418 8787 or 0418 921 279 for a membership form. The more members the W.A.S.P.A. has, the stronger it becomes!

We have top quality WASPA shirts available for members only at \$30.00 each. Promote the WASPA and your business while wearing a stylish shirt at the same time!

To advertise in the Yellow Pages under the WASPA heading and logo, contact Bill Tyler on 0419 042 163 or 9418 8787 as soon as possible as the deadline is coming up quickly. You'll find this is a cost effective way of advertising your business in a professional manner.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of "The Spread." We'd love to hear any comments or suggestions you may have for the next issue. Also, if you have any jokes you'd like to put forward for the upcoming issues, send them in as we will have an award for the best joke! Send all remittance to PO BOX 353, Tuart Hill WA 6939.

We hope you have a great year, so keep on SPREADING!

WELCOME ALL PLASTERERS!

You'll be happy to know that the W.A.S.P.A. is continuing its growth period and is growing in not only membership numbers, but also in its stature in the industry. Of course, what this means to you (you are a member aren't you?) is that instead of being an individual in the building trade, you are a member of an organisation that can offer increasing levels of support and backup to you as a plasterer in the industry. The days of every plasterer hiding their so called "secrets" and "recipes" from each other should now be ancient history.

The only way for the plastering trade to thrive is if each and every plasterer works together to improve the industry in general for the long term. The W.A.S.P.A. committee believes that with the continuous support from its members, the association can help keep the industry in good stead for future generations of plasterers to come.

We hope you enjoy this edition of "The Spread" and make sure you check out the details of the Trip to Bali you can win, just by being a member.



Win A Trip to Bali!

For the first time ever, we are offering a prize of a TRIP TO BALI for 2 people which will be drawn at the Awards Night on the 17th of November 2001. All new members are eligible and you need to be present at the awards night to receive your prize! Please contact Rick or Jose on 9418 8787 if you would like any more details. ALL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COMPETITION

**Guest Appearance from the
EAGLES, Football Star Phil Matera.
Attending the Awards Night!!!**

President's Message

Dear Spreads,

This issue I would like to talk about training. Let's just remember how we learnt our trade, if we were lucky we came under the wing of a skilled tradesman who taught us much, often without trying, just by doing his thing. Not only all aspects of the trade, but also how to interact and behave in front of other people. This is sadly one area that seems to be missing from the education of the apprentices and trainees nowadays.

Some of you also did some form of off the job training, be it TAFE or some other institution. A large number of you did no formal apprenticeship, but picked up your skills from working with others maybe from starting as a labourer and working your way up. Hopefully you had good teachers.

P.T.O

Your lucky newsletter number is:



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How long ago did you go out on your own, 5, 10, 20 years?

Have you kept up with the changes in our trade? Are there new skills you need to learn, not just with new materials and backgrounds, but new tax systems and laws aimed at small businesses (the Ralph Report). We all need to keep our skills up to date. So whether you contact TAFE, the Small Business Development Corporation, your accountant, courses run by manufacturers or come along to our information evenings.

If there is a particular area that you need information on and we can help W.A.S.P.A. can help, we will organise a course. Please keep learning even though the basics of our trade haven't changed in two thousand years there are always small changes we need to keep up with. We need people to keep re-educating themselves so that they and you are part of our trade in the future.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

MANUFACTURER'S CORNER

Susacs have released a sister product of A-Jacks Hardwall Plaster called "Premix".

Premix is a new product recently introduced to the plastering industry. It is a gypsum base plaster in which we use our additives and retarders in order to create a product that reaches a very high standard of quality.

This new product is extremely durable and can withstand the bumps and knocks sustained during general household activities such as vacuuming. The product also resists the general wear and tear that can result from moving furniture and from having young children.

After extensive research to ensure that this new product Premix meets the very highest standard of quality and consumer satisfaction it is now available in Perth. All our ingredients included in the product meet with the building laws and comply with the building regulations and standards.

Premix is a unique product that is outstanding in performance, incorporating a new micromolecular plastering and bonding system which will improve workability even further with a hard, smoother and consistent finish. The Premix has a full strength reading of 90 to 100% (Please note: not Duro Hardness Meter reading) and is available to consumers on request from the Balga Tafe College of Western Australia. Please contact Frank Warren on (08) 9235 7800 in the plastering department.

Local Plastering Supplies

Farinosi & Sons

The changing face of the building industry as you all know can be a nightmare! You as tradesmen know this only too well and have seen fellow tradies fall by the wayside because they failed to adapt, learn new techniques or manage their affairs properly.

Farinosi & Sons have over 50 years experience within this industry and have continued to grow both in Perth and Karratha. Trade clientele has been the basis of our business and as times have changed, so have we.

Catering to the Plasterer, Grano worker and Brickie, we carry a large range of hand tools in our "Trade Depot", as well as a full range of cements, lime putty and accessories. Recent additions to this range include stainless steel Rondo beads and "Acrylic Instant Render" to assist the plastering industry. The last two years has seen Farinosi & Sons join the Mitre 10 organisation and this began a new phase in our development. Both our stores have expanded and we have "tidied up our act", making it easier to navigate our stores.

However, one of the biggest changes over the last 18 months is our opening hours. Monday to Friday the front door is up at 6.00am and closed at 5.00pm, while on Saturday we open at 7.30am to 4.00pm. Recent road works and the advent of the Graham "Polly" Farmer tunnel has eased the traffic flow at our front door and made the journey from the eastern suburbs a rapid drive across town.

For those of you who don't know, we are located at:

Farinosi & Sons Mitre 10

274 James Street

Northbridge (Drive through service)

COMPETITION

Last issues winner is...(get ready for it!)... **Issue no. 2450!!!** Don't forget that every issue a prize is given away for the holder of the newsletter number that we call out. So remember to hold onto your copy of "The Spread".

This editions prize is a Truline 14" Stainless Steel Trowel kindly donated by Western Corp Hardware. Keep an eye out in the next edition to see if you're the lucky winner!!!

Next Awards night

Due to the success of our first Awards night, we've actually begun organising this years Awards night from now. This years night promises to be even better than last year with the drawing of the Trip to Bali competition and a special appearance of Phil Matera. We've added some categories to help cater for the large amounts of nominations that we expect to pour in, and have included a nomination form within this newsletter so that you can start nominating your best jobs from now.

This years Awards night will be held in 17th November 2001, with the deadline for all nomination forms to be in by the end of August 2001. Below are the categories for this years Awards Night:

The best plastering in:
Houses up to \$100,000 in value
Houses between \$100,001 and \$150,000 in value
Houses between \$150,001 and \$250,000 in value
Houses worth \$250,001 and above in value
Acrylic textured finishes above \$250,000.00 in value
Acrylic textured finishes below \$250,000.00 in value
Best internal finishes
Best specialised feature work
Best commercial
Best country plaster work
Best external sand finish render
Best modern innovations
Best Apprentice of the year

Please fill in the nomination form you found in this newsletter and send it in to nominate yourself for an award. Feel free to photocopy it and send in as many nominations as you like. You never know, you may be as good as you think you are!!!

Consultants Corner...

Consultants in the industry are becoming more wide spread, with demand for them growing at an increasing rate. A conversation with a friend at the MBA informed me of a new trend occurring in which institutions such as banks are placing increased emphasis informing home owners and owner builders to ensure they get industry consultants to inspect all work completed to their homes before the final draw is paid. This of course makes sense that owners do this to ensure that later on down the track they haven't paid for a house which they could have found to be unsatisfactory before they even made the last payment. The small cost of an inspection could save a lot of money and heartache later on.

Reasons why banks and builders are placing more faith in consultants could be due to several reasons. One reason could be seemingly falling trade standards throughout the building trade (not necessarily poor tradespeople but also economic reasons may be involved). Another reason could be the increased accountability of builders by more educated and involved homebuyers. The reasons are arguably endless.

When people hire consultants to do reports on homes, they assume they have employed an objective, unbiased industry expert to do a report, which will be the undeniable truth. The reality is however; there are many building consultants who do not measure up to these expectations; especially in the plastering trade. We have found this by comparing reports we have received on various jobs with those conducted by our own W.A.S.P.A. consultants, and have found startling differences in their conclusions. I won't dwell on the reasons for their differences, but I will mention that to ensure you get a fair, well-informed objective opinion of the quality of plastering on a house, you need to get a W.A.S.P.A. consultant to do the report.

Our two consultants, which do all of the association's consultancy, are Bill Tyler, and Grant Mason. The are both very experienced and qualified plasterers, and will ensure that the report does not favour the person who has hired the consultant (!), but rather will give an objective opinion on the quality of the work inspected. You can reach Bill on 0419 042 163, and Grant on 0418 952 804.

Jose' Galindo

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HELPLINE

Our helpline has been busy assisting plasterers with their problems. Remember, next time your in strife, contact Cosi on 0412 443 694 or Rick on 0417 933 595. You never know, they might turn a big problem into a small one for you!

