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Australian Institute of Steel Detailers

A crisis in the drafting industry?

You would not think so if you are one, plenty of work available, good rates and it has been this way for a considerable time. In the west of the country there is an abundance of mining work and for the eastern states there is no shortage.

The situation from the other side of the production fence is quite different, Fabricators can not find detailers to keep their staff occupied. Without the steel detailers there would not be a vibrant fabrication industry, The Consulting and Architectural firms are facing a similar problem, they can not find anyone to put pen to paper (or mouse to screen as the case may be).

Detailing IS Going Offshore – But Not To Diamond Head Hawaii Unfortunately





Detailing Education

Currently there are no drafting courses dedicated to our industry. There have been some token efforts embedded in degree and Cad courses that are totally inadequate.

This has been displayed in the poor detailing that we have to deal with on a daily basis.

As an example, there is a local TAFE college that has 40 hours as a part of a 3 year building design course relating to steel detailing.

Victoria has taken the lead in turning this situation around. You should be aware at this point that MSA (Manufacturing Skills Australia) have put together the core structure for a dedicated Steel detailing Course to be put up on the national register.

This is currently in its final draft stage and has been ratified by the National Committee. We are confident that we will be in a position to deliver this course by mid 2008, (dependant on funding) at a state level.



The course has two strands that overlap a Level 3 and a Diploma level. The Level 3 certificate allows for funding as a Cadet who can then get credits for the Diploma level of competency.

We all have issues with poor design documentation, the availability of a nationally recognized course will go a long way to improving this situation.



National Steering Committee

Yes there is such a body!! The initial meeting of the various states steel detailing institutes met in 2006 at the Steel convention in Adelaide (this also was initiated by us, the ex-Victorian Institute by the way).

You may have noticed that the title of this newsletter is the AISD, one of the first agenda for the National Steering Committee was to consolidate our resources.

All states have renamed their local institutes to AISD (etc) A decision has been taking to move all websites to one website, a cost which will be shared through the states.



Website Details Update

Our local website is currently www.aisd.asn.au

This address eventually will change to www.aisd.com.au
we will advise our members when the time comes.



Annual General Meeting

Our State AGM is coming up on the 10th of December, I encourage you all to come along , the work your local and national bodies have been working on will benefit our industry and in particular our members.

The AGM is being held at the Cherry Hill Tavern, located on the corner of Reynolds & Anderson Creek Roads in East Doncaster. Melways Ref 34 E6.

Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

Creative Design Competition!!

A competition to design a new logo for the AISD is underway, with a \$1000 prize to the winning submission and the logo to be used around the country.

This is open to both members and non members.

More information will be available shortly regarding closing dates and where to send your submissions.

The national Steering committee will judge the entries.

