



December 2008

AWA Updates

AWA 2009 Board of Directors Nominations.

The AWA is calling for **2009 Board of Directors nominations** now. Look out for the upcoming December issue of *WINDOWS* or visit the [AWA Website](#) for more information about how YOU can be involved with your association.

AWA 2009 Wall Planner

Keep a watchful eye for the AWA Wall Planner for 2009, which will be available with the December 2008 issue of *WINDOWS* Magazine. The wall planner contains useful dates that will help you plan the year ahead.

WINDOW Magazine Advertisement Space

Advertising space for 2009 issues of the *WINDOWS* Magazine is now available for booking. For more information and booking form [Click Here](#).

Glass Thickness Gauges

Optical Glass Thickness Gauges and *Merlin* Laser Glass Thickness Gauges are now available to purchase through the AWA for members, glaziers, assessors and architects. For an order form [Click Here](#).

AWA Preliminary AS3959-Bushfires Test Results Available

With the publication of the AS1530.8 series, the AWA bushfire sub-committee led a testing program to advance industry knowledge on suitable window materials. The indicative tests were performed to aid AWA members in selecting specimens for future evaluation for both meeting prescriptive requirements and testing fully to AS1530.8.1 and 2

The results are available in the [Members Only Area](#) under *Technical Bulletins*

For more info on What's Happening in the AWA visit the [AWA Website](#)

Industry News



BCME online magazine Summer 08/09 edition

AWA Presenting AS 2047, AS 1288 and WERS training day for AIBS Tasmania Thursday 11 December

Glass & Window Exhibition Coex Korea Exhibition Centre Seoul, Korea South

AWA News

Season Greetings...



The Australian Window Association would like to personally wish all our members a very **Merry Christmas, a safe holiday** and a **Happy New Year**. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



- from your AWA team



From the Executive Director

Welcome to the final edition of the AWA e-newsletter for 2008. We hope that you enjoy receiving this form of correspondence and that it delivers value to you and your business.

Whilst it is relatively impossible to document the many and varied tasks the secretariat carry out on your behalf, the top 12 hits for 2008 would have to be:

1. The strategic review of the AWA through the membership survey and the resultant business plans for 2008-2010.
2. The move from the AWA newsletter to the Windows magazine.
3. Increased member communication through the introduction of e-newsletters.
4. Website upgrades for ease of use.
5. The Sustainable Windows Alliance project to address and promote energy efficiency.
6. The BPIC-ICIP life cycle inventory project for windows under the building and construction materials sector.
7. The dedicated work of the Windows Working group to draft industry prescriptive provisions for AS 3959 (bushfire).
8. The AWA bushfire sub-committee's preliminary testing to AS 1530.8.1 (performance) for member guidance.
9. The AWA technical committee review and submission to the BCA 2009 changes, including the treatment of windows as balustrades in two storey housing.
10. Submissions for AS 1288 amendment two addressing manifestation (marking).
11. Increased technical and energy efficiency training programs and extended deliveries.
12. Window compliance information for builders through the HIA and MBA.

In the next e-newsletter I will outline the approved plans for 2009, but in the meantime, on behalf of the AWA secretariat, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Tracey Gramlick



AWA Office Closure over Christmas & New Years Break

The Australian Window Association Sydney and Melbourne office will be closed over the Christmas and New Years break.

The office will be closed from **Midday, Tuesday 23rd December, 2008** and will resume trade on the **Monday 5th January 2009**.



Bon Voyage Heather Hogan

Downloads



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[Membership Information and Application Kit](#)



[Compliance Brochure](#)

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December 4-7

**Zak Glass Technology
Tradeshow**
Pragati Maidan New Delhi, India
December 5-7

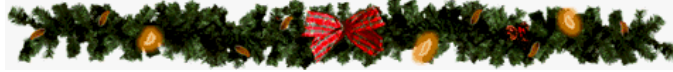
For more info on industry
activity visit the
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The AWA would like to bid farewell to **Heather Hogan**, who has called it a day, after 18 years at the **Australian Institute of Metal Finishes**.

Heather has played a major role in developing the powder coating certification program, **Qualicoat**.

We would like to wish her the best of luck with future endeavours and may she enjoy her long deserved retirement.



AWA Accreditation Program - Compliant AS2047 Audits

Congratulations to all our members who have passed the AS2047 audits.

[Click Here](#) to view a complete list of those members.

Photos of the Month

OH&S Committee



Front (L-R): Jason Ross (Wideline), Norma Jackson-Snow (Trend), Chubba Hunfalvay (Doric)

Back (L-R): Wayne Madden (Bradnams), Chris Jones (Auditor), Paolo Spinnetti (Boral), David Comiskey (G James), Dragina Beckdache (Capral) with Natalie Leonard (AWA)

This important AWA Committee is chaired by Norma Jackson-Snow (Trend Windows National OH&S rehabilitation coordinator) and is committed to improving the standards of safety within the window industry right through from staff induction to window installation.

As many of the current OH&S documents on the AWA website are now 5 years old they are currently being reviewed for relevancy.

Every AWA member is asked to visit the [AWA Website](#) and forward any changes or recommendations to *Natalie Leonard* at reception@awa.org.au for consideration by the OH&S Committee.

The **OH&S committee** will be holding meetings every quarter in 2009

Magnetite does Movember



Magnetite raised **\$1000+** for the research of prostate cancer and male depression during **Movember**. With a clean shaven face at the start of the month, Movember participants, known as Mo Bros, have the remainder of the month to grow and groom their Mo, raising money along the way to benefit men's health. **Well done Magnetite!**

Dates to Remember

2008

December

Tuesday 9th	Executive Meeting - Sydney
Wednesday 10th	Hardware Committee - Sydney
Thursday 11th	Combined Technical Committee - Sydney
Thursday 23rd	AWA Office closed for Christmas Break

2009

January

Monday 5th	AWA Office resumes trade
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February

Tuesday 3rd	Standards & Regulations Training - Wollongong
Thursday 5th	Standards & Regulations Training - Newcastle
Thursday 12th	BCA Section J Training - Sydney
Thursday 17th	Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Sydney Executive Meeting - Sydney
Wed-Thurs 18th-19th	Level 1 Training - Sydney
Mon-Wed 23rd-25th	Level 2 Training - Perth
Wednesday 25th	Standards & Regulations Training - Coffs Harbour BCA Section J Training - Brisbane
Thursday 26th	BCA Section J Training - Melbourne



Visit the [AWA Website](#) under [News](#) for more information on meetings and training dates.

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