

# AiGTS chairman celebrates 15 years of achievement



Doug Loveless

Doug Loveless recently celebrated 15 years as Chairman of Australian Industry Group Training Services (AiGTS) – a leading provider of apprentices to Australian companies.

During that time Doug has never

missed a Board meeting – an extraordinary achievement.

He has guided AiGTS through a period of rapid growth and expansion.

The organisation is now a major force in apprenticeship training in Australia.

Doug joined AiGTS (originally known as ACM Skill Centre) in April 1995.

Just two months later, after attending just two meetings, he accepted the position of Chairman.

In 1998 Australian Chamber of Manufactures (ACM) and Metal Trades Industry Association (MTIA) joined forces to become The Australian Industry Group.

Doug played a major role in the amalgamation of these bodies.

“The success of AiGTS can be attributed in part to a very dedicated Chairman who gets a buzz from being part of a business that has given thousands of young people an opportunity to become qualified in a trade,” said National Group Training Manager Dean Arundell.

Doug began his working life in 1960 with a cadetship at the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SECV). The cadetship allowed Doug to experience various duties within the personnel function of the SECV.

But Doug yearned to experience commercial

life and so joined MacRobertson Chocolates as an Employment and Safety Officer five years later.

Doug’s commercial life took an exciting turn in 1967 when Cadbury Schweppes took over MacRobertson Chocolate where he progressed through various production and manufacturing positions culminating in an appointment to the Cadbury Schweppes Board in 1990 as Manufacturing Director, Asia Pacific.

A year later Doug became a Councillor with Australian Chamber of Manufactures (ACM) in 1991.

While at Cadbury Schweppes, Doug used the Skill Centre to train its engineering apprentices. He was most impressed with the dedication and quality of the training and the staff.

He left Cadbury Schweppes as HR Director, Asia Pacific region in 2002.

As a young man Doug was an accomplished Australian Rules player with Oakleigh in the Victorian Football Association (VFA), now the Victorian Football League (VFL).

A little known fact is that Doug played against the Director, Training Services of AiGTS, Brian Kerwood who then played for Brunswick.

In 1963 Doug won the Todd Medal, which is awarded annually to the fairest and best player in the then VFA (VFL) Reserve Grade competition.

In June the AiGTS Board celebrated Doug’s 15-year achievement with a dinner in Sydney.

The AiGTS Board and staff congratulated Doug on “his selfless duty” over this period.

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## Australia’s first print and design trade training centre opens

The Roland Print and Design Centre, part of Australia’s first secondary school Trade Training Centre, has opened in Sydney.

Roland DG, with the support of Sydney based design company Conect Enterprises, has supplied vital machinery and consumables to drive the creative needs of the centre.

The Trade Training Centre, at the Catholic Regional College Sydenham, operates business units where students can learn a practical trade in a fully functioning business that is open to the public.

The Roland Print and Design Centre is one such program where students can gain experience in the signage and graphics arts industry.

Students receive quality training in the field of Sign manufacture and can study to achieve a VET Certificate II in Signage.

CRC Sydenham Principal Brendan Watson has welcomed the partnership. “Roland DG and Conect’s generous involvement in this exciting educational initiative cements a vital link between the school and the signage industry,” Mr Watson said.

“This is a unique collaboration that will

benefit hundreds of students over the next few years. Partnerships with industry leaders like Roland DG are crucial so that students can have such opportunities.”

Roland DG supplied machinery for the Centre, including an RS-640 printer, VP-540i Printer/Cutter, a GX-500 50” Cutter and a Metaza MPX-80 Photo Impact Printer.

Conect Enterprises will be the major supplier of all signage materials to the school, such as digital media, sign vinyls and accessories.

“Roland DG is proud to be investing in the future of the Graphic Arts and Signage industry,” says John Wall, Sales and Marketing Manager at Roland DG.

“Catholic Regional College Sydenham is a progressive and innovative school and we are excited to partner with them to give the students access to the very best equipment to learn the skills needed to excel when they enter the workforce.”

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