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Shawn Moore Elected AUSPTA President

Shawn Moore has been elected the new President of AUSPTA. Shawn is a foundation member of AUSPTA and prior to being elected President was also a Committee member of AUSPTA.

Shawn brings vast knowledge and experience to the Association Executive. With over 20 years experience in building inspection, he has performed a large number of building inspections and also timber pest inspections. Shawn was one of the early pioneers to use Infrared Thermography for termite detection and building defect fault findings.

Shawn is focused on the need for Standards for all Thermographers to work to regardless of what Industry User Group they belong to. Having served on a number of Standards Committees he is aware of the processes required for their development and implementation.

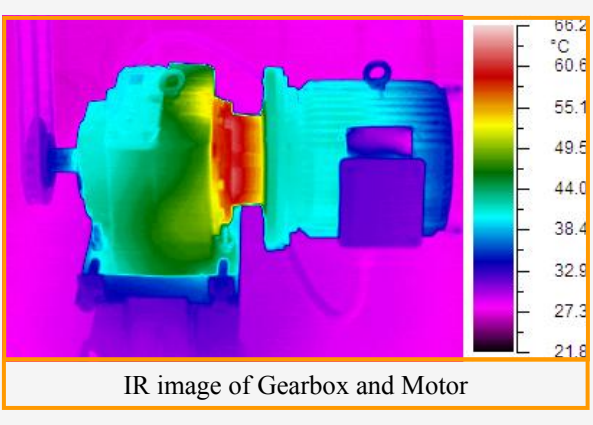
Shawn looks forward to the AUSPTA Executive and Committee continuing to provide Thermographers and the Thermography Industry in Australia with a Professional support base and assisting in the provision of ongoing Training and Certification.

AUSPTA Executive and Committee

Congratulations to the new Committee members for their election. The following members were elected at AUSPTA's AGM in March:

Andrew Armstrong, Andrew Campbell, Daniel Campbell, Erik Thorup, Alan Wright.

Following the passing of our Founding President the extra ordinary situation requiring the election of a new President (usually a three year term) saw Shawn Moore elected into the position for a one year term.



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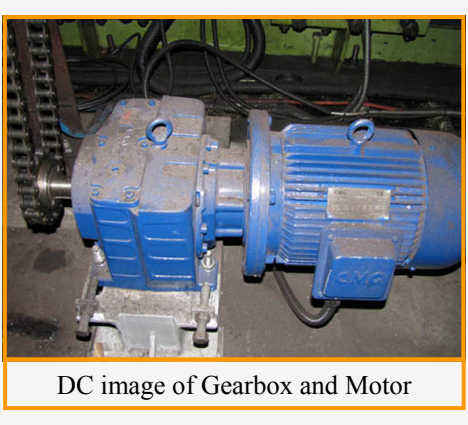
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Annual General Meeting 2013

The AUSPTA Annual General Meeting, held 23rd March in Carlton Victoria, was well attended. There were attendees who had travelled from all over Australia.

Presentations were given on a variety of topics including: Certification - presented by Peter Milligan from AINDT, Building Insulation Standards - Presented by Shawn Moore, Identification of Faulty Electrical Components - Presented by Alan Wright, Association website development - by Daniel Campbell and a professionally produced video on Termite Inspection - presented by Mal Brewer from Termite Solutions.

Whilst there was good support from those attending, special mention must be made of Grant Law from GTEK for his generous financial contribution to the day.

The Executive and Committee would like to thank all attendees for making the day such a success.

Attendees at the AUSPTA 2013 AGM

New President welcomed.

Shawn Moore (L) and Steve Bowman VP (R)

General Meeting - October

AUSPTA's next General Meeting will be held in Sydney, Friday 11th October 2013 at the Kirribilli Club (Lavender Bay).

The agenda and full details of the meeting will be emailed out and posted on the AUSPTA website in August.

AINDT and CM Certification

Peter Milligan from AINDT presented on Condition Monitoring Certification for Thermographers at AUSPTA's March AGM. He mentioned previous efforts by members of AUSPTA have not been wasted as AINDT are willing to adopt the database of examination questions already produced for Certification.

The Certification process is planned to be in place by the end of July 2013.

Training and Certification

With an increase in the number of training courses on offer caution needs to be taken to ensure the course you choose is of relevance to your Industry, of value to you and meets current Certification requirements.

Questions to ask are:

'Is the course relevant to myself and my Industry?'

'Does it meet current Australian Training Requirements for Certification?'

'Is the course recognised by the Certifying bodies and does it meet ISO standards'

'Does the course relate to a specific Industry or is it just training on a specific type of thermal camera?'

Changes to membership classifications

Following on from the Associations March AGM in Melbourne there have been changes to Company and Corporate membership classification and benefits.

'Company Member' has changed to 'Corporate Member'. Corporate membership now has three (3) non voting Corporate members and one (1) full member with voting rites.

'Corporate Member' has changed to 'Business Member'. Business membership now has one (1) non voting Business member and two (2) full members with voting rites.

For further details of Corporate and Business membership, and for all of AUSPTA's membership categories and grades please refer to AUSPTA Membership Grades Document (AUSPTA Doc 006). This document may be viewed or downloaded from the Associations website.

The Association has received it's ABN

AUSPTA has successfully registered an ABN and as a result all AUSPTA documentation has been updated.

The updated documents will be available for download from the Associations website.

Rapid Solutions Conference - Gold Coast

The Rapid Solutions Risk Management Conference is being held from the 16th - 17th of August 2013 at Jupiters on the Gold Coast.

The Conference program features four areas of the Building Industry: Timber Pest, Urban Pest, Building Inspection and Business Operation.

AUSPTA has been invited to exhibit at the Conference and are looking to attend.

More information about AUSPTA's exposure at the Conference as it comes to hand.

AUSPTA Exposure

Sydney recently hosted the Marine 13 Conference at the Sydney Convention Centre. This was the first time this International Conference had been held in Australia. Several members of AUSPTA's Executive and Committee exhibited at the conference and were actively promoting AUSPTA.

Many delegates had heard, seen or were currently using Thermal cameras. One delegate noted she had used Thermography successfully for a medical procedure where other commonly used protocols had been unsuccessful.

It's is planned to have a testimonial of the procedure in the next edition of The Thermographer.

Insurance for Thermographers

During the past twelve (12) months AUSPTA's Committee has been working with InterRISK Australia Pty Ltd, an insurance broker with market leading experience, to structure insurance coverage for AUSPTA members.

InterRISK's experience has already resulted in considerable cost savings and increased benefits to some AUSPTA members.

As AUSPTA has such a varied membership and multiple Industry User Groups there is no one policy to suit everyone. Unfortunately, as many insurance providers do not understand what our various Industry User Groups do, they try to group members together in inappropriate categories. This presents the real possibility of either unnecessarily high premiums or insurance cover for risks members are not exposed to.

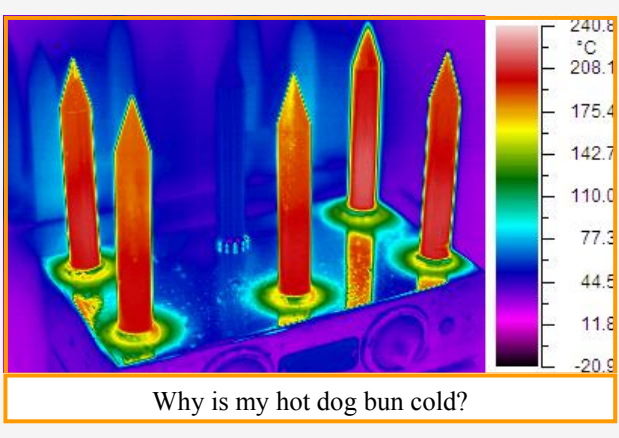
AUSPTA has invited InterRISK to present at the General Meeting in October and to conduct a comprehensive review of the insurance needs members of the various Industry User Groups have.

Members Login

The members only section of the AUSPTA website is nearing completion.

Members will be contacted via email with a password to access this section of the website.

Over the next few months this section will be 'populated' with members only benefits. More information will be available in the next edition of The Thermographer.



Why is my hot dog bun cold?

The Thermographer Deadlines for 2013

We would like to include your thermal images, article or 'stories' in The Thermographer. Please forward them to admin@auspta.asn.au. The deadlines for material are listed below:

Wednesday 21st August (Edition 11 - September / October 2013).

Thursday 21st November (Edition 12 - December 2013 / January 2014).

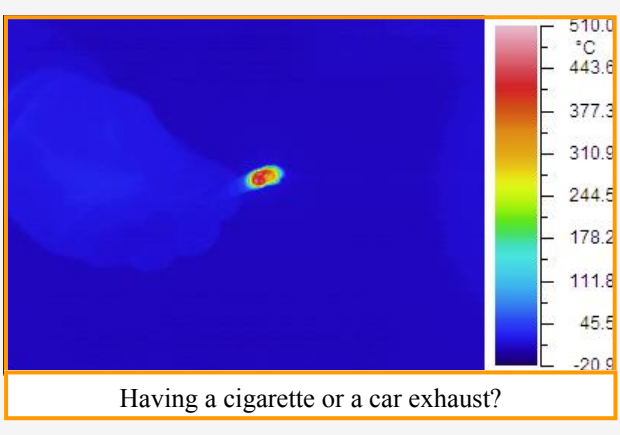
Remember, active participation in any AUSPTA sub Committee, Industry User Group, published articles or images for The Thermographer earn points towards your CPD requirements for the year.

Many thanks to AUSPTA Vice President Steve Bowman for providing the images you see in this edition of The Thermographer.

Spread the AUSPTA word!

Do you know someone interested in Thermography or who has a requirement to be a member of a Professional Association? Please feel free to forward them The Thermographer.

Remember AUSPTA is not an Industry specific Association. It embraces any Individual, Business, Company or Corporate Organisation who have an interest in or use Thermography.



Having a cigarette or a car exhaust?

What does the 'information' on my Membership Card mean?

For details and description of what the information on your Membership card pertains too, visit the Associations website and you may view or download the Membership Card Details (AUSPTA Doc 026).

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