



PLASTICS PIONEERS AUSTRALIA

*Promoting Friendship, Skills Training & Support within the
Plastics & Associated Industries*

Who are Plastics Pioneers?

Plastics Pioneers is an unincorporated not-for-profit organization whose members have contributed to the development of the Australian Plastics Industry, and who maintain a strong interest in it. All sectors of the industry are represented amongst its ranks.

We meet each quarter at luncheon functions, which are a source of great camaraderie. With the exception of our Christmas (Partners') and AGM luncheons, we enjoy what is invariably a very interesting talk during lunch, and we aim for a mix of top general interest, and industry specific topics. We also stage social events from time to time, such as our always popular annual winery visit.

The Pioneers also make s Career Development Awards to people who are committed to a future in plastics and who are undertaking relevant training with a recognized institution, and each year we support a nominated Charity, proposed from within our membership. Members are kept up to date with current matters, including industry events and personalities, via a quarterly Newsletter.

Our standard membership criteria are:

- 20 years or more associated with the plastics industry, and
- 45 years of age or more

The Foundation of Plastics Pioneers in Australia

The idea for a Plastics Pioneers group in Australia came from one of the Plastics Institute of Australia's (PIA's), John W Derham Memorial Award Lecturers Professor George W Fowles. George was selected to be the lecturer for 1979 primarily on the basis of his work as Vice President of marketing for B.F.Goodrich in the United States, and for the senior positions he had occupied in his home country within the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI)

Flying back on a sunny day from Western Australia where the lecture had been delivered, George and Bob Leschen, Executive Director of PIA, were sitting together. George mentioned in glowing terms the work of the Plastics Pioneers in the United States. He went on to say that it was a great organization which was bringing together the long-serving members of the industry, and using their influence for the good of the industry. Both thought that there could be a great opportunity for the PIA to sponsor such a body here.

Ross Kingston, a long serving PIA Victorian State Councilor, was invited to set up the proposed Plastics Pioneers. Ross accepted the challenge with enthusiasm, and the inaugural meeting was held on 8th October 1979. Today Plastics Pioneers lives on as a strong, well-united body of individual members who thoroughly enjoy their association.



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Sponsorship and Plastics Pioneers

We benefit from the support of a highly valued group of Sponsors, both corporate and individual, who help towards our administration expenses, and the containment of the cost to members for attending luncheons and other functions to levels within the range of all. In return we ensure that our Sponsors receive prominent acknowledgement for their support.

Career Development Awards

The Pioneers ' Annual Awards demonstrate our commitment to the future of this industry, and they are very highly regarded. We continue to seek applications from young people and the skills training institutions with which they are associated, such as leading TAFEs, enabling us to play a very rewarding role in the launching of many young careers. Recently, in recognition of the fact that an increasing number of mature age employees are undertaking on-site (as distinct from campus) formal training delivered by institutions to the same rigorous standards and qualifications, we have extended the scope of the CDA's to also cover these trainees.

Award comprises Certificates and a much appreciated level of monetary support, are presented at our AGM luncheon meetings in September.

Charity Awards

These are also presented at our AGM luncheons, to a selected Charity each year. We consider nominations from our membership for organizations which are considered to be providing an excellent service within our community, but which are not those very large national and international ones who already receive widespread individual, corporate and government support.

Would you like to become a Plastics Pioneers?

Well, we certainly hope so! You may already know some of our members, many of whom have been widely known within the plastics industry. If so, why don't you make contact, and arrange to come along as a guest to one our meetings? But if that avenue is not available, don't worry! You can contact us via the following link: contact@plasticspioneers.com

We will be back to you to answer any questions, and to take it from there. You can also visit our web site www.plasticspioneers.com for more information. We really are a friendly group and our dedication to camaraderie is real.

Membership

A joining fee of \$25 applies, which covers the provision of a distinctive association tie. A small annual subscription is payable and when a member attains the age of 75; he or she is invited by the committee to become a LLMP, "Life Member, Plastics Pioneers".

LMPP's are not formally required to pay a subscription, but many chose to make a personal and general donation, in lieu of same. This is entirely an individual decision, made without any obligation



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