

## NEWS OF WA

### December's Sundowner...



Above: A few light refreshments were had before the evenings presentations .  
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Above: Craig Bennett of Lanark Trading being awarded his certificate on the night.  
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Left: Kathy Stienbacher of Beacon Lighting (Dux of the class) awarded her certificate by Ian Jennings. Photo ZW



Above: Mike Sage of Sage Consulting picks up a token of recognition from Ian. Photo ZW



Above: Rob Myers of Specific Lighting and Gordon Rutherford of Ford Lighting - two long-time members of the IES enjoy the evening. Photo ZW

*Photos by Gareth Saunders and Zyg Woltersdorf*

**...and IES Fundamentals of Lighting Course certificate awards, Dec 13, 2005**

## The sun goes down on 2005 at The Vic

2005 was a fast and furious year in the lighting industry. Consultants, designers, retailers, wholesalers and distributors all felt the effects of quick deadlines and fantastic results. The WA Chapter too felt these effects.

Many thanks should go out to our WA Chapter Functions Sub-Committee, comprising Paul Good (Environmental Lighting), David McGeough (Ingal EPS) and John Colverhouse (Ashton Admor), who throughout the year were able to put on interesting events at short notice.

Dave was able to unveil the calendar of events the sub-committee has planned for 2006 and it looks like a great year for the WA Chapter. He also managed to show great appreciation for the efforts of Kim Bianchini (Sylvania Lighting International) and Rob Myers (Specific Lighting) in organising the 2005 WA Chapter Lighting Awards, at which we saw Wood and Grieve Engineers take out the prestigious Lighting Excellence Award for the City of Stirling Administration Building.

And talking about excellence, Dave then introduced Ian Jennings, who singlehandedly co-ordinated 2005 Lighting Fundamental Course. Ian acknowledged that it takes many man-hours to prepare a course of this calibre, but it is extremely rewarding to see how the young students come through and develop into good designers. He then introduced the students to the audience whilst presenting them with their certificates.

With this, it was a great honour for Ian to present 2005 Dux of the Class to Kathy Stienbacher whose hard work

and dedication made her really shine in what was already a bright class.

Ian was able to dedicate the excellent result shown in the lighting industry in 2005 to the hard work behind the scenes by the members on the IES WA Chapter Committee.

As mentioned previously, the outstanding effort by Kim Bianchini and Rob Myers to organise and host the 2005 WA Chapter Lighting Awards was witnessed and admired by the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand National Board of Directors.

Ian mentioned Gareth Saunders' (GHD) efforts in distributing lighting information and news to the industry, Zyg Woltersdorf's (Lighting International) photographic brilliance, Mark Stephenson's (Lanark Trading) editorial prowess and Ben Conick's (Specific Lighting) writing genius making the WA Chapter Focal Point/Lighting Sub-Committee a formidable team in 2005/2006.

And lastly, Ian brought an end to proceedings by congratulating the man who introduced him that night, David McGeough, whose effort with Paul Good and John Colverhouse helped bring the lighting fraternity together once a month for exciting presentations of local projects and interesting lectures on new national and international lighting techniques. It was a great night and there will be more to come.

*"Say goodbye to 2005, get in the mix for 2006."*

**by Gareth Saunders**

### Helmut O. Paidasch will be sadly missed

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the sudden passing of Helmut O. Paidasch on the afternoon of December 31, 2005. The Australian and International Lighting Industry, and all who knew him, will feel his loss intensely.

Helmut was a pioneer in our industry - a spirited and passionate person devoted to his family and his profession. His funeral was on Friday January 6, 2006.

He will be sadly missed.

Regards,  
Peter Portelli FIES

## For Your Information:

### WMA & BEST Consultants Join forces

As of 1st March 2006 WMA & BEST Consultants will be joining forces and operating under the Building Engineering Services + Technology trading name, abbreviated to BEST Consultants.

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Arnie and Jim's mobiles remain unchanged.

## What the players say...

### Some comments from the people at the 2005 IES Lighting Awards night.

"I was very impressed with the evening and the way it went together. The choice of venue was excellent and gave the dinner a real atmosphere. Your MC was very good, and the food was also a good selection. The music at the end was also a good choice and went over well for the dancers amongst us. Overall I think that you all should be very pleased with the way the evening turned out and certainly convinced me that the WA Chapter is going well. my congratulations in particular to Kim for her input into the evening. I thank you and the whole CMC for making the Board welcome and I hope that we can do this again some time in the not to distant future."

**Dr Ian Cowling MIES - IES President**

"Congratulations to IES for staging such a professional event this year in WA. The setting was cool; the mood was sophisticated; and the program never missed a beat."

**James Wallace MIES, ELDA - Director "Lightplan"**

"I was impressed by the professionalism demonstrated in your presentation and in the high level of lighting design of the submissions. Can you pass on my congratulations to your committee for a job well done."

**Gordon Watson FIES**

"The WA lighting awards dinner was held on the stage at His Majesty's Theatre, a most unusual venue, and the organising committee are to be congratulated on how it was run. Having the screen up high meant that the rolling photos of each entry could be seen easily where ever one was seated. Particularly good was ensuring the length of time to read out the names and details of the award winners was kept to a minimum without comprising on the relevant information. Well done."

**John Goodall LFIES**

"The organisation and hosting of the WA awards night was excellent. A very enjoyable night indeed. Tina Turner did not look her age, maybe it was the lighting."

**Graeme Foweraker LFIES**

"I must admit that I was not quite sure what to expect when I found out that the 2005 lighting awards night was being held on the stage of His Majesty's Theatre in Perth. I don't think I was alone in my thoughts either. Upon arrival the grand surrounding of the building seems to be overwhelming as usual before entering the pre din-



Above: Photo ZW



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ner area. I was impressed by the number and quality of projects that were entered. I think it is sure sign that little old Perth is moving forward in the lighting industry. I was increasingly impressed upon moving into the stage area where dinner and the presentations were to take place. The layout, decorations and atmosphere were fantastic.

The awards presentations seemed to move forward without a hitch. They were prompt but still gave the award-winners their deserved attention. As the night continued the guest were served a beautiful meal followed by a night of entertainment by a very exciting band.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of the 2005 lighting awards for putting on a fantastic evening. I was very impressed with the professional manner in which the night was organised. I would also like to congratulate all on the entries and of course the well deserved winners."

**Ben Conick - Specific Lighting**

**2005 IES Awards night, November 26 2005**

## Something to lighten your day

### LIGHT BULB JOKES - (c 1960)

Somewhere around 1960, the 'light bulb' jokes started to appear throughout North America. Some of the best of the worst, are as follows:

Q: How many Californians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Six. One to turn the bulb, one for support, and four to share the experience.

Q: How many Oregonians does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Five. One to change the bulb and four more to chase off the Californians who have come up to share the experience.

Q: How many New Yorkers does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: None of your damn business!

Q: How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but the bulb has got to really WANT to change.

Q: How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: How many can you afford?

Q: How many mice does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Two. (Hint: They are small enough to fit inside).

Q: How many managers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Three. One to get the bulb and two to get the phone number to dial one of their subordinates to actually change it.

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## Focal Point Issue Dates

Focal Point is now bi-monthly and is due to be e-mailed out as shown below:

March 2006 issue	due	3rd Week in Feb
May 2006 issue	due	3rd Week in April
July 2006 issue	due	3rd Week in June
Sept 2006 issue	due	3rd Week in Aug
Nov 2006 issue	due	3rd Week in Oct
Jan 2007 issue	due	2nd Week in Dec

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### Focal Point committee members are:

Ben Conick of Specific Lighting - Treasurer and content provider.  
Gareth Saunders of GHD - Secretary, some photos and content provider  
Mark Stephenson of Lanark Trading - Editor, Design and content provider.  
Zygmund Wolterdorf of Lighting International - Photos and content provider

