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GUEST Editorial



Welcome everyone to the first edition of Progressing Business. I am pleased to be writing the first editorial for a new online magazine for the quality and business practitioners of Australia.

The magazine was conceived from the needs of the members of Australian Organisation for Quality Inc (Queensland) (AOQ Inc) who is the administrator of the magazine. We hope the magazine provides you the articles and insights, which you expect and please feel free to provide any comments or articles because this is the only way our new magazine will prosper and grow in line with our professions. I would like to use this first editorial to highlight some of the programs and initiatives, which AOQ Inc is proudly running. All of these services and much more can be found on the AOQ Inc website at www.aoq.org.au.

Main services we provide members are our networking opportunities. In 2007 we commenced providing members' nights in Brisbane twice a month with a good attendance at all meetings. We also instigated Breakfast Meetings with topics and guest speakers different to those at members' nights. These have received a good response and we intend continuing these in 2008. Another major service we continue to provide is our training courses and consulting services. This year our consulting has been very successful with contracts with some of the bigger organisations around town including the Queensland Department of Health.

The AOQ Inc administered Divisions have been our most successful venture in recent years thanks to a lot of hard work by our Chairman, Mario Pennisi. Administering five Divisions is not an easy task but we have seen some real benefits this year. AOQ Inc administered Divisions include Aerospace, Aged Care, Six Sigma, Regulated Research & Development and Manufacturing, Entrepreneurs, with their own networking opportunities. We had an extremely well received Six Sigma Division conference in August this year which has resulted in the Division championing the generation of Six Sigma competencies for Yellow, Green and Black belts which are registered internationally. This is in partnership with RABQSA and is a great example of the strength and possibilities that the Divisions can provide industry. The Aerospace, Aged Care and Regulated Research and Development and Manufacturing Divisions have established event calendars with conference planned for 2008 along with the Six Sigma Division's 2008 conference.

Our Gold Award Program has been yet again another success. In 2007, we had seven finalists who all achieved the minimum score required to compete for the awards. We now offer three awards in the Gold Award for Business Excellence, the Gold Award for Aged Care/Health Management and the National Laboratory Management Award. Once again, JAS-ANZ was our National Platinum sponsor and we thank them and all our sponsors for supporting such an important Program. Organisations with a third party certification accredited by JAS-ANZ are eligible to apply for the Gold Award for Business Excellence. Organisations with third party certification issued by industry specific accreditation associations that are recognised by the Australian Government are eligible to apply for the AOQ Inc Industry Award for Business Management. If also eligible for the Gold Award for Business Excellence, these organisations may apply for both awards. I encourage you to visit www.aoq.org.au to find out more about the awards and start thinking about applying in 2008.

Finally, AOQ Inc strives to motivate all sectors and groups of our society to become involved in the continual improvement of our business community. I consider that the most important facet of this objective is to introduce the next generation to the principles of quality and business management. To facilitate the knowledge transfer process AOQ Inc:

- Partners with all Brisbane based Universities, sponsoring projects and providing prizes and sponsorships.
- Provides sponsorship, mentors and judges for the Griffith Innovation Challenge.
- Partners with Monash University in Six Sigma programs
- Provides mentors (from the membership) for University students
- Provides presenters from the membership for Engineering and Business programs at Universities (Undergraduate and Post Graduate)
- Sponsors and provides a judge for the Business Icon competition
- Meets regularly with Community Leaders through the Peak Industry Advisory Council

I hope you enjoy our new magazine and remember it can only be as successful as we want with the involvement of as many people as possible by providing feedback and articles. You can contact the editorial committee at ProgBus@aoq.org.au

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