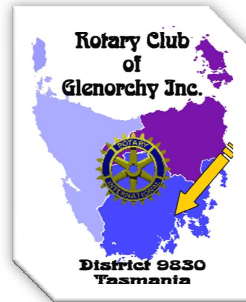




## Rotary Club of Glenorchy Inc

### The Lew Fowler Apprenticeship Awards



Lew Fowler (1936-1996) was married to Kay (now an honorary member of the RC of Glenorchy)



and he joined Rotary on 31/3/1975. He worked in the metal area and at one stage operated the Derby Stove business. He served as President (1982-83 and 1986) and was involved in all the areas of service in Rotary. His work in International Service is well remembered where he assisted in many overseas projects and he and Kaye visited countries in need, such as New Guinea, to see first hand what Rotary could do.

The Fowlers built a shack at Little Chinaman's Bay near Dunalley and many Rotarians spent day and overnight stays at the shack. There was no accessible road to the property so everything had to be taken by boat from Marion Bay. Lew actually built a small aluminium dingy in his lounge and used this and a small motor boat to transport building materials, fuel, furniture etc. etc. across the water.

After his death the board of the Rotary club decided during the 1997-98 Rotary year to honour this likeable and dedicated Rotarian by giving a yearly award to two apprentices. This was called the Lew Fowler Memorial Award. In the next several years awards were given to apprentices working at Incat: -

#### 1997/1998

**The first presentation was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1998 to Andrew Evans & Kim Stanway, both apprentices for Incat.**

#### 1998/1999

13th May 1999 the winners were Nigel Richardson- Metal fabricator & Welding and Gene Gall- Rigging. They were accompanied at the presentation by Human Resources & Development Officer for Incat Jamie Bowring. Both received a citation and a cheque for \$500 which much surprised them both. Jamie gave us an account of the initiatives Incat are bringing in to cater for apprentices. By the end of the year they expect to have 200 apprentices on site.

***Update 2011- Nigel Richardson is still at Incat & Gene Gall is now working as a rigger.***

#### 1999/2000

On 3/5/2000 the winners were Tasman Palmer & John Bennett, again in association with Incat & Jamie Bowring.

***Update 2011- Tas. Palmer is presently in Prefabrications at Incat & John Bennett present situation not 2000/2001***



The two winners were Jason Cowen & John Brockman from Incat Training. Both represented a high level of achievement and gave indications that the apprentices at Incat were very interested in the annual awards. After the above awards the club approached TAFE, as it was called then, through Larry Taylor (Left) and Richard Blackwell who were most cooperative. The Vocational Service committee has organised the event each year since by keeping in touch with Larry & Richard. The name was changed to the Lew Fowler Apprenticeship Award.

***Update 2011-Jason Cowen is a workshop Supervisor at Hazel Bros. & John Brockman is still with Incat.***

**2001/2002**

Damien Cowen- employed by TAS Group Training and hosted by Hazell Bros & Jason Young- Employee of Sabre Marine & General Engineering

***Update 2011- Damien is still with Hazell Bros. & Jason Young completed his Post Trade training and now is in Western Australia***

**2002/2003**

On 12/6/2003 the awards went to Shane Thomson, Josh McKenzie and Patrick Kelly. Honorary Member Kay Fowler was present to make the awards in honour of her late husband Lew.

***Update 2011-Shane Thomson now with Riley Industrial, Josh McKenzie is at Derwent Valley Engineering & Patrick Kelly went to Queensland for some time, but is now back at New Norfolk***

**2003/2004**



Scott Maryinak & Benn Anning (Left) with President Cliff Grosse & HM Kaye Fowler

***Update 2011- Scott Maryinak left Dynamic Welding and now works at The Engineering Co. & Ben Anning has relocated to Queensland***

**2004/2005**



Jan Bennett & Nathan Close (pictured) were the worthy winners.

*Update 2011- Nathan Close is now with TriStar Marine, but no details of Jan Bennett.*



Larry Taylor (pictured) was on hand to give us an update of TAFE and the different directions the training of apprentices in the metal trade was taking.

*Update 2011- Larry Taylor retired in 2010*



### **2005/2006**

During President Rob Batge's year the winners were Jack Triffitt and Adrian Reardon (seen with Kaye Fowler & President Rob Batge)

*Update 2011-Adrian Reardon completed Certificate 1V, is still at ACME Engineering and works for himself at night and weekends.*



### **2006/2007**

The two winners were Leigh Smith & Luke Dennis (Left with Richard Blackwell)

From the club's Bulletin: -

'Richard Blackwell, Team leader at TAFE's Bender Drive Metal Fabrication facility, extended an apology from Larry Taylor and also extended an invitation to the Club to visit the facility on one of our meeting nights.

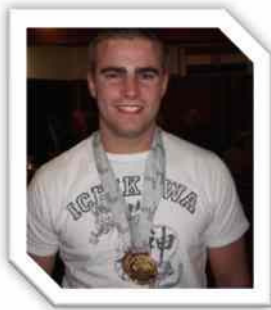
Richard outlined for members some of the history of the Metal Fabrication Training Facility.

The facility now has 15 teachers and covers fitters and fabricators in aluminium and other metals. The largest project undertaken by the facility was the building of a 6.5 metre vessel called TAFE 2000 for the Coastal Patrol.

The facility is considered to be the best of its kind in the Southern hemisphere. Training is now competency based; apprentices can start their course at any time of the year and courses are structured to provide greater 1-on-1 assistance.

This year's winners, Luke Dennis and Leigh Smith, spoke briefly about their training experiences and hopes for the future. Luke has gained his Certificate 3 in Engineering Fabrication and is now studying Certificate 4 while working for Alstom in Moonah. Leigh is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of his Certificate 4 in Engineering Fabrication and is currently employed by Civic Solutions but is thinking of spending some time working in mining on the mainland at some time in the future.

Club members quizzed both boys on their education history and were pleased to make connections as both grew up and attended Glenorchy City schools before going to TAFE.'



Adrian Reardon (Left), one of the 2005/2006 winners, spoke briefly about the 3-day National competition at which he won a Bronze medal in the individual turning section and a gold medal in the team competition.

**Update 2011**

**Both Luke Dennis and Leigh Smith both still worked for Alstom, although Leigh did work for the Hobart City Council for awhile.**

**2007/ 2008**



Jeremy Hughes & Paul Mayne (Left) were our two winners.

From the Club's Bulletin: -

**'The Lew Fowler Apprenticeship Awards 2008**

Mike Quinn introduced Larry Taylor, Team Leader from TAFE Metal Trades, who gave us some updates in the area of Apprenticeships. He was very proud of the fact that TAFE, Bender Drive had recently won a 3 Star Gold Award for their excellence of work.

Technical training started about 120 years ago in Hobart at the original site in Bathurst Street. There is expected to be a name change to TAFE soon, but the basic structure will remain. The two to receive the awards were announced and Kaye Fowler and President Beres made the presentations. The winners are: - **Paul Mayne** a forth year apprentice with Aurora and **Jeremy Hughes** a 3rd year apprentice with Knapp Lewer Contracting.

Both young men impressed as worthy recipients of the award certificates and a cheque each of \$500. A vocational visit to TAFE in Bender Drive is scheduled for Thursday 29th May 2009, where a meal and tour of the facility will be arranged.'

**Update 2011-Paul Mayne completed Certificate IV and now works for Aurora & Jeremy Hughes is at an engineering firm at Sorell.**



**2008/2009**

**\*James Gray & Adrian Olerenshaw (seen with Larry Taylor and Vocational Service Director John Steenhuis) were our worthy winners**

From the Club's Bulletin: -

'What a great way to remember a Rotarian of distinction by the awarding of the Lew Fowler Apprenticeship Awards. The awards have been going for some years now and we have met some very worthy winners in that time.

This year our veteran member Reg Lightfoot was the presenter and gave an eloquent speech about the late Lew and the reason why the award was instigated.

Larry Taylor from **the tasmanian skills institute** (formerly TAFE) is a very important cog in the project by judging the 2 apprentices to receive the award. His work and cooperation with our club is most appreciated. The two winners for 2009 were Adrian Olerenshaw, Fitter & Machining, employed by Dynamic Welding and James Gray, Fabricator/Welder, employed by Australian Employment Services and his Host Employer is Hazell Bros, Pty Ltd at Derwent Park. Both spoke about their work in general, but Adrian told us how he had got involved with solving the problem for a chap who had recently lost an arm. A 'bionic' arm from America costs about \$80000, but Adrian had come up with a prototype for a fraction of this cost. It is working really well and is still undergoing modifications to improve it further. Good luck to both Adrian & James and thanks to **the tasmanian skills institute** for its involvement.'

**Update 2011-Adrian Olerenshaw is finishing his 4<sup>th</sup> year at Saunders & Ward & \*James Gray has completed his apprenticeship and is with Hazell Bros.**



#### 2009/2010

The winners were \*Andrew Emanuel and \*Paul Magrath (seen with Richard Blackwell in the picture)

From the Club's Bulletin: -

'It is always a pleasure when the Lew Fowler Apprenticeships Awards come around and last week two 'achievers' were presented with the 2010 awards. Paul Magrath is doing his Certificate 111 in engineering & Fabrication (Welding)

He works at Grubb Engineering, Glenorchy and lives at Berriedale. In his early 30's, Paul drove taxis for some time before he decided to change direction and begin a trade.

Andrew Emanuel is also doing the same course (Fitting). He lives in Glenorchy and works at Saunders and Ward, North Hobart.

His former employer closed down, so he turned his attention to becoming a Fitter.

*Congratulations to both*

Richard Blackwell is Unit Leader at The Skills Institute and spoke to us about a few changes at the training centre. The name has changed since last year with the word *Tasmania* being removed. Government funding and budgets play a big part to maintain the facility and some costs for training has increased with the result the numbers have dropped off.

On the bright side Skills Institute now offers training in other areas of industry and its expertise is being used overseas. This is all going to put the facility on a good footing in the world of training.'

\*James Gray, Andrew Emanuel & Paul Magrath have all received Major Apprenticeship Awards at the recent TSI Graduating Evening.

**Update 2011-\*Paul Magrath completed his apprenticeship at Grubb Engineering and now works for The Engineering Company, whilst \*Andrew Emanuel is at Saunders & Ward after completion of his apprenticeship.**

#### 2010/2011

Our two winners were:-

Tim Parremore, a mature age apprentice at age 26 and works at APCO Engineering & is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of apprenticeship & will shortly complete his job training with TSI.

Sam Gunn is 18 years old and is employed by Kings Towbars & Trailers. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprenticeship and is ahead of schedule.



In the photo (Left) are PP Denis Ryan, Hon Member Kay Fowler (Lew's widow), Tim Parremore, Sam Gunn & Unit Leader Richard Blackwell.

Richard went on to tell us of some recent happenings at Skills, There is now 134 Apprentices in the Metals Trade, They have formed new partnerships with Nystar, Campbell Page-Indigenous Literacy Programme, UTAS- on hand training for Engineering students, Australian Post-manual handling & Antarctic Division- Height Safety. He also mentioned that last December Larry Taylor

had retired, but still keeps in touch. All night classes have ceased due to costs.

Two honour boards have been made by Tony Scobie- one for Rotary and one for [Skills Institute](#)- to remember the past eleven years of Awards.

*To be continued....*