

# Ripples



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What an exciting time we enjoyed at the Assetlink conference at Doltone House in Pyrmont in Sydney on 23-24 June.

The conference theme was 18 and Stepping Up in recognition of Assetlink's 18 year anniversary in 2011.

Site Managers, Operations personnel, Support Office representatives and the management team attended from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. With nearly 100 members of the Assetlink team under one roof, the energy was high, producing great contribution, exciting ideas and lively involvement.

The two-day conference included several speakers and facilitators delivering varied presentations and activities. Each session specifically targeted the group involved and established objectives and the need to work together to produce stimulating and thought-provoking challenges.

Part of the conference also included an update of Assetlink's Strategic Plan to ensure that all managers were aware of our progress and targets for the future.

Feedback on the conference has been very positive with the overall comment being that we need more than one a year – a prospect we will be considering. One manager provided the following comment:

*“It was fantastic to see the people that resemble the heart of Assetlink gathered under one roof in unity and in harmony. I would like to say that this was an experience I have never encountered through any other company in my working career. It was the most interesting, educating, energizing, benefiting, stimulating and articulating conference I have ever attended. ‘It makes feel proud to be a part of it’ as quoted yesterday by (another manager) and I can’t wait for the next one. This was my first one with Assetlink and it was an unforgettable one. Thank you!!”*

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A thank you must go to all those involved in the arrangements for the conference especially Janine Rauscher, Patti David and Viran Gami. Thank you to everyone who contributed – we all enjoyed the great results. Below are some pictures of the 18 and Stepping Up 2011 Assetlink conference.



## New Premises for Assetlink

Earlier this year, Assetlink's Support Office in NSW moved to newly created premises at 2-12 Tennyson Road, Gladesville approximately 9 kilometres north-west of the Sydney CBD.

Assetlink's new offices comprise a specially-designed Board Room, Reception area, meeting rooms, offices, workstations, large break out room, storage areas and utility rooms with expansive training facilities on another level.

Personnel working in these new premises are enjoying the on-site parking, up to the minute facilities and increased space and light in which to work and commune with colleagues.



East Facing view of Assetlink support office



Reception Area



North Side view of workstations



The Breakout Room

### Recognition at Cairns Central

David Huiskes, Qld State Manager, recently presented an engraved Parker Pen to *Virginia Paul* in recognition of her work at *Cairns Central Shopping Centre* where she has worked for ten years. Congratulations Virginia!

### Traineeships

Assetlink's traineeship program continues with some great results and further completions of *Cert III Asset Maintenance* (Cleaning) have been achieved.

Congratulations to *Natin Georges* of *Melbourne Central* who recently completed his traineeship in Asset Maintenance (Cleaning). Natin has been doing his traineeship for the past 18 months and he is seen here being presented with his certificate from Ismail Yilmaz, Assetlink's Contract Manager.



Congratulations to *Deborah Rundstrom* at *Westfield Penrith* who recently completed her traineeship in Cert III Asset Maintenance (Cleaning). Deborah is pictured here at her certificate presentation.



## Senior Appointments

Assetlink has recently made changes to its Management team and also established new sections of the company.

In NSW, Janine Rauscher has been appointed as National HR Manager with Melinda Hor appointed as HR Co-Ordinator. Wayne Cooper has been appointed as Workers Compensation Manager while Danny Brown has joined the company as Public Liability Manager. Brad Watts was recently appointed as NSW Operations Managers with Kevin Wybron now becoming National Projects Manager.

### New South Wales



Assetlink's newly created HR team from left to right: Marilyn Hopkins, Melinda Hor, Jennifer Beers, Janine Rauscher



Assetlink's Risk Management team from left to right: Rick Gesterkamp, Michael Irwin, Wayne Cooper, Danny Brown



Brad Watts  
NSW Operations Manager



Kevin Wybron  
National Projects Manager

### Queensland



Ricki Palmer  
Qld Operations Manager



Steve Jackson  
Portfolio Manager,  
Qld Southern Region.

### Victoria



David Clarke  
Portfolio Manager



Alf Ee  
Contract Manager, Westpac

Congratulations to all these personnel who have deserved recognition for their work and commitment to Assetlink.

### New Arrivals

Congratulations to two team members who are celebrating the birth of a new baby.

**Bruce Bailey** of AJC (NSW) and his partner Megan with the arrival of a baby boy, **Sunny** (3.14kg) on Monday 4th July.

**Ben Gill** of Casuarina Square (NT) and partner Sonya had a baby girl, **Georgiana** (4.12kg) on Thursday 30th June.

## New Contracts for Assetlink

We are very excited to be appointed to **Bluestone Mines** at Zeehan in Tasmania and **Loy Yang Power Station** and Mines in Traralgon, Victoria.

We are very pleased with the establishment of Assetlink services at these new sites and proud of our operations and people appointed to deliver Assetlink services for these contracts.

Below are several photos of these sites.

### Bluestone Mines, Tasmania

Assetlink's Miriam Paul delivered an Induction session to personnel at Bluestone Mines in Tasmania at the commencement of the contract.

Left to Right: Sharon Cobb, Dianne Cox, Julie Townsend, Charie Bourke, Linda Butterworth



Left to Right: Linda Butterworth, Damien McCulloch, Mandy Thompson, Richard Mathewson, Andrew Shore (Site Manger).



Assetlink's MD, Aurora Fonte, and GM Southern Region, George Hallal, enjoyed their trip to Bluestone Mines and the experience of going underground to inspect the operations of the mines.

Aurora and George down in the mine



Bluestone Mines operations in Zeehan, Tasmania

We are thrilled to now service Bluestone Mines in Tasmania, welcome to Assetlink!

### Loy Yang Power Station, Victoria

Located within the heart of the Latrobe Valley, 165 kilometres east of Melbourne, Loy Yang Power is Victoria's single largest energy producer providing an efficient energy source for consumers in south eastern Australia.

Assetlink Site Supervisor, **Michelle Over**, is responsible for a team of nine personnel who have been appointed by Assetlink from the local area. The cleaning work is split between the power station facilities with offices, workshops and various industrial requirements and the mine operations with **dredgers** and **stackers** being cleaned for the mines.

Left to right: Franco Fonte, Michelle Over, and Aurora Fonte



Left to right: Assetlink's Loy Yang team with GM, George Hallal (top left) and Aurora Fonte, Michelle Over (Loy Yang Supervisor), David Clarke and Franco Fonte (top right)



Left to right: Assetlink's David Clarke and Aurora Fonte with Loy Yang's Contracts Manager, Paul Grant



Loy Yang Power Station and Mine

Welcome to our team working at Loy Yang in Victoria.

Assetlink has recently been successful in being awarded the contracts for the **National Retail portfolio** for **Suncorp** which provides the cleaning for over 200 retail, industrial and business banking properties. We welcome all personnel providing services to the Suncorp contract.



We would like to congratulate John O'Brien from Westpoint, NSW who recently celebrated his 10 year anniversary with Assetlink. John celebrated this milestone with the team at Westpoint.



## Health Aware – Did you know?

As it was recently Bowel Cancer Awareness Week, we thought it was a good idea to include information in this issue on bowel cancer as it is the most frequently occurring cancer in Australia to affect both men and women. Around 14,234 Australians are told they have bowel cancer every year. Bowel cancer is Australia's second biggest cancer killer after lung cancer, claiming the lives of around 4,047 people every year.

The good news is that bowel cancer is one of the most curable types of cancer if detected early. If bowel cancer is detected before it has spread beyond the bowel, the chance of surviving for at least five years after diagnosis is 90% and most people are able to return to their current lifestyle. However, most cases are detected at a later stage and so, overall, close to 60% of people diagnosed with the disease survive five years. Early detection offers the best hope of reducing the number of Australians who die each year from bowel cancer.

So, watch for any symptoms and talk to your doctor about any concerns. Visit the bowel cancer web site on [www.bowelcanceraustralia.org](http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org) to obtain further details.

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