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## 2008 STANDARDS AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Standards Australia has announced recipients of the 2008 Standards Awards, recognising individuals and a Committee for their meritorious involvement and contribution to the development of Australian and International Standards.

- **Outstanding Service Award** – awarded to Dr Alan Whittle
- **Meritorious Contribution Awards** - awarded to Dom Meadley, Peter Wenn and Frank Budge
- **Outstanding Committee** - awarded to CS-064 Solaria

In announcing the Awards, John Castles AM, Chairman of Standards Australia, said every Australian benefits from the development of Standards produced by Committee members — industries become stronger, consumers are offered better protection, and products and services become more reliable.

“The annual Standards Awards are a way for us to say thank you to the people behind these Standards,” said Mr Castles.

“This year, we recognise exceptional contributors in the fields of health, workplace safety, plumbing, testing and engineering.

“Regardless of the fields in which our award recipients operate — dedication, contribution, hard work and leadership were words commonly used by their nominators to describe them,” said Mr Castles.

Criteria took into consideration input and participation in Committee meetings and deliberations; contribution to problem solving and conflict resolution; involvement in international standards work and research; advocacy of Standards and standardisation; and length of service.

Recipients were presented with their Awards at the inaugural Standards Innovation Day.

### **Outstanding Service Award - Dr Alan Whittle**

Dr Whittle has served on Standards Committees for approximately 25 years and his qualifications in chemical engineering, industry experience and primary interest in plastics and rubbers have been invaluable to the content of many Australian Standards.

Dr Whittle has assisted in the development of Standards, test methods and technical specifications for plastics pipes products, pipe seals for water and sewerage applications, materials in contact with drinking water, electrical conduits, plumbing products and plastic pipes for fuel gas applications.

Dr Whittle has participated in ISO projects at committee, subcommittee and working group levels and always advocates the adoption of International Standards where these satisfy local conditions and expectations.

Dr Whittle has been instrumental in raising new projects under Standards Australia’s New Business Model and assisting to define the Committee Driven Pathway. He has been the Chair of PL-021, the Committee for PVC, ABS and Polyamide Pipe Systems, since 1995.

His peers describe his approach as ‘professional, enthusiastic and greatly dedicated’ and report that his ‘chairmanship is calm and considered with all sides given the opportunity to express their views’.

### **Meritorious Contribution Award - Dom Meadley**

Dom Meadley has a background in mechanical and construction materials testing. He first became involved with Standards Australia’s Committees in the late 1980s and has made a significant contribution to new and revised Australian Standards in the areas of soil, aggregates and rock, asphalt, stabilized materials and earthworks for commercial and residential developments.

Mr Meadley has also chaired a number of working groups including the major reviews for *AS 1141 Methods for sampling and testing aggregates* and *AS 1289 Methods of testing soils for engineering purposes*.

He was the inspiration and coordinator behind the *Soils Testing Handbook* that has provided guidance to students and users on the 72 test methods in the *AS 1289* series.

#### **Meritorious Contribution Award - Peter Wenn**

Since 1991, Peter Wenn has made a significant contribution to Standards in the fields of elevating work platforms, telescopic handlers and cranes.

Mr Wenn has chaired committees and subcommittees concerned with *AS1418.10* known as the *SAA Crane Code Elevating Work Platforms* and *AS 2550.10 Cranes – Safe Use Elevating Work Platforms*.

He has also contributed to Australian Standards on Telescopic Handlers and Special Purpose Appliances, and is the Australian delegate on ISO Technical Committee 214 Elevating Work Platforms. In addition, Mr Wenn has presented on various Standards at industry seminars and conventions.

Mr Wenn was described by nominators as ‘someone who listens to all points of view with understanding and knowledge, a person who thinks of practical and pure mechanical solutions, as well as, someone who works his bones off for a project’.

#### **Meritorious Contribution Award - Frank Budge**

Frank Budge’s commitment to Standards activities has been unbroken for 47 years, beginning in 1962 on electroplating product Standards for the fastening industry.

Since then, Mr Budge has brought his experience of quality assurance, knowledge of steel making, electroplating and galvanizing to 13 committees and subcommittees.

He is an outspoken supporter of ISO standards and their adoption for Australian and New Zealand purposes.

Mr Budge was described by those who have worked with him as ‘providing leadership with both discipline and sensitivity’ and reportedly ‘runs his Committees with enthusiasm and vigour and encourages contributions from all participants’.

#### **Outstanding Committee Award - CS-064 Solaria**

Under the guidance of Craig Sinclair, Chair of CS-064 Solaria, a major revision of *AS/NZS 2635 Solaria for cosmetic purposes* was conducted and a new edition released in just 10 months. The new Standard was developed in response to concerns over the health risks of sun-tanning appliances.

This Standard covers the operation and management of solaria and includes a recommendation that the maximum UV intensity for sunbeds be cut in order to help protect the community from the dangers of using sunbeds.

Since the release of the Standard, several state and territory governments have introduced changes or are considering new regulations for the management license for tanning units which are consistent with the new Standard.

CS-064 is made up of representatives from consumer, research, testing, community, health, industry and government organisations.

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