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Chairman's Position

Firstly we must let you know that our Chairman Doug Ennis retired from Goodwill Engineering and EMICoL in July. Doug has been an avid supporter of EMICoL over many years and we thank him and wish him well. We hope to get Doug to an event later in the year, so we can thank him personally.

At our July board meeting, our Director Ian Mackay agreed to take on the mantle of the Chairman's position and this was proposed and accepted by the Board of Directors in line with our constitution. We will be hosting our AGM in October/ November and prior to that, members will be sent nomination forms for submission for EMICoL Board positions.

Industrial Relations Reform

Last month our Directors wrote to our Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon Christian Porter MP , to offer our support as a working group on industrial relations reform. Attached to this email is the response we have just received:

Industrial relations reform is part of the Australian Government's broader JobMaker plan to support businesses and create more jobs as the economy emerges from COVID-19.

In summary the areas being looked at fall under the following headings:

- Casuals and fixed term employees
- Award simplification
- Enterprise agreement making
- Compliance and enforcement, and
- Greenfields agreements for new enterprises.

We or you have been encouraged to submit our views to the industrial relations working group by completing a submission template. For further information on industrial relations reform and the submission process please visit the Attorney-General's Department website on the link below:

<https://www.ag.gov.au/industrial-relations/industrial-relations-reform>

Workshop

Members were very pleased to attend our latest workshop " **Strategic Thinking for Manufacturers in this Fast-Changing World**" which was held last month.

As can be seen from the photographs below members were actively involved, whilst working on future ideas and priorities for their business as well as sharing their thoughts with their fellow members:



Throughout the morning Angela Doyle, WA State Director for the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre got the creative juices flowing with an excellent presentation, resources and references. For your benefit Angela has shared the presentation and a copy has been sent out with this newsletter.

The EMICoL Board would like to thank our members Armada and the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre for organising and hosting this workshop. Great feedback was received in the post event participant questionnaire, which reflects the learnings that can be achieved from listening to professionals in these educational and interactive workshops.

We encourage members to run event at their premises and we will keep you posted on future workshop or networking events and any restrictions that apply in line with Covid -19 safety requirements.

Information from our Members

Offering from Armada

We have also attached with this newsletter information that was shared on the day of the above workshop by our members at Armada.

Included in the attachments from Armada is :

- the 60-second survey ([same as the link below](#))
- Better Business Program
- SME Business Risks

Members are invited to try our 60-second survey: your members can use it to receive a FREE Business Risk Scorecard (easy to do and read; instantly identifies key risk areas they need to focus on – try it!).

<https://www.bstar.com.au/Business-Risks-Survey/RefID/701/GlobalID/25d631fa8dcc4be79ccf9b89c601c4a9/ExternalID/3483>

We hope that you find this of benefit and if you complete the survey and or just want to know more on how you can obtain support, please contact me , Robyn Crombie or Mark De Luca for a FREE one-hour discovery session where we determine key risk areas, with take-away actions that can immediately be implemented

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Information From our Member at Lightspeed Communications and Electrical

Spotlight on Lightspeed's Recent Smart Freeway Project

Lightspeed are very proud to have partnered with the SmartWays Alliance to deliver Perth's' first state of the art smart freeway. The project features improved lane-use management, variable speed limits, Automatic Incident Detection systems, comprehensive CCTV coverage and coordinated ramp signals to provide safe and more effective travel on the Kwinana Freeway (from Farrington Road to Perth CBD).



Project Description:

The project has taken inspiration and expertise from similar ideas across the country and the UK and is designed to save up to 10 minutes per journey for the average commute. This \$50 million project forms part of the federal and state government's \$2.3 billion 'boosting jobs, busting congestion package'. Over 800 devices are used to monitor traffic congestion, accidents and incidents, relaying the data in real time back to the Road Network Operation Centre in the city and displayed on 12 overhead gantries to drivers to warn of lane closures, change in speed limits and merging details.

As described in Channel Seven News exclusive report, a lot of the technology crucial to making this project work is buried beneath the bitumen - fibre optic cable linking it all together. This is precisely where Lightspeed come in.

Working off complex cabling designs, Lightspeed spliced, connected and tested close to 2000 cores of the fibre optic cable from end to end, ensuring a strong connectivity on all links. Lightspeed were recommended by governing bodies for this project as it

needed a company with the ability to work on live, critical, complex fibre optic networks; with staffing capability and skill to deliver an incredibly large work package, with certainty, within a tight frame.

Coming into this project recently with fresh eyes allowed Lightspeed to easily identify any pre-existing or potential issues on the network. Our staff expertise was then utilised (and greatly appreciated) to rectify these issues immediately to a very high standard.

Lightspeed stepped up to help complete this project by the required deadlines and ensure the commissioning and operation went ahead as planned. Our staff worked tirelessly over their normal hours, weekends, public holidays and several 15-hour plus shutdowns to deliver these results under challenging conditions.

Over the course of this project, Lightspeed had to work in with several other companies and contractors. With a professional approach, Lightspeed ensured the overall goal of project completion was always focused on by all parties and worked towards every day. Due to the high speed and intensity of the project Lightspeed updated the client daily with reports of what was achieved, keeping everyone on track and on the same page.

With the success of this project, undoubtedly more future smart technology upgrades to other parts of the Freeway will be on the agenda. Lightspeed look forward to the opportunity to work on the next instalment of this project.

For more on this project, please visit our website <https://www.light-speed.com.au/> and see the Main Roads website for details <https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home/smartfreeways/Pages/default.aspx>

New Membership

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members, Comquest and Openet and we look forward to meeting their teams at future events.

Sponsors

We would also like to acknowledge our Sponsors:
Adapt By Design, IFAP, Axis Financial / Super Simpler, WFI, Cashflow Recovery and Think Perform.

Golf Day

So far we've had a great response, with 40 plus members and sponsors wanting to attend our first EMICoL golf day on Friday 16th October at Whaleback golf course. We will be sending out reminders soon so it's not too late to join us for what will be a great day out.

If you have an article that you would like to share in our newsletter or you would like to contact us for support on some other matter, then please don't hesitate in contacting us (email us on enquiries@emicol.com.au or phone John Morris on **0479 117 060**).

Wishing you all good health,

The EMICoL Board