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MEAT INDUSTRY NEWS

VICTORIA RETAIL CHAIRMAN REPORT

by Brendon Watts - Retail Chair



As you all will know, 2007 was an AMIC election year. Therefore, as Victorian Retail Chairman I would like to welcome new councillor John Davies from Foster. John brings with him many years experience in the trade, and it is great to see members from our regional areas becoming involved.

Mike Beaumont has decided to retire from council. His wealth of experience and great knowledge within the industry will be missed. If you would like to speak to any Victorian Retail Council Members, we welcome any enquiries. Please contact the AMIC Office for the best contact details for each member.

I also look forward to cementing our relationships with our training partners William Angliss and South West TAFE. I urge all of our members to support the school based training incentives in 2008.

To those members who attended and supported our Awards Night Dinner at the Bayview Eden on November 24, thank you for a great time. It was a very enjoyable evening. Mark Seymour and his team put on a fantastic evening, and I thank them also. I look forward to an even bigger event bigger next year, with newly invigorated and revamped competitions.

All in all I believe that 2008 will be a great year for our industry. There are a number of exciting opportunities already on the cards and I recommend that AMIC members participate and suggest others.

On that note, I extend my warmest wishes to you all on behalf of the Victorian Retail Council. May you, your families and staff have a wonderful, safe and prosperous festive season!

VICTORIAN AWARDS NIGHT

BY MARK SEYMOUR



AMIC's Lynda Stevens with Peter Bouchier

The Awards Night on Saturday, 24 November at the Bayview Eden was a great success!

The evening kicked off at 7pm with the pre-dinner drinks courtesy of MultiScreen, who also provided us all with photos of the evening as it happened on a custom stand and screen. The effect was fantastic!

The dinner was proudly sponsored by Corona Manufacturing and with Corona's Glenn Appleby mixing and chatting with guests.

The State Sausage King and Smallgoods competition results were nail biting. Sponsors William Angliss, South West Tafe, MLA and Corona all presented awards to the winners on the evening.

Eddie Kowalski of Eddie the Butcher was a popular man on the evening. When it was announced that Eddie had won both the the Ham on the Bone and the Ham off the Bone Smallgoods categories, the roof was almost lifted off the venue with applause! Another big winner on the night was Michael Frederick from Morrison Street Continental Butchers in Wodonga. He took home three awards, including two Sausage King titles. For all the results and more photos, please see pages three and four.

Chairman Brendon Watts gave a heartfelt tribute, honouring the efforts of Garry and Vicki Hardwick. They have not only been members for 30 years but have also strived for better standards and quality within the

industry. Brendon has also inducted Garry into the AMIC Hall of Fame.

Long Service awards were also presented to Rocky De Salvatore for over 20 years membership, and Robert Boyle from Robs British Butchery for over 10 years membership.

Congratulations to you all.

Organising and running the Awards Night was a learning curve for all of the Victorian staff. The efforts by Lynda Stevens and Megan Young were greatly appreciated, not just by myself, but by all members in attendance. I also extend a large thank you to Paul Sandercock from the South Australian branch for his more than able assistance in last minute preparations, and his marvellous skills as MC.

All in all for the new Victorian AMIC team it was a valuable experience and certainly will help in making next year's event a lot easier to organise and implement.



Christine Stephens from MLA



The popular Eddie Kowalski with AMIC's Mark Seymour

For the full list of winners, please refer pages three and four.

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MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

BY MARK SEYMOUR



Christmas already? It has been all systems go for the AMIC Victorian team since the last newsletter!

The team is working well together and looking forward to 2008.

The 2007 finals of the Sausage King and Smallgoods competition for Victoria have been completed and winners announced at our fabulous

Awards Evening. I am sure the Victorian Sausage Kings will give the National titles a good shake up. I wish them the best of luck for Sydney next year. Congratulations to all of the awards winners of our competitions. I urge members who have not yet entered an AMIC competition to start thinking about their products over the coming months. The benefits of a win or a place are fantastic and details will be coming soon, so start experimenting and trialling samples.

The Victorian Retail Council for 2008 – 2011 has met and has defined clear guidelines in line with our national strategy. On that note I would like to welcome John Davies to the Victorian Retail Council. More on the council in the Chairman's Report and on this page.

I am looking forward to a very exciting Christmas trading period and a positive 2008. For those whom I have met, I thank you for your warm welcome and support. I look forward to getting to know as many members as possible in the immediate future.

See you in 2008!

Mark Seymour

VICTORIAN RETAIL COUNCIL

Members have elected the new AMIC Councils to represent them from 2008 – 2011.

Our industry is continually changing and it is pleasing to have the calibre of individuals prepared to give their valuable time to further the interests of AMIC members and the industry as a whole.

AMIC extends its sincere thanks to the departing members who participated on the Victorian Retail Council for 2005 - 2007: Mike Beaumont and Bert Morano.

We welcome John Davies who will be sitting on the Victorian Retail Council 2008 – 2011.

There are still places available on the Victorian Retail Council. If interested, please contact Mark Seymour on 03 9867 7294.

Please refer to the National Newsletter for your National Retail Industry representatives.

VICTORIA RETAIL COUNCIL

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CATEGORY – HAM OFF THE BONE

First	Eddie The Butcher
Second	Hommy's Quality Meats
Third	Top Meats Castlemaine

CATEGORY – STRASBOURG

First	Hommy's Quality Meats
Second	Top Meats Castlemaine
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They all made a commitment to the many member programs that are conducted. You will see their support of the Sausage King and Smallgoods Competitions, Royal Show, and the Awards Night.

We ask you as a member to also give your support to our sponsors, and the products and services that they provide. It is good business to support those who support our industry.

