

29th Long Service Award Function

The highlight of the year for some of our employees is the Long Service Award function. This year sixty-six guests enjoyed the evening to give honour and awards to ten of our long serving employees.

The function was held at the Building Centre Auditorium on 1 July and again a feast of good food was provided by the caterer, Hans Meyer. It was learnt during the course of the evening that Hans was not present but his apprentice chef would be seeing to our needs. The presentation was excellent and the apprentice chef was there with high hat and all. Many comments were made concerning the efficiency and flair demonstrated and this was enhanced as it became known that 'Sam' was a seventeen year old girl who had just commenced her training with Hans. It was encouraging to the long serving employees who were present to see a new starter doing so well. Appropriate acknowledgements were made during the course of the evening.

The recipients of awards were —

35 Years Service:

Laurie England — Transport Controller

25 Years Service:

Stan Barlow — Project Engineer

George Firmstone — Electrical Technician

Bill Hale — Engineering Superintendent — Services



The Long Service Award recipients for 1987 L to R Bob Lean, Bill Hale, Greg Everingham, Laurie England, Frank Scheinecker, Charlie Medcalf, Stan Barlow, Doug Kemp, Alan Patrick.

Charlie Medcalf — Electrical Technician
Greg Everingham — Day Superintendent — Smelting
Doug Kemp — Storeman
Bob Lean — Senior Industrial Relations Officer
Alan Patrick — Security Officer
Frank Scheinecker — Shift Chemist

All the recipients were accompanied by their partners and it was good to also see seven members of the forty year club present with their wives. (An employee joins this club by working at Sulphide for forty years or more.)

Official guests present for the function were:

Geoff and Jocelyn Billard, Managing Director — AAS.

Len and Eileen Corrigan, Newcastle Branch Secretary — FIA.

Doug Kemp (also a recipient) and his daughter Julie representing Doug's wife who was not well, Sulphide Sub-Branch President — FIA.

John and Nida Drew, Sulphide Sub-Branch Secretary — FIA.

Leigh Strange and Bronwyn Jones, Sulphide representative — ETU.

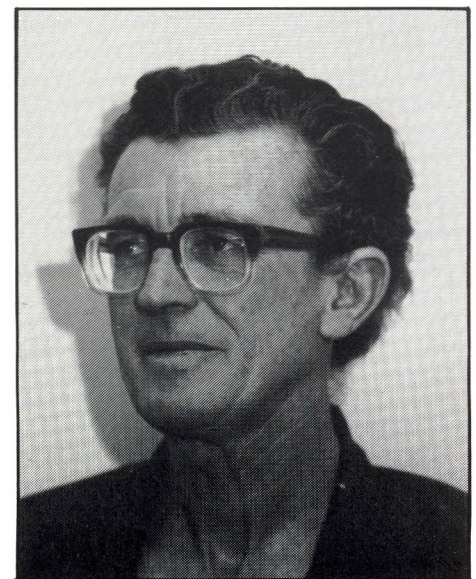
Peter Leane was chairman for the evening and he invited Geoff Billard to speak to the gathering and to present the awards. Geoff congratulated the recipients and commented on the rarity of long service in our present day. He spoke of the difficult times that Australian industry is experiencing at present but was hopeful of a brighter future if we are able to persevere and learn from these difficult times.

Because of his love for caravanning and the opportunity to be involved in it full-time since his retirement, Laurie England chose to purchase a portable fridge/freezer with his award cheque. The remainder of the recipients selected gold watches as their award for twenty-five service.

Laurie England responded on behalf of the recipients and thanked Geoff Billard for his comments and the Company for the availability of employment and the presentation of awards.



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George Firmstone who was unable to attend the function.