

The 10th Annual FMMS User Conference has come and gone.

What an event!!!

From its humble beginnings in a small meeting room in Geelong 10 years ago the FMMS User Conference has grown to be a great gathering of Maintenance people from all walks of life. We congregate once a year to share solutions, discuss issues, hear of user experiences, explore the products full potential, learn of future directions, and to have a collective voice to provide feedback to the developers.

From those who attended this year, it was jointly agreed that the event was informative, enjoyable, and worthwhile.

We commenced with registration and a welcome function that would have been outdoors by the resort pool, except for the Fremantle Doctor bringing in rain with it.

The first day was quite informative; the keynote speaker provided an interesting start for what was to eventuate.

KDR presented various topics on 'whats new' and 'whats to come'.

Workflow was put through its paces, by Erin Parmansche who would eventually take out Best Paper of the Conference Award. (Congratulations Erin)

The end of the first day, we all assembled at the Manor Ballroom, (A Stately Heritage Building). We devoured an enjoyable evening, what with great wine, beer, gourmet food, and a floor show, there was plenty of merriment to go around.

Steven Armstrong and the Flirtettes performed a floorshow that is to be remembered. Steven's singing voice was outstanding and the dancing girls (well). At the end of the performance there was more to come, non other than our very own Mr. Shane Burquest entertained the audience with a few of his own renditions. (Shane showed why he was initially banished to WA).

The Second day continued as the first day, with further informative presentations.

All especially enjoyed the paper by Mr. David Atley, from Goulburn Murray Water as he presented on their environment, their unique circumstances and their use of the maintenance system.

At the end of the day, it was time to thank all involved for such a wonderful event. Special thanks to Marion Bailey, Frank Collins, Terry Quinn, Peter Smith, Heather Wallace, Shane Burquest, Beverley Ferguson, Emel Simsek-Poole, and Chris Wallace who organized and put together this wonderful event.

Thank you to all participants, and hope to see you all again next year.

FMMS User Conference



Conference Delegates



Russell, Bate (Retired VP of Sun Micro-Systems) with Heather Wallace of MIS



Darren Arklay, Kevin Ramsey and Dianne Ramsey of KDR Creative Software



ALOE!! Gab Bonacci (KDR) and Peter Smith of Murdoch University



Kevin Ramsey speaking at the Conference



Queensland Rail



Queensland Rail, which is Australia's largest rail network with more kilometers of track than any other state in Australia are currently piloting FMMS at their modern Wagon Maintenance Facility in Toowoomba. The current trial has only been deployed at Toowoomba for wagon maintenance but has the potential to be expanded into 23 depots throughout the state with 510 locomotives and 12,500 wagons primary in coal transportation.

The Coal & Freight Service (CFS) had several main objectives when selecting a suitable front-end system that would compliment their existing systems such as real time data recording of labour and materials, data accuracy, bar-coding, activity base costing and customer invoicing for the smallest of jobs.

Since the trial began in early July 2002, they have reported a 99% of labour booking accuracy, 100% material accountability and the FMMS system has earned the trust and acceptance of the Toowoomba workforce.

Latest Release

FMMS 4.0A and CIPS 4.0 is undergoing further Release System Testing. Additional concerns were identified in the last test run, and we have decided to rectify these items before issuing this release.

We apologise for the delay in this release. We are endeavoring to have this release finalised by the end of November.

The Next Major release FMMS 4.1 is now being planned for Q3 2003

ALCOA SITE VISIT



Gab Bonacci safely decked out



Pinjarra (photo above)



Erin Parmansche and Gab Bonacci with Haul Truck

Gab Bonacci (KDR), Paul Brennan (QRail), Robert Mills (QRail) and Peter Creswell (ALCOA)



It was a hot and blustery day when, Gab, two guys from Queensland Rail (Paul Brennan and Robert Mills) and I left in our hired Econovan to do a site visit of Alcoa's Pinjarra Plant. Issued with standard nerd goggles, hard hats and me with borrowed steel cap boots, two sizes too big, set off around the plant that turns bauxite into alumina.

First stop was the offices of Mr Peter Creswell (Maintenance System Co-ordinator Pinjarra), and Mr Mike Fancote (Maintenance System Co-ordinator– Mining), amongst others and we were put through our paces on safety ensuring that we would not end up floating around a caustic soda tank and a presentation about Alcoa, the company.

Our Guides with driver Michael Berton (Maintenance Information Technician), drove us around the plant pointing out the different parts of machinery and the functions that they perform and how FMMS helps in maintaining the machinery.

Huntly Minesite was our next stop after lunch where I had my dream fulfilled of having my photograph taken with a GIGANTIC Haul Truck. At the minesite we were able to see Alcoa in action with a large Excavator filling a Haul Truck with a capacity to carry 10 tonnes of Bauxite in just 4 minutes.

A big 'thank you' to our guides and to Alcoa for letting the site visit. It gave us an opportunity to see



Michael Berton



Micke Fancoat



Peter Creswell

Any ideas, contributions, pictures etc for future issues of the revived newsletter FMMS NEWS would be greatly appreciated. Please email Erin Parmansche on; erin.p@kdr.com.au

PSDG Group

The FMMS/CIPS Product Strategic Direction Group (PSDG) met in Fremantle Hotel on the 30th October 2002 with a total of 18 attending members, from The Royal Australian Navy (RAN), The Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN), Alcoa, Barwon Water, Helix, Management Information Systems (MIS), Eden Technology and KDR Creative Software.

The following are some of the outcomes of the discussion:

- ?? The Contract Module in CIPS - it was decided by the group and agreed by KDR that it is desirable to include this module, as part of FMMS application should the enhancement on the Contract Services is to commence. The specification for the Contract Services is now available. User is encouraged to contact Joey Tan at KDR for a copy.
- ?? Security Feature – The current data accessed within FMMS application should be further extended such that only authorised user are allowed to access based on the user-predefined profile.
- ?? Workflow – Extension on the current module is required for multiple facilities.
- ?? Certified Items – KDR updates the group that KDR had done a Phase 1 analysis (functionality & non-technical analysis) on the current RAN Certified module. However, KDR is yet to perform the Phase 2 analysis (technical) on the module before agreeing to allow and have this module included into FMMS as a core product.
- ?? The R&D on FMMS Field Computing will continue.

Other topics discussed are modules of Work Packages, Bar Coding, HTML Generation and Interfaces, Additional Fields in the Facility item frame, updates and re-prioritising on FMMS/CIPS Development Plan.

Tom Rae from RNZN, briefly demonstrated their organisation usage of the Contract application and Andrew Staal from Eden briefly presented FMMSi to the group.

The next PSDG meeting is scheduled on 5th May 2003 in Sydney, New South Wales. Come and join us and take this opportunity to influence the future development of FMMS/CIPS – see you there!

Seasons Greetings

KDR Creative Software Pty Ltd wish to invite you to our Christmas Breakfast on the Banks of the Yarra River.

Monday 23rd December 2002 anytime after 7:00AM

RSVP to Jennifer Carn by December 16th

phone: 03 9646 1788 fax: 03 9646 9680 email: jennifer.c@kdr.com.au

location: Southern bank between Swan and Morell Street bridges



FMMS HINTS and TIPS

Export Jobs To Microsoft Project

FMMS provides the means to export Job data to Microsoft Project in the form of a Microsoft Project Exchange file (fmmsprex.mpx). Peter Creswell (Maintenance System Co-ordinator Pinjarra) has written some instructions on how Alcoa achieve this, please refer to our website at www.kdr.com.au.

If you have a Hint or Tip on how your company utilizes the functionality in FMMS or CIPS please let us know at erin.p@kdr.com.au



Congratulations to Erin Parmasche for receiving the prize for Best Presentation Paper for the FMMS User Conference. The prize of a lap top we are sure will be incentive for more people to present papers at next years conference.

Salutations to Shane Burquest for his magnificent rendition of Kenny Rogers hit The Gambler at the User Group Conference this year. We can hardly wait to hear what he has prepared for us for next year.

Internal Gossip

Congratulations to Joey Tan for his recent appointment to the CFA (Country Fire Authority). We can trust now that a man with the charms and moves of Jackie Chan will be contributing to keeping us safe.



Best of luck to Seya who has just completed her exams for university for the year.



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