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EDITORIAL

For The Qld Surveyor Journal Dec2001/Jan 2002.

By Robert Webb

Welcome to the December/ January edition of THE Queensland Surveyor. This edition includes material from the 2001 SBQ/ISAQ annual certificate presentation ceremony and as such is a few weeks late in getting to you, thus the titling date December/January edition.

Noel Cooney Memorial Prize

The Noel Cooney memorial prize started in 1999 to provide recognition of "best article" contributed by a Queensland member in a calendar year to *The Queensland Surveyor* journal. Noel Cooney was an editor of this journal a few years back for at least three and half years and in one of his last contributions, in a letter to the editor in December 1998, he urged members to take pen to paper. Therefore it is an honour to commemorate the esteem and contributions with which Noel held towards the profession and this publication. We also thank Faber-Castell for sponsorship of the '**Noel Cooney Memorial Prize**' in 2001.

The winner of the Noel Cooney Memorial Prize for 2001 is:

Ray Keable, Surveyors Role in the Pipeline Industry.

Rays' article was written to highlight the contribution of the surveying industry to the successful completion of a major gas pipeline project. The article and success of Keilar Fox and McGhie to win the contract for the Eastern Gas Pipeline project is considered to be of importance in highlighting the import role a surveyor has in getting the job done.

Contribute

As we enter a new year the editorial team again urge member participation in the material published in this journal. Written material of interest, reports, feature articles, letters to the editor, town/group/industry reports/ CPD activities, employment wanted/vacancies, photographs, legislation updates, historical articles, instruments/ software reviews, lifestyle reviews etc. are all required for each edition.

As previously mention by my other co-editor, "*There are no metes and bounds to the possibilities for contribution as long as member interest can be justified.*"

The deadline for submission of material is the first day of the month of publication ie. February, April, June, August, October and December, with the issue in your hands by the end of the month.

Comment

Kenneth Deffeyes, a professor at Princeton University and former Shell Oil geologist, delivers a sobering message in his new book, "Hubbert's Peak" - the 100-year petroleum era is nearly over. Global oil production will peak some time between 2004 and 2008, and the world's production of crude oil "will fall, never to rise again. Running out of energy in the long run is not the problem," Deffeyes explains. "The bind comes during the next 10 years: getting over our dependence on crude oil." The petroleum era is coming to a close. Fossil fuels are a one-time gift that lifted us up from subsistence agriculture and eventually should lead us to a future based on renewable resources."

Meanwhile the Australian government seems oblivious to what is becoming accepted wisdom. State road authorities continue to build freeways whilst investment in sustainable transport is negligible.

There is growing realisation and acceptance that this impending oil shortage is a reality. USGS geologist, Les Magoon, the originator of the term "Big Roll-over" (the term signals the change from an oil buyer's market to a seller's market) explains it is a fascinating topic that will affect us all and whilst there is debate on exactly how long oil will last, be assured that after the Big Roll-over, prices will rise astronomically. Economies will be plunged into recession and changes in lifestyle will be born of necessity. We have already seen the upheaval and anger caused by minor price increases at the petrol pump!

On behalf of the editorial committee I trust members will have an entertaining and informative read with this edition of The Queensland Surveyor.