

SWUG

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Single width users see double in Queensland

The Single Width Users Group (SWUG) conference is pleased to announce that the 2012 annual conference will be held in Queensland from Friday, 23 March to Sunday, 25 March, 2012.

The conference sessions will be held at the **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre** situated in the heart of Brisbane at the South Bank precinct.

The host site will be the Fairfax Media Printing site at Ormiston, south-east of Brisbane. Opened in December 2008, the site features a four-tower Goss Uniliner pressline capable of printing 128 pages of back-to-back colour.

"Queensland is always a popular destination for the SWUG conference so we are expecting a good turn-out in 2012," said Bob Lockley, SWUG President. "Ormiston is one of the most modern newspaper printing sites in the country and features the latest double-width press to be commissioned here."

The Ormiston site will host the conference delegates for the traditional Saturday night site visit while the Friday night will once again see the welcome function sponsored by Kodak with the Gala Awards held on the Sunday evening.

Marking a new development for the conference, this will be the first time that SWUG has been hosted by a double-width press site, although prior to opening of the new press hall, Ormiston was also a single width site running a Goss Community pressline. The new double-width press also features a unique automated system for running variable web widths.

Bob Lockley said there was a growing cross-over between single and double width sites and that visiting a modern press centre such as Ormiston would offer plenty of interest to all delegates.

"Both single and double width press sites face many of the same issues these days in terms of maintenance, OH&S, the environment and improving productivity," he said.

The Ormiston site features four Goss Uniliner towers with reel-stands set at right angles to the press, two 2:5:5 jaw folders (one with quarterfold) and an inline Ferag StreamStitch stitch and trim unit, the first of its kind in the country for newspapers. The site also includes a Ferag publishing room and Kodak CTP.

Publications produced on-site include local editions of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Sunday Sun-Herald*, *Australian Financial Review* as well as the rural newspaper, *Queensland Country Life*.

Ancillary systems on the press include automatic colour and cut-off controls from QI Press Controls as well as Baldwin Impact Global blanket washers and Constant C spray bar dampening.

Conference registration packs including details of accommodation packages for the conference will be available soon for downloading from the SWUG website, www.swug.com.au.

As usual, delegates are encouraged to register and book early as places and rooms are limited.

For more information, contact Anita White at Fairfax Media on (02) 4570 4444 or email anita.white@fairfaxmedia.com.au

SWUG Awards

Nominations are now being called for the 2012 SWUG Apprentice of the Year award and the SWUG Leadership scholarship.

The Apprentice of the Year award is a great opportunity for print sites to reward and recognise their apprentices. The winner will receive a \$5000 trip to visit printing plants and supply company factories to the print industry on the East Coast of Australia.

Nominations are also open for the biennial SWUG Leadership scholarship in 2012. This award was introduced by SWUG to acknowledge, educate, encourage and reward up-and-coming leaders in the Australian coldset newspaper printing industry.

The winner will receive an all-expenses paid educational trip to the value of \$20,000 to visit an array of international printing and supplier sites as well as attending drupa 2012 in Düsseldorf.

Further details regarding the Apprentice of the Year award and the Leadership scholarship can be found on the SWUG website, or by contacting Anthony Payne on 02 4935 7400.

All nominations for both awards must be received by COB on February 17, 2012 and posted to PO Box 999, North Richmond NSW 2754. Attn: Anita White.

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