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Excerpt from BIAsa Presidents report to AGM 2008

We must acknowledge the efforts of those members retiring from active participation as elected office bearers and current members:

Ron Masters (Life Member Bread Manufacturers of South Australia Inc, past president BIAsa, and former official of the BMIAA).

Robert McDonald (Life Member Baking Industry Association of South Australia and former official of the BMIAA).

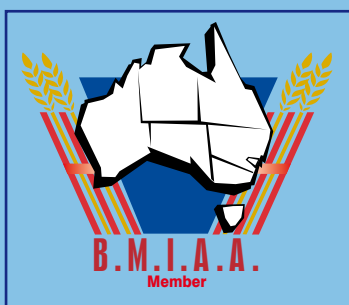
Ron Bobrige (Long serving employee and life member of the former Bread Manufacturers of South Australia Inc and inaugural President BIAsa in 1996.

These gentlemen contributed over 100 years of combined service to the industry and were very involved in making the case for bakers in many of the issues that have been dealt with over the last 40 to 50 years at both state and federal level.

The BIAsa will be organising a function to formally recognise these gentlemen and would urge any interested persons to attend. Details will be available from the secretary Stephen Illman early in the new year.

It is time for the next generation of bakers to step up to the plate in all states and become involved with matters that can seriously impact upon the way in which they conduct their businesses.

The BIAsa has conducted the AGM and is very happy to have some new members both on board and as bakery proprietors. These new members and their businesses will be profiled in The Leading Edge over the next few issues.



Have you reviewed your profit margins in the last 2 – 3 months?

We all know about the price increases in flour and ingredients in general and in normal bakery fashion have been too cautious to raise prices sufficiently, either because we feel a moral responsibility or the pressure of opposition and do not believe we can.

Well it is time to have another look because with across the board increases in energy, transport, government charges, raw materials and just about everything we purchase the old 5% increase here and there will have your profits diminishing fast.

If you have not fully costed your top ten products in the last 3 – 4 months then you should do it in the very near future.

Baking Competition

The BIAsa and Regency TAFE have helped Laucke Flour Mills (the notorious Tom Murrell and his side-kick Peter Eglington) with some changes to next years Royal Adelaide Show professional baking competition. Stewart Latter the President of the BIANsw / BMIAA and renowned judge has agreed to act as head judge of next years event as we all felt we needed some new blood and perhaps new direction with the judging.

EMA

The E-Matrix system is working well now and is accessible to any member 24/7.

Website

The BMIAA has a new website which has just been launched. <http://www.bmiaa.info/>