



CTS Management Committee, 14th November 2007

CTS Celebrates 30 years of Service to the Community

November 2007 marks the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the Station. The Station was established in Nov 1977 shortly after Cyclones Althea (1971) and Tracy (1974). Foundation Station Director, Emeritus Prof. Hugh Trollope visited Townsville on 14th November to celebrate this occasion.

At the CTS 30th anniversary dinner Hugh, for his drive to establish the Station, was presented with an Outstanding Vision Award by former CTS Technical Director Greg Reardon.



Hugh Trollope receiving his award from Greg Reardon

The other awards presented on the night were to Dr Kevin Macks for Outstanding Contribution and to Mr Nev Keating for Outstanding Service.

The celebrations included a tour of the Research and Testing Facilities, AirBox Facility, Wind Tunnel and Air Cannon.



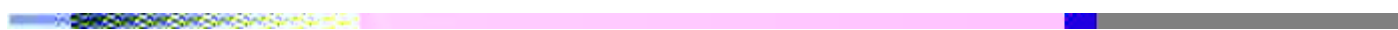
Tour of research/testing facilities for Anniversary

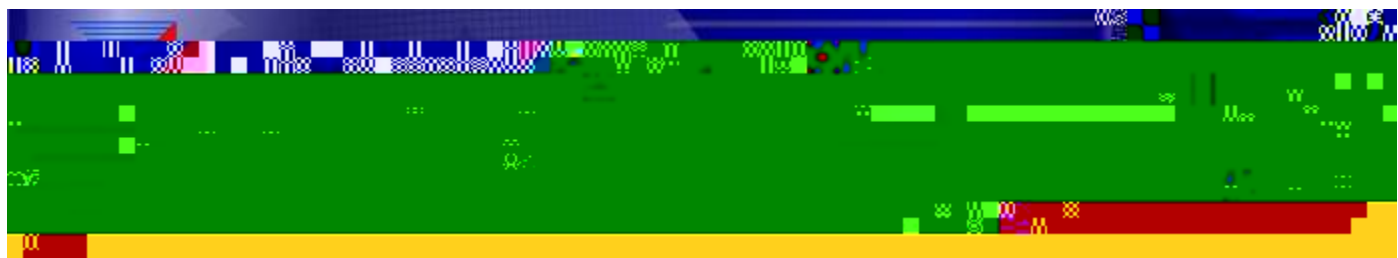
To coincide with the celebrations a 30 Year Commemorative Report was produced. The report can be downloaded from our web site.

The Station extends a warm welcome to Willis Re, the latest benefactor of the CTS. Willis Re joins the Queensland Government Dept of Public Works, BlueScope Steel, BlueScope Lysaght, Stramit Building Products, IAG and the Townsville City Council as a CTS Benefactor.

This year we also welcomed the Queensland Master Builders Association as a new Sponsor.

The Cyclone Testing Station is grateful for the ongoing support from its benefactors and







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Words from Cam Leitch, Acting Manager

It has been a busy year for the Station. We had a strong presence at the 12th International Wind Conference, held in Cairns in early July where we presented five research papers and organized a site tour of new cyclone resistant housing for interested conference delegates.

As reported elsewhere, a highlight of the year was our 30th Anniversary celebrations, it was pleasing to have many of the Station's friends and eminent people, formerly involved with the Station, attend the 30th Dinner.

John Ginger is relishing his time on 6 months Special Studies Leave; he is undertaking research at the University of Western Ontario in Canada. It is a great opportunity for John and I am sure that he will return all enthused, ready to lead the Station's research in 2008.

The Station had a visit from a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation team in August and we anticipate achieving NATA accreditation by March next year.

Next year promises to be even more exciting. There is a very strong demand for testing services, especially airbox testing using the new Low-High-Low test, required for metal roofing in cyclonic areas. We are in the process of modifying our airbox so that we can set-up a second test-bed to increase our test throughput.

In another development, the Station is liaising with the state government building departments of the three cyclone states (Qld, NT and WA) for funding assistance for a proposed three year program involving research, education and training and up skilling of the construction industry, relevant to community protection during extreme wind events.

Another significant change for next year is the retirement of our Chairman, Mr. Nev Keating. I will take this opportunity to thank Nev for his 20 years of service to the CTS Management Committee, especially for the last seven years in his role as Chairman. I also want to extend a warm welcome to our new Chairman, Mr. Doug Meecham and our two new patrons, Prof Sandra Harding (Vice Chancellor of JCU) and Mr. Don Fry, the Chairman of Aimtek Pty Ltd.

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