

Outstanding Technical Contribution to the Window Industry

• FENESTRATION AUSTRALIA 2013 AWARD WINNER: CRAIG BRENNAN •

Craig started his working life as a tradie in sheet metal and gained experience in product development, drafting, contract development and factory maintenance. After completing a Production Engineering Certificate he went onto being a Production Supervisor with R. W. Vincent Windows. With supervision of all product lines and loads, he moved onto the powder lines before taking up the role of National Manager for Window Systems, responsible for service and sales licenced fabricators and the recruitment of new fabricators. He also went back to school and completed a Bachelor of Commerce.

Moving onto James Hardie Windows, Craig took up the job of Sydney Operations Manager that included running the powder coating line, the aluminium window assembly plant, the timber window plant and the timber mill. He was responsible for productivity, labour management, OH & S and capacity planning and worked as part of a site co-ordination team to develop sales, administration and operations co-operation and co-ordination. After stints as a Project Manager and Product Engineering Manager, James Hardie became Trend Windows and Doors and Craig assumed the role of National Technical Manager.

In 2003, after completing his Master of Business Administration, he took the brave step of setting up his own consultancy and offered services to the broader window industry for the management of business set up, commissioning of plant and equipment, research and development of new product designs and managing outsourcing of work for clients. This included developing the NATA accredited laboratories for Azuma Design and his own AFRC accredited energy efficiency simulation laboratory.



For the past 13 years, Craig has been an invaluable member of the AWA technical committee, donating his time and efforts whenever asked. In fact, he is often the one who puts his hand up and says, "I'll do it". Whether it's drafting Standards, writing technical documents, presenting at training sessions or contributing to discussions and technical reviews, it's all undertaken with Craig's quiet demeanour that belies a wonderful sense of humour.

From a personal perspective, Craig is married to the lovely Michelle, has four daughters, one granddaughter and is looking forward to the addition of a grandson in November, just for something different.

In his early days, he played rugby and field hockey and is now a keen golfer and rabid Manly fan.

AWA Scholarship Program

Do you know anyone interested in studying in the **building industry**?

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The AWA Scholarship is a one year, non-renewable scholarship of \$2,000 towards an engineering, technical or design field of study or apprenticeship.

The scholarship may be used at any accredited college,

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