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WELCOME to the Simmat & Associates Newsletter!

Your regular installment of current affairs, updates and interesting information.

ISO 9001:2008?

Quality experts throughout the world are anxiously awaiting the release of ISO 9001:2008. The draft international standard DIS 9001 was released late last year for comments. Simmat and Associates Pty Ltd have managed to get hold of a copy of the draft standard for review. Several changes have been made, but the changes appear only minor. In fact going from what's in the draft standard it seems that the changes mainly relate to further clarification or applicable rewording.

What will ISO 9001:2008 mean for organisations that are already certified? At this stage it appears the transition will be relatively simple for organisations. There may be minor changes required to quality manuals. However, with a bit of luck the only change will be a better understanding of the standard due to clarity of statements. The new revision of the quality standard is due out towards the end of the year. For any questions relating to Quality Management Systems, please feel free to call our office and speak to a member of our team.

PUTTING A PRICE ON CARBON EMISSIONS

The Federal Government's emission trading scheme, due for release in 2010, appears to already have established a price - \$19 a tonne, after a symbolic deal between two of Australia's oldest companies, AGL Energy and Westpac, sold 10,000 tonnes of emissions trading units.

Whilst the above trade was considered nominal compared to an estimated release of over 603 million tonnes of carbon emissions in 2010, it sets an important benchmark for the price of carbon. The Federal Government is set to unveil its emissions trading scheme in July, with the possibility of draft legislation in December.

"The emissions trading scheme is obviously going to have a very significant impact on the pricing of electricity," the managing director of AGL, Michael Fraser, said. "We're very keen to try and get the market started." Ultimately, this will be a several billion dollar-a-year market," Mr Fraser said. "It is a whole new energy economy that is created here." AGL is meanwhile offering its industrial customers the chance to lock in a price of carbon after 2010. There is a risk the price will rise above \$19 a tonne by 2010, so the decision to buy emission units at that price now

Source: Sydney Morning Herald May 2008

STOP PRESS!
Kobi and Pete
are ENGAGED!

No, not together, but with their
respective partners!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Oxfam
TRAILWALKER Sydney
100km-teams of four-48hrs

Peter Marshman from *Simmat and Associates* has formed a strong family team to compete in this years Oxfam Trail walker. A 100km endurance walk from the Hawkesbury River to Sydney Harbour, in August 2008.

Teams have 48hour to complete the walk through Sydney's spectacular bushland trails. We are doing this to raise money in support of Oxfam Australia, who work to fight poverty and injustice in 29 countries around the world, including Indigenous Australia.

Take a look around the Oxfam trail walker website and please donate money to Team Rocket Power (#254). A \$35 donation can pay for materials to build a public well in Sri Lanka, providing fresh water for 20 to 30 families.

<http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/Sydney/team/254>

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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ESTABLISHING CONSISTENCY IN FEDERAL OH&S LAWS

The current system of state and territory based OH&S legislation is about to undergo a major review and overhaul, in a push to establish consistent federal workplace OHS law. The 5 year review of OH&S legislation will set about proposing recommendations on the optimal structure and content for what will ultimately become a nationally applicable OH&S Act.

With the current Australian death toll from workplace accidents or illnesses estimated to be around 6,700 a year, and an injury/illness statistic of 680,000 a year, it is obvious that Australian workers need a stronger and more streamlined approach to health and safety requirements. For companies in the construction industry working across different states, the understanding of legislation and codes of practice can be confusing. The new national approach will help enable all companies to comply with requirements across the country.

Simmat & Associates can help to keep you up to date with any legislative changes.

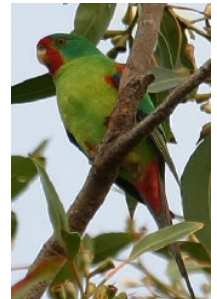
'THREATENED SPECIES ALERT'

SWIFT PARROT AND REGENT HONEY EATER

A recent workshop looking at the Swift Parrot and Regent Honey Eater, highlighted their vulnerable position to *Simmat & Associates* employee Peter Marshman. The one day workshop run by the Department of Environmental and Climate Change, discussed the current plight of the birds, the actions of recovery teams and what individuals can do to assist these birds through volunteer involvement.

Today, the Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot have become the 'flagship species' for conservation in the threatened box-ironbark forests of Victoria and NSW on which they depend. Volunteer efforts to protect these species and their habitats include farm regeneration, habitat replanting projects and dedicated teams of community bird watching groups that record observations and provide valuable information on the birds distribution and habitat preferences.

The Swift Parrot, breeds in Tasmania during spring and summer, migrating in the autumn and winter months to south-eastern Australia from Victoria and the eastern parts of South Australia to south-east Queensland. There are less than 1000 breeding pairs of Swift Parrot left in the wild. The Regent Honeyeater was originally found within 300km of the coast from Brisbane to Adelaide, however its range no longer extends into South Australia and records from Queensland are now uncommon. The remaining population in Victoria and NSW are patchy and there is little information available on the movement and breeding patterns of this highly mobile species. Peter has kept the binoculars handy in efforts to identify and record locations of these birds across Sydney's Northern Beaches, however none have been recorded to date.



Swift Parrot



Regent Honeyeater

STAFF PROFILE | LIAM MARTIN



Education:

- Cert. IV Audio Engineering
- B. Eng (Civil) Dip. Eng Prac.
- Certified lead auditor for Quality, Environment and Safety

Role at Simmat & Associates

Management Systems Consultant
Development, implementation
and auditing of ISO:9001 & 14001,
AS:4801 management systems.

5 Quick Questions

1. Where do you live?

Northern Beaches, Sydney

2. What are your hobbies?

Radio controlled flying, cars and music.

3. Favourite food?

Chocolate

4. Pro athlete in what sport? why?

Soccer ... love of the game

5. What's on your white board?

Work related notes, people to call,
Cobra kit car sales brochure.