



DIC Anniversary Celebrations - 2009

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DIC Australia recently took the opportunity to celebrate a significant anniversary – marking the establishment of Coates in Australia in 1949. Colleagues and customers from throughout Australia were invited to an event celebrating the milestone of 60 years supplying ink and associated products to this market.

Over 130 people attended the event, held in The Rocks in Sydney. Guests included many of DIC's personnel, a number of well known industry identities, and Miyasaka-san from DIC's South East Asian headquarters in Singapore.

Ian Johns, Managing Director, said, "We were delighted by the turnout. We have weathered many storms during our company's history, and we are most fortunate during years of industry change and turbulence to have maintained our alignment with market expectations and experienced a reasonable level of stability throughout the company."

During his message to the guests, Ian went on to say, "We continue to strive to add value to our customers business, and by doing that provide longevity to our own. We believe our customers and our staff are the key to our continued success."



**Bob Lockley (Fairfax Media)
and Carol Dunwell**



Ian Johns (left) and David Rands

Opportunity was taken to also thank outgoing Managing Director, Dr David Rands. From Ian, "David has played a vital role in the history of both DIC Australia and DIC New Zealand. Throughout his time with DIC, David has always had an open door policy. For many, David has been a mentor – and a strong contributor to the industry through activities with GAMAA."

Ian presented a brief history, from Coates establishment in 1877 to today. Henry Coates was a printer and stationer in Clapham, England. In 1877, two of Henry's sons set up a supply business to the printing industry. Start up capital was £300 with an annual revenue of £2327. The company experienced good growth, and in 1937 Coates started manufacturing offset inks in Calcutta to supply the Indian Ordinance Survey for wartime printing of maps for the East Asia campaign. In 1938 Coates Brothers South Africa was established, and in 1948 Coates Brothers New Zealand was registered.

Coates Brothers Australia was registered in 1949. The original buildings in Moorabbin (Victoria) and Auburn (New South Wales) are still in use today for ink blending and manufacturing.



Left: DIC personnel – from left, Andrew Brown, Shane Reid, Rob Elmer and Steve Brunsten

Below: Jeanene & Matthew Chenhall, from PMP Directories



In 1981, Coates Brothers was purchased by Total, the French oil company. In 1999, Sun Chemical purchased Coates Lorilleux from Total. Sun Chemicals is 100% owned by the DIC Corporation of Japan.

Coates Brothers changed its name to DIC Graphics Australia in September 2005. In December 2006, the company changed to DIC Australia – integrating DIC International, our trading division, and DIC Colorton, our sheetfed division.

ABOUT DIC Australia and New Zealand

DIC ANZ are committed to being a world's best supplier of inks, coatings, systems and services – adding maximum value to our customers' operations in the areas of visual impact and decoration through colour and technology.

DIC develop solutions that satisfy needs for higher quality print. As much of what we do is specifically tailored to suit defined requirements, DIC would welcome opportunities to see how DIC can provide individual business partner care.

The company is dedicated to the provision of a safe and healthy working environment for its employees, contractors and visitors and in protecting the integrity of the surrounding environment. Health, safety and environmental policies and procedures are developed in consultation with the Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Committee and are designed to ensure safe work practices which comply with legislation in both Australia and New Zealand Standards.

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