



In Brief

The ACCC is urging members of the community to get a licensed electrician to check if degrading Infinity electrical cables are installed in their homes or businesses, as recent progress reports show that only 179 premises have so far been rectified and approximately five per cent of the supplied cable remediated. A nationwide recall of Infinity cables was announced last year after they failed electrical safety standards due to poor quality plastic insulation coating. Tests have shown that the cable may become prematurely brittle from 2016 onwards, which could cause fires or electric shock if the cables were then disturbed. The relevant periods of cable supply are: 2010-2013 (in NSW), 2011-2013 (in ACT), 2012-2013 (in Vic, Qld, SA & WA) and in 2013 (in Tas).

The Australian Water Association (AWA) has launched a sustainability competition as part of a recently announced global competition. The AWA is seeking businesses and entrepreneurs to submit their ideas and innovative solutions to water sustainability challenges via the Australian Water Innovation Challenge 2015. "AWA is looking for ideas that could potentially transform the sustainability of communities and businesses, both in Australia and around the world," says Jonathan McKeown, AWA CEO. For more information about how to get involved visit www.ausae.org.au.

Recognition

AIS wins small business award

Australian Innovative Systems (AIS) has won the Manufacturing Award at Australian Small Business Champion Awards 2015.

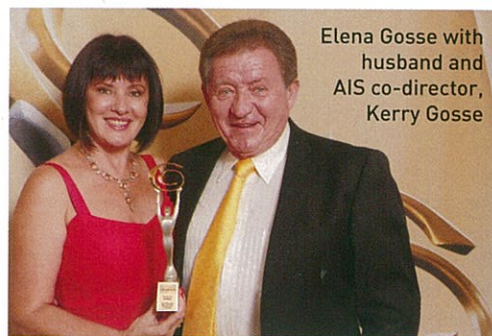
Elena Gosse, CEO of AIS, accepted the award in front of 1000 guests at the Westin Hotel Sydney in April. The awards recognise the contribution that small business plays in shaping Australia's economic development and culture. They attracted more than 400 finalists.

The Brisbane-based manufacturer of commercial and residential chlorine generators and water disinfection technology was rewarded for its commitment to innovation and excellence.

Gosse says she is grateful to the award organisers for helping to shine the spotlight on small businesses.

"As a manufacturer and small business owner I don't think that we celebrate or champion small businesses enough in Australia," she says.

"Small business makes such a significant contribution to our economy, and in the case of AIS, is also helping to promote Australian designed and manufactured technology to the world. I would also like to encourage big business and governments of all levels to support small businesses more by



Elena Gosse with husband and AIS co-director, Kerry Gosse

considering products, technology and services that are available right here, in our own backyard."

Gosse credited the award win to her team of more than 50 staff members across AIS' three Brisbane offices and manufacturing facilities.

"Running a successful small manufacturing business is like being part of a big family. I want to acknowledge the skills and dedication of the AIS family – every single member of our staff – for continuing to drive innovation in our company so that we can claim our position as leaders in the Australian water disinfection industry."

Celebration

Austral turns 40

Austral Pool Solutions celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a gala evening at the Perth's Crown ballroom in March.

More than 160 guests arrived for a night of feasting, entertainment, dancing and comedy, with the evening being hosted by funnyman Peter Rowsthorn, well known for his television roles including in the series Kath and Kim. Music was supplied by a seven-piece cover band, Easy Tigers.

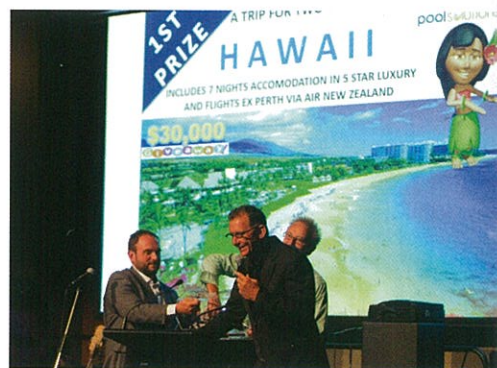
Austral Pool Solutions is Western Australia's biggest distributor of Australian brands for the pool and spa industry. It was established in 1975 providing pool pump and filtration equipment by current owner Jon Anderson's late father, Bill, and Olympic champion Tom Hoad.

From humble beginnings, the company has grown to be a leading distributor of swimming pool and spa equipment, accessories, leisure products and chemicals, with two offices and warehouse facilities totalling more than 3200 square metres. Austral Pool Solutions has received the WA Supplier of the Year Award from SPASA WA four times.

The evening included some fabulous prizes including \$10,000 cash, a trip to Hawaii, a trip to Melbourne and a smart TV. The winners were:

1st Prize: Trip for 2 to Hawaii for 7 nights. Winner: Brad and Liz Earp from Pooltopia Maddington

2nd Prize: Trip for 2 to Melbourne for 4 nights. Winner: Eddie Crutchett from Swimwise Wanneroo



Paul Simons (Lo-Chlor Chemicals) and Kevin Rust (Spa Electrics) drawing out the lucky winners with MC Peter Rowsthorn

3rd Prize: 60" Samsung LCD 3D Smart TV. Winner: Courtney Bishop from The Pool Shop Floreat.

They also had nine consolation draws plus the big one of \$10,000 cash (winner's name withheld).

Guests included Matt Adlam (AstralPool), Paul Simons and Jeff Felman (Lo-Chlor Chemicals), Anthony Ramsay & Rob McDonald (Pool Systems), Kevin Rust & Jules Harwood (Spa Electrics), Peter Hogg (Magnum Filters NZ), Adam and Eddie Lloyd (IQ Chemicals), Keith Hall (SR Smith), Chris Price (Lincoln Leisure) and Glenn Gage (Maytronics).