

A.S.T.R.O. Meeting - held Friday November 14, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. Clarence Gardens.

- CHAIRPERSON** Opened the meeting and welcomed those present  
Chairperson reminded Members that December Meeting is Awards Night
- MICHAEL** Details of Competition - 2 Sections
1. Inventions submitted before Nov 2008 Meeting  
Prizemoney – 1<sup>st</sup> \$150 / 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 / 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50
  2. Inventions submitted at Dec 2008 Meeting  
Prizemoney – 1<sup>st</sup> \$150 / 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 / 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50
- ATTENDANCE** 37 persons attended on the evening
- Guest Speaker Evening
- CHAIRPERSON** Extended a very warm welcome to the Guest Speaker  
Mr Howard Schultz of Collison & Co (Patent Attorney)
- GUEST SPEAKER** Mr Schultz gave a very informative overview of the role of the Patent Attorney which was of particular interest to Members
- TALK OUTLINE** “Do not allow patents to spoil your inventing” H Schultz  
Adelaide was a the forefront of copy machine design  
Claims are at the heart to the patent system – ability to define your invention. Copywrite – no cost Patent – Cost  
Issues – Freedom to operate in challenging environment  
Confidentiality – Speaking about invention causes loss of patenting rights. Keeping secret buys options.  
Case history CPAP machine inventors lost patent  
Patent can provide monopoly in most countries for 21 years for simple description of device.  
New Test – valid and enforceable. Local verses absolute  
Australia now on absolute system. NZ still under local system - 4-5 years from invention to return on idea. Approx 3 years in “Valley of Death”.  
Find a very experienced patent attorney.  
\$15-20,000 for Aust Patent 21 years cost spread over period  
\$500,000 for patent in about 20 countries alive for 21 years  
Litigation costs (more rare) \$100k to \$5m < 50% chance of win  
Navy Cash Card was successful patent worth \$5bn  
Patent format - Defining statement – Abstract – Diagram/Drawing  
Flinders Friends, Playford Capital will do patent work for \$50%  
Private Investors have been traditionally good source of funds  
JV can be very extractive and not constructive  
Members given examples of patent format.  
Need best possible advice as soon as possible.  
Dependent patent is a patent with improvements  
Clear publication – File a provisional patent  
If Govt agencies find a military application can declare SECRET  
Crown use provisions very politically unpopular and difficult to do in practice – has happened.  
Petty Patent has been replaced by Innovation Patent

People without sufficient resources have sold shares in design to help protect patent

China is the most litigious country in the world in protection of patent rights. There are many pressure which can be applied before need to go to court.

Good process to sign Confidentiality Agreement – but be careful whom you offer it to.

Harold Schultz takes great pride in helping small operators off the ground – Capsaicin & Broccoli (Cure for Cancer)

Tesla - anyone can take up a Tesla patent. Some Tesla patent not fully described.

After 21 years patent expires and open to public. Drugs can be longer. If patent payments lapse patent can be acquired in less time.

**TREASURER**

Balance of Account \$

Treasurer spoke re amount of money for prizes being reflection of importance placed on inventions : Worthwhile being an inventor.

The following items were presented to the Meeting by individual Members as specified

**ASHLEY** - Proposed clip-on microphone – Request members to advise of options

**Discussion** - Discussion – New meeting place and ASTRO headquarters  
Request for Members to help locate new premises.

**KEN** - Proposed “inventions shed” C&C controlled equipment  
Project group to assess needs

**RON** - Mastermind group – technical hub – supports Project group

**DEVASHON** - Hilsch Tube, Arizona Vortex Tube (High Voltage Low Frequency),  
- Book “Anastasia “Ringing Cedars” – Seed planting to heal disease  
- How to produce individualised medicinal plant – “Place seed of any plant in mouth for 10 min, hold in hand for 30 sec. Blow on it – Stand barefoot over place of planting, blow on it and plant. This plant will be medicinal for you.

Video/DVD “Bullshit” Vandana Shiva

Biodynamics “One Man, One Law, One Plane” BD in India

“Enhancer” Tesla Energising Device

**PETER** - Biodynamics is spreading in India like wildfire, compost heaps springing up throughout. Problems with Monsanto – many suicides  
Now going back to biodynamics – people helping one another.  
Contrails - RF

**ANDREW** - Offered public address system to ASTRO \$40 – System purchased

**DAVID** - AusIndustry > Climate Ready > Charlie Madden

**BOB** - Taking home boxes of books for storage until next year.

**PETER** - Emissions Trading Scheme – Prof Plimer Debunking (likened to Y2K scheme) UN issued statement about particulates  
Fer – deLance (Tom Bearden)

**CLOSE** - 10.20 pm followed by Supper