

## **L F J Hillman Award**

First awarded in 1992, the L F J Hillman Award seeks to perpetuate the memory of Mr Lindsay Frederick John Hillman's outstanding contribution to the school over an association spanning approximately 70 years.

The Award recognises excellence for studies undertaken in the electrical/electronics area.

### **Procedure**

Attached to an Award for Excellence a nomination is made to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Vocational & Further Education) by the Head of School.

### **Selection Criteria**

- . A student enrolled in an accredited course in the field of electrical/electronics studies at S.M.B.
- . Academic performance.
- . Leadership qualities.
- . Commitment to further studies.
- . Involvement in sporting and/or community groups.

### **The Award**

The Award comprises the L F J Hillman Memorial Medal and an item of equipment or tool of trade to the value of \$100.00 and is made annually at the Institute Award Night.

The recipient also receives a framed Award for Excellence.

### **Historical Data**

The L F J Hillman Award was established by the Council of The School of Mines & Industries Ballarat in conjunction with and through the generosity of the Hillman family in honour of the late Lindsay Frederick John Hillman, a former student, teacher and member of Council, who died on 30th May, 1991.

The award, consisting of a bronze medal depicting Lindsay Hillman, will be presented annually to a student who is enrolled in an accredited course in the field of electrical/electronics studies at S.M.B. Specific selection criteria for the Award are based on a balance of academic performance, leadership qualities, commitment to further study and involvement in sporting and/or community groups.

In granting this Award the Council seeks to perpetuate the memory of Mr Hillman's outstanding service and contribution to the School over an association spanning approximately seventy years.

Born in 1910 in Ballarat, Mr Hillman attended the Ballarat Junior Technical School, became a cadet in the Electrical Engineering Laboratory of the Senior School, and eventually gained a student teachership for diploma studies at the School of Mines. He was particularly active and excelled in a wide range of sporting interests and in student activities. In 1928 and again in 1929 he was awarded the Honour Blazer by the S.M.B. Old Boys' Association for all round athletic ability, leadership and scholarship.

He spent nearly two years with the Melbourne City Council Electric Supply Department gaining industrial experience and was awarded his Diploma of Electrical Engineering in 1931. Following his formal studies Mr Hillman returned to the School in 1932 to teach apprentices and senior students.

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He was appointed lecturer in Engineering Design and Graphics in 1937, lecturer in Engineering Design and Civil Engineering in 1944, Lecturer-in-Charge of Mechanical and Civil Engineering in 1948 and Head of the Electrical Engineering Department in 1949, a position he held until his retirement in 1973.

On his retirement the Council publicly recognised Mr Hillman's outstanding contribution to the School in a wide range of disciplines, and his prominent participation in organisational activities, both academic and social, including more than thirty years as Sportsmaster.

Mr Hillman was appointed to the Council of the School of Mines in 1975 and played an active role in School affairs, serving on many Council Committees, in particular as Chairman of the Property and Equipment Committee from 1979 and as a Vice-President of the School from 1981 until his death in 1991. In the former of these roles he took a leading part in the implementation of many of the major building projects that have dramatically improved the School's physical resources at the Lydiard Street campus.

In 1984, the L F J Hillman Recreation Building was opened and named in his honour in recognition of his many years of association with the School.

Mr Hillman made a major contribution, through personal example and effort, to the unprecedented growth and change at the School. He was dedicated, generous, committed and purposeful and had a keen sense of humour. Generations of students, together with associates and colleagues over several decades, remember Lindsay Hillman with great respect and affection.