Fibreglass manufacturing is currently being trialled at the Training Centre Metal Shop. A one day on-the-job training session in hand laying was conducted at the Workshop on 21st July, 1989. The session, attended by Grahame Chaseling of the Training Centre and Adrian Robertson and Guy Cassidy of Bathurst, was taped for future training purposes.

Grahame Chaseling, the Senior Overseer of the Metal Shop, has provided the following overview of the fibreglass manufacturing set-up:

"Prison Industries is currently undergoing re-organisation in an effort to better achieve the Department’s priorities of prisoner employment, productivity and the development of prisoner skills. This has led to some exciting changes, one of which is the introduction of fibreglass manufacturing in the Training Centre Metal Shop.

We were recently fortunate to acquire additional workshop space below the metal shop. This area has been set aside for fibreglass, and production has begun.

At present all work is done by hand laying, which involves wetting out fibreglass reinforcement with polyester resin using hand tools.

The features which make fibreglass manufacture ideal for prison industries include:

- It is a labour intensive industry,
- Suited to teaching to unskilled or semi-skilled workers,
- A wide range of products can be made using basic skills and tools, e.g. bosta, outdoor furniture, shelters, containers, etc.

We are presently producing footrests and will soon be assisting with the development of an acoustic computer hood designed by industries staff. These two products are an indication of Prison Industries’ dedication to manufacturing quality up-to-date products.

Although we plan to consolidate our facilities for the manufacture of metal products (as the demand for fibreglass increases), metal will not be phased out altogether.

Metal facilities will still be required to cater for the needs of the Long Bay Complex, and it is feasible that some fibreglass products will incorporate metal components, as is the case with the computer hoods.

We welcome the introduction of fibreglass into the Metal Shop, and anticipate a smooth transition."

A SUCCESSFUL PROMOTIONAL DAY

Seventeen Purchasing Managers from the Health Department took part in a Prison Industries promotional exercise on 20th July, 1989.

Alex Pattie, Prison Industries’ Sales Manager, who organised the day, viewed it as most successful in promoting the professional image of Corrective Services Industries and in providing the visitors with a first-hand look at our production industries.

After inspecting the Regents Park Administration Complex, the group boarded the Silvertree Complex bus (provided courtesy of Mr. Unicomb, Superintendent of Silvertree) and was taken to the Silvertree Complex, where Mr. Jim Kirby, the newly appointed Manager of Industries, conducted a tour of Silvertree Industries. This included the plastics and fibreglass development area and the classroom refurbishment facility.

After providing lunch at the Parklea Canteen, Mr. Rod Hillman, the Parklea Manager of Industries, took the visitors into the gaol for an inspection of the Cabinet Shop, Print Shop and Metal Workshop. The Purchasing Managers were particularly interested in the Print Shop production facilities (in the light of the closure of the Government Printing Service).

Alex Pattie stressed that the success of the promotion was attributable to the efforts of all Officers involved in organising and conducting the visit at both the Parklea and Silvertree Institutions and the Regents Park Administration Complex.
QUALITY PRODUCTS... ACRYLIC DESK SET

"I commend the quality of these products and the underlying principle of the corrective services industries."

... extract from a Parliamentarian's response to receiving the Prison Industries' Desk Set Gift.

Judging by the letters of thanks received from Members of Parliament, the Prison Industries Desk Set Gift, which they were sent in May 1988, was much appreciated.

The Prison Industries Division organised this valuable public relations exercise for the Minister, who expressed his personal thanks and the hope that more sales result. The gift pack comprised the acrylic "executive pack" of twin office trays, desk calendar stand and note paper caddy, as well as the PVC desk blotter.

Many of the Parliamentarians' comments were in support of the objective of rehabilitation of prisoners through meaningful full-time employment. A number also indicated an interest in obtaining future items from the Regents Park Warehouse Complex.

It was especially pleasing to note the very many positive comments about the quality of the products, some extracts of which are as follows:

"They are indeed excellent quality and I will certainly purchase them in future when needed."

"The products are top quality and deserve promotion."

"I am most impressed and most grateful," and "I applaud the quality of workmanship involved and the objective behind the production of these goods."

MAJOR CONTRACTS AWARDED

C.S.I. has recently been successful in obtaining the following contracts which amount to almost $6 million:

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OFFICER PROFILE:

TERRY MANNION

TERRY MANNION IS THE SENIOR OVERSEEER OF C.S.I.'S FIRST PLASTICS WORKSHOP, LOCATED AT THE TRAINING CENTRE, LONG BAY.

In this role Terry was responsible for setting up the Plastic Products Industry. He used mostly on-site labour, as well as the expertise of his staff and the other industries and Maintenance Officers at Long Bay, and was able to begin production within six weeks from commencing to establish the Workshop.

Terry's extensive experience in the metal trades has provided a sound basis for his current role.

His trade background before joining the Department was as a Boilermaker for 12 years, as well as experience in welding, marking out and high pressure work for power stations etc.


The ongoing responsibilities of this position include the design and manufacture of P.V.C. welding dies and the development and testing of new and redesigned plastic and P.V.C. products.

Terry is a keen traveller and has visited many countries, experiencing cultures as diverse as Egypt, Sri Lanka, Japan, Tonga and New Guinea (to name but a few). He is currently planning his next trip, which will include India and the U.K.

With hobbies including reading, antique collecting and maintaining a large collection of 8mm films, Terry's range of interests and accomplishments add up to a lot of life experience, which assists him to maintain a creative approach and an open mind to new ideas in his key role in the C.S.I. Plastic Products Industry.

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NEWSLETTER

All industries Officers are invited to submit articles, or topics for follow-up, for the C.S.I. Newsletter.

The Newsletter aims to be a COMMUNICATION TOOL, so that newsworthly information of either a local or a Divisional nature can be broadcast to all Industries Officers, Senior Officers and others interested in Prison Industries.

The Newsletter is now being sent to each Officer personally. I would appreciate advice of any Officer not included, or any changes, so that the mailing list can be updated.

Contributions from all Institutions are sought, so that the Newsletter can reflect the diversity of enterprise conducted throughout the State.

Please submit items, or ideas, and additions/alterations to the mailing list, to Joyce Brougham, Development Manager (Staff/Communications) at the Regents Park Administrative Complex.

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