

MOU between the NANDTB and AINDT

Following an approach from the National Aerospace NDT Board, the AINDT has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board. The MOU documents were signed at the Helitech facility in Brisbane on 8th January by Shayne Flynn, AINDT Federal President and Ron Quirk, NANDTB Chairman. The proposed MOU was discussed by the AINDT Federal Council at its 2008 meeting and as noted in the minutes of that meeting: "was unanimously accepted".

The agreement formalises a co-operative relationship between equal partners whereby opportunities of mutual benefit are identified and utilised to further the goals of each. This initiative is expected to bring to the AINDT a higher profile in the aerospace sector through its involvement in some of the Board's activities. And for the Board, it links it to a professional national NDT network with international standing. The accompanying picture shows Shayne and Ron exchanging documents.

Some of the strategies outlined in the MOU would have both the Board and the Institute;

- Consider the best interests of the other in its decision making.
- Promote each other when appropriate.
- Harmonise policies and procedures as far as practicable.
- Share resources and co-operate on meetings and seminars.

- Provide access to each other's meetings to the extent permitted by their rules of governance.

This agreement adds to the suite of similar agreements sought by the AINDT with other NDT Societies over recent years, and is significant for both groups. Shayne noted at the signing ceremony that regardless of which sector was concerned, there was a strong commonality among all those who practiced NDT and bringing these groups closer together was a key goal of his AINDT presidency.

Web Site: The much awaited update to the NANDTB web site has been completed. Most pages have been altered to add latest information including procedures and meeting minutes.

