

JOHN F.C. CLOSE

Precis of experience

Born 1916 Sydney

Qualifications, etc.

B.Sc., B.E., (Sydney Univ.), M.E. (Univ. of N.S.W.)

F.I.E. Aust., S.M.I.I.E. (U.S.A.)

Experience

Prior to graduation had short periods of employment with
Cockatoo Dockyard, C.S.R., B.H.P. (on three occasions)

- 1940-48 Sydney County Council as assistant engineer, last two years being in the Construction Branch.
- 1940-46 Leave-of-absence with A.I.F. as a workshops officer in A.E.M.E., last three years as major.
- 1948-50 Claude Neon Ltd, lighting and sign manufacturer, as Chief Engineer.
- 1950-52 with W.D. Scott & Co, management consultants, engaged on management problems, industrial organisation, production, and methods engineering work.
- 1953-56 United Capacitor Co, a B.I.C.C. subsidiary, manufacturing and marketing electrical capacitors, as General Manager.
- 1956-57 Consumer Products Division of Standard Telephones and Cables Pty Ltd. Reporting to Divisional Manager on manufacture of refrigerators and motorised appliances.
- 1958-78 Department of Industrial Engineering, University of N.S.W., the last 14 years as Senior Lecturer. Lectured in many subjects, but particularly Methods Engineering, Production and Inventory Planning and Control, and Management. These were "application" subjects, and involved considerable contact with operating industrial companies. The Methods Engineering field is closely associated with Ergonomics, Safety, etc. I was a Foundation Member (since 1963) of the Ergonomics Society. (The "ESA")
- 1978-present: Consultant in the Ergonomics and Safety fields; involved mainly in industrial injury and negligence claims.

IE Aust activities Student - C 1937-8¹

Assoc. member C 1943 (1st. Corp. member)
Was Elected Branch, my B.O.B being Howitt in Elect.
Chairman of Electrical Branch circa 1956
Represented on Dist Comtee that year & 1 year (I think) as
Elected member
Joined Management Branch about 1958, Chairman
about 1964⁵ and again much later, in about
1965 Alan Knott was Chairman and we arranged for
change in name to Management & Industrial Engg Branch.
This title was changed again back to E.M. Branch (in
about 1983, I think). I served on Dist Comtee as
Elected member for about 10 years 1978-88 approx.
(May have only been 8 years. I can't remember!)