

BULLETIN

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A Presentation - Jean Muller

An exceptional creative engineering journey, from
France to the world via the United States.

Wednesday 28th March 2018

The AFAS Committee is pleased to advise that Mr. Bernard Shepherd, a long time AFAS member has agreed to talk to AFAS about the late French civil engineer, Jean Muller.

Bernard Shepherd was educated in NZ and France and worked with Jean Muller in France, in the USA and in the Middle East and Australia over a period of 30+ years. With Jean Muller and his international colleagues he collaborated in the framing of codes and standards for match cast segmental construction. He is the former Global Technical Leader - Transportation for GHD, a Past Chairman of the Victorian Branch of the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia (Consult Australia) and until recently a Director on the Federal Board of the French Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI).

When Jean Muller died in Paris on 17 March 2005 he left behind a rich legacy of technical achievement that changed the course of bridge construction around the world. As a young engineer in the USA he developed the technique of match cast segmental construction and later, back in his native France, he designed the first concrete box girder bridge supported by a single plane of cable stays.

The elegance of his structures was achieved through a mastery of statics and an almost mystical understanding of the bridge in its environment. Through his influence and his generosity in sharing knowledge with the engineering community, match cast segmental construction is today a multi-billion dollar industry practiced throughout the world.

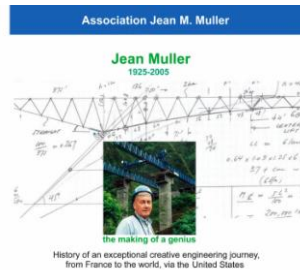
His philosophy of design was totally wholistic – every design include all the details of the construction engineering and methodology – this is the artisan at his best. Learning his craft at the feet of Eugene Freyssinet, Jean Muller took prestressed concrete bridges to a new level and created a level of industrialisation of bridge construction that is now accepted wisdom in the world of construction. His range of achievements included not only bridges but also arch dams, nuclear containments and marine structures. He was one of the most complete engineers of the 20th century and early 21st century. His legacy will be timeless.

Attached to this Bulletin is your Membership Renewal Form for 2018. The same rates have been retained; \$80 for Individuals, \$20 for Students & \$600 for Corporate members.

We look forward to your continuing support and attendance at our activities.

WHEN:	Wednesday 28th March 2018	RSVP before Friday 23rd March 2018 to
TIME:	Start 5:30 pm – Finish 7:30 pm	
WHERE:	Advisian Level 13, 333 Collins Street Melbourne 3000.	
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Association Jean Muller



Linn Cove Viaduct



Sunshine Skyway



CALENDAR FOR 2018

28th March:
Talk: Jean Muller

TBA April:
AGM and Annual Reception at the Alliance

TBA July:
Bastille Day French Festival.

TBA August:
Annual Dinner

TBA :
Talk: TBA

TBA October :
Victorian Government Function to award Fellowships

TBA November:
Function to award AFAS Fellowships

Melbourne French Theatre
AFAS members are now eligible for a Concession when booking for MFT plays. Refer to the web site for details:
<http://www.mftinc.org>

AFAS Web Site
We are updating the site, but the current site is still available.
www.afas.org.au/vic

Louis Vuitton Time capsule exhibition Melbourne.
From 24 February to 21 March.
Chadstone G-041, Ground Floor.