DORIC TURNS FIFTY

Foundation AWA/AGWA Member Doric Products is celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2022

Doric, Australia's largest privately-owned window and door hardware manufacturer supplying to the fenestration industry, is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2022, with major festivities to be rolled out during the year to mark the milestone.

From humble beginnings above an old horse stable in 1972, the company has grown to be a market leader in residential, commercial and high rise building applications, with a nationwide support network backed by a significant presence across the region. 'Any 50th birthday celebration is a major milestone, especially so for an Australian family-owned business,' said Nigel Long, CEO – Alchin Long Group.

'At the heart of the Doric story is incredible innovation, which has fueled our growth over the past five decades to be a market leader. 'Doric has had to overcome the odds on more than one occasion, but our past achievements and future prospects speak to the passion and dedication of a highly talented group.

'We look forward to a big year ahead in 2022, right across the region.'

At the core of Doric's success has been a constant desire to innovate, with the team developing many new product types, which have survived the test of time.

Lines such as the DN201 Flush Bolt from 1980 and the DH3 and DH4 Door Hinges from 1982 remain popular to this day.

In 1984, Doric released the first-ever spring balance system for aluminium windows, followed in 1989 by the pioneering spring-loaded and adjustable roller for the security market, then the first auto-adjusting foot system for spring balances in 1990.

A game-changer for the industry came in 1992, when Doric launched the DS401, the original sliding lockable window lock, while 1993 saw the launch of the DS60, the first sliding door lock chassis with interchangeable handle styles.

The release of the polesium based chainwinder in 2002 featured a 100% corrosion-resistant base, another first in the marketplace.

Industry recognition has followed in the footsteps of these innovations.

For instance, Doric has won the Australian Glass & Window Association (AGWA) Design and Industry Awards Most Innovative Component Award a total of six times, with the DH40 Hinge (2007), Mk4 Chainwinder (2009), DN8000 High Performance Multi Point Locking System (2016), DN85 Self Latching Unit (2018), the Doric Ventus Plug and Play System (2019) and the EPEC Cylinder (2021). Also, in 2017, the DN8000 Multi Point System won the Good Design Awards product design category.

To back up the success of the products, they have found favour in many iconic builds and renovations around the nation, such as the restorations at Sydney Opera House and the Commonwealth Bank in Martin Place, Sydney, with key new projects including the 11 SKIES at Chep Lap Kok in Hong Kong, Melbourne Square and Collins Arch in Melbourne, plus the Jewel Tower and Elysian Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

Leading the way with quality design principles, Doric's in-house product research, development and testing arm was re-branded in 2000, as Azuma Design, with the brand now servicing the entire industry.

For further details of Doric's 50th anniversary celebrations will be posted to doric.com.au throughout the year.

AGWA AWARD WINNERS

2021 AGWA DESIGN AWARDS WINNER Most Innovative Component

EPEC Electronic PIN Euro Cylinder

Plug & Play System
WINNER - 2019

DN85 Self Latching Unit
WINNER - 2018

DN8000 Multi Point System
WINNER - 2016

DH40 Hinge
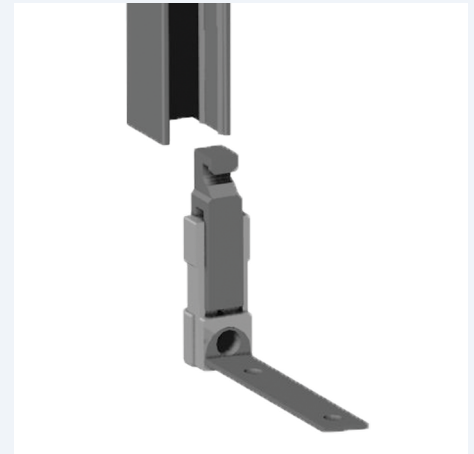WINNER - 2007

CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF INNOVATION
Doric

DORIC 50 - OUR INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE SHAPED THE FENESTRATION INDUSTRY

1980
DN201 flush bolt

1984
The first ever spring balance system for aluminium windows

1990
Auto adjusting foot system for spring balances

1992
DS401 The original sliding window lock

1993
DS910/920/930 on universal chassis – first sliding door locks on interchangeable chassis (DS60 chassis)

2002
Polesium corrosion resistant base for the chainwinder

2009
Restricted Chainwinder - First of it's type to suit 'Kid's Don't Fly' requirements

2014
DN400 Twin Chainwinder - The ultimate control for large awning windows

2016
DN8000 Multi-Point Locking System - world's 1st to automatically close & latch