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2006 Augusta Zadow Scholarship

Summary of Outcomes

The Augusta Zadow Scholarships were inaugurated in 2005 to fund projects in occupational health, safety and welfare undertaken by, or for the improvement of women in South Australia.

They honour the memory and work of Augusta Zadow, who strove to secure better working conditions for SA factory workers in the late 1800's.

The 2006 scholarship was bestowed upon Sharon Henderson, Alex Neill, John Packer and Craig Brown representing the collaboration between Trevu House Residential Aged Care, Phantom Power Products and J Packer Design.

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The three firms combined to produce a prototype motorised 'comfort chair mover' for residents of aged care homes, as well as motorised trolleys for high use and heavy duties.

These were trialled at Trevu House Residential Aged Care at Gawler East, where 95 percent of employees are women.

Following testing with staff and potential clients, the prototypes were further refined to assist employees in operating them.

A training DVD for staff will be launched in February 2008. The training material will also be available on the internet.

The second project funded by the scholarship was to identify other industries that could use the power drive technology.

This has resulted in products being developed that will:

- create better employment conditions for women by eliminating manual handling risks
- assist in returning injured employees to work
- help employees with disabilities to participate fully at work.

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