
50
ANCA
YEARS OF INNOVATION
CONTROL YOUR OWN DESTINY
ONE BILLION ANCA CUTTING
TOOLS AND COUNTING!
2022 VICTORIAN MANUFACTURING
HALL OF FAME AWARDS
FASTGRIND

Celebrating a half-century contribution to industrial progress through precision cutting tools

Precision cutting tools are an integral part of our world. Manufacturing just one aircraft will consume hundreds of thousands of cutting tools. Anything you can imagine that might need to be machined will require a grinding machine to provide the cutting tools.

Over its history ANCA has changed the shape of the cutting tool industry with brilliant innovations. We are proud of our legacy of pushing the industry forward with our creative spirit, engineering excellence, a global network of expertise and breathtaking technology.

In looking back at 50 years of growth, the future of ANCA is revealed. What five decades of ANCA brings to light is a passionate business philosophy: to be bold, control your destiny, and fully commit to innovation and customer needs. This is evident in our commitment to customised solutions that bring capability and agility together with a desire to solve customers' production challenges.

ANCA's future remains bold, focused on continuing to invent and deliver innovative customer-oriented technology that takes cutting tool production into areas not thought possible; as well as advanced manufacturing and automation as we continue to evolve and take on new challenges. On this milestone 50th anniversary, we take a look at the first half-century of ANCA.

A MESSAGE FROM ANCA'S CO-FOUNDERS.



50 years ago, Pat and I did not anticipate ANCA to be what it is today. We embarked on a business journey that felt in hindsight like stepping onto a treadmill, with our customers driving the speed. Yet we have not only kept pace with the market, we've surged ahead, introducing cutting-edge innovations. I am proud of the technology we are still releasing, such as the ULTRA and GCX packages and the many innovations that underpin these product releases.

As we celebrate ANCA's 50th anniversary, I can't help but marvel at the incredible journey we have had, which has been immensely fun. We have been lucky to ride a technology wave, particularly in mechatronics: following Moore's law in electronics for 50 years and utilizing changes in motor technology - going from pulse motors through to the ANCA linear motors and everything in between. I take pride in the fact we've built a company that is global in outlook; has professional aftermarket support and thousands of loyal customers, some of whom have been with us for nearly five decades.

The technology we continue to unveil is a reflection of the brilliance and passion that pulses through ANCA. We have a multitude of talented people who have made contributions to ANCA throughout these years and continue to do so. To everyone who has shared in this journey so far, thank you.

PAT BOLAND



My enduring philosophy in business is if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten. New ideas and new thinking is the basis of our business.

It's an old adage, but it's true, if you stand still, then competitors are catching you and you're in trouble. We're always working on new machines and new ideas because that's the basis of our success. Happily, it's also what we like doing.

Being privately owned brings great benefits as it means we can focus on investing and developing new innovations while maintaining our long-term view of the market to design products with longevity and customer focus.

ANCA is my life, and I am proud to be celebrating its 50th anniversary. I'm proud that we have been able to build the company to the size that it is and with world recognition. Thank you to all our employees, partners, and customers for helping to make ANCA what it is today.

PAT McCLUSKEY







The hidden champion

ANCA is Australia's answer to a key sovereign capability: Precision Manufacturing



As ANCA marks its 50th anniversary it is good to reflect on how the company, from its inception, dared to be different by becoming a leading exporter - not an importer of complex engineering products and solutions. This approach is a unique position in Australia, which has been primarily known as the lucky country for its abundant natural resources and as we mature as a company, we are pivoting to leverage the skills and capabilities built through years of success to springboard into adjacent industries and new sectors.

ANCA currently exports 99% of its products, earning a stellar reputation in all our export markets as the innovation leader. But as a startup, the tyranny of distance from our markets and sense that Australia was on the edge of the world back in the 1970s, meant that we had to be better in everything we did, and we met this challenge head-on. I honestly think that our success has been driven by our relentless pursuit of excellence, passion for engineering and teamwork. Never resting on our laurels, ANCA has consistently driven new products and technologies to market and has reinvested religiously in both products and our people.

Deliberately cultivating a local culture in each branch to be close to our customers no matter where they were located, ANCA can be proud to be a global enterprise but with local presence with service and application support, as well as a diverse workforce – a melting pot of nationalities contributing their best. ANCA has never shied from a complex problem and is tailoring solutions to meet our customers' needs, an effective way of keeping our engineers and technical experts excited and engaged – ensuring we remain at the forefront of innovation.

Operating in a premium segment means we have not merely followed trends but redefined them and looking ahead, the future is exceptionally promising. ANCA will maintain its market dominance by continuing to leverage our skills and capabilities, coupled with an entrepreneurial spirit that is strengthened with the next generation entering our ranks. Personally, I find it awe-inspiring to realise that anything machined – from consumer goods to medical equipment, airplanes to cars, phones to mechanical watches and more – has been crafted with ANCA technology.

Congratulations to each member of the ANCA family, past and present, for contributing to this incredible journey. Your dedication and hard work have not only defined our legacy but have set the stage for a future that promises continued innovation, growth, and success. Here's to 50 years of excellence, and to many more milestones on the horizon.

MARTIN U. RIPPLE – ANCA GROUP CEO

With innovation as a cornerstone, ANCA's future is bright





With 50 years of innovation behind us, ANCA's product and technology portfolio is perfectly placed to meet the challenges of the future. And we will continue to invest heavily in a long list of innovations in the medium to long term. The latest product launch of the MicroX ULTRA with its incredible precision down to a diameter of 0.03 mm is just the beginning.

ANCA has always endeavoured to stay ahead of the curve, anticipating market trends and delivering cutting-edge solutions which enable our customers to thrive. To solve customers' challenges now and ahead, our focus is on cost effectiveness, sustainability, labour gaps, and of course higher performance and quality tools – to give our customers a competitive advantage.

Our product focus for the future will include lowest cost tools, innovations focused on quick set-up times, automation, and reduced running costs. This not only positions us as a cost-competitive leader, but producing more with less is equally important for a sustainable approach to manufacturing. Underpinned by eco-friendly operations we are committed to sustainable practices.





Industries demanding increasingly accurate tools will be a key focus for our product development over the coming years, a great example of this is ANCA's ULTRA range. Higher performance cutting tools improve accuracy and quality, enabling customers to produce the best tools in the market. With longer tool life, fewer tools are needed, also contributing to sustainability.

We believe the challenges of the lowest cost tools and finding skilled labour will be achieved by ANCA's investment in end-to-end digitally connected and automated production systems for cutting tools, for both large and small companies. The ANCA Integrated Manufacturing System (AIMS) is a game-changer for the industry.

People continue to be the most important part of our business. Building highly capable and skilled people throughout ANCA with a special focus on investing in technical talent is critical to helping our customers with their challenges and process improvements to maintain their competitive edge.

Our customers are at the centre of everything we do and investing in our systems and people, now and in the future, for face-to-face customer support, remote diagnostics, and new technologies continues to improve responsiveness and save costs.

It is a thrilling and special moment to be celebrating 50 years of ANCA. We have reached this huge achievement thanks to the legacy of the two Pats but also all people involved, both past and present - the whole ANCA family. I'm very proud to reach this milestone. Being a privately owned business means we can make agile and quick decisions to support our people and our customers, and I am excited to look forward and be stepping into the next 50 years.

EDMUND BOLAND, GENERAL MANAGER – ANCA CNC MACHINES





1970s

In 1968 Pat Boland and Pat McCluskey first met across a photoplotter at an Ammunition factory. What they didn't know was that they would go to build a global manufacturing company in CNC tool and cutter grinding machines that wows the industry with incredible technology every day.

The two Pats, one an academic (Boland) and one a craftsman (McCluskey) are integral to the story of ANCA, and their vision is now shared by many. The technologically advanced business and its #ProudtobeANCA team have launched industry firsts, surprised the competition, won multiple awards, and is always seeking the next challenge. The story of ANCA is ultimately one of success, but it has been far from one that happened overnight.







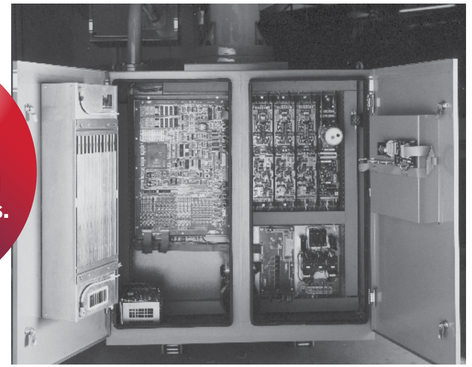


ANCA started with the purchase of a $4000 mini computer and teletype installed in Pat and Libby Boland's spare room, and from there the co-founders couldn't resist giving it a go. Inventors at heart, they were CNC pioneers. In 1974, Pat McCluskey's hardware and Pat Boland's software joined forces, and from what started as a glorified hobby, ANCA was born.

The Pats always wanted to run their own show, and based on a foundation of CNC control systems, their niche lay in designing and manufacturing complete CNC machine tools. ANCA's machines are now used for manufacturing precision cutting tools and components across a diverse range of competitive industries, including aerospace, medical, automotive (including electric vehicles), and electronics.



Today, more than 1.1 billion tools have been ground on ANCA machines.









"We're simply working to satisfy our drive to make machines do things better and to bring something to life, not to answer to someone else who only cares about money."

"I'm a self-trained engineer who has somehow fallen into this title of entrepreneur, but to be honest, I don't even really understand what that word means. We just knew from the start that we wanted to zig when others zagged and be flexible and adaptable to market needs. You can't do that if you don't sail your own ship."

PAT MCCLUSKEY - CO-FOUNDER AND JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR, ANCA

'We never could have dreamed that our hobby would become an international business employing so many people, but we did dream about revolutionising the machine tool industry. It isn't just a story about Pat and me. It's a story of hundreds, if not thousands, of staff members, clients and suppliers working together to ultimately produce the best tools possible."

PAT BOLAND - CO-FOUNDER AND JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR, ANCA





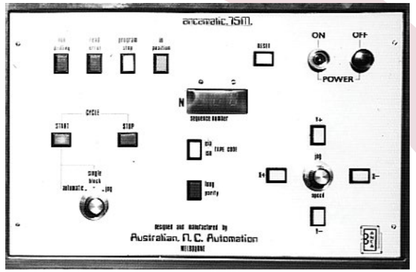






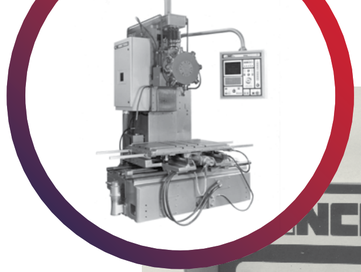








1977
Pat Boland and Pat McCluskey join ANCA full time



1974
Australian NC Automation Pty Ltd formed in Melbourne, Australia

A MicroP NC is hardwired, supplied and fitted to a Zenford drill table

The first CNC with a visual display unit is produced for the ANCA Series 200



1978
Laser Lab sells two laser cutters with ANCA controls into China





1980s

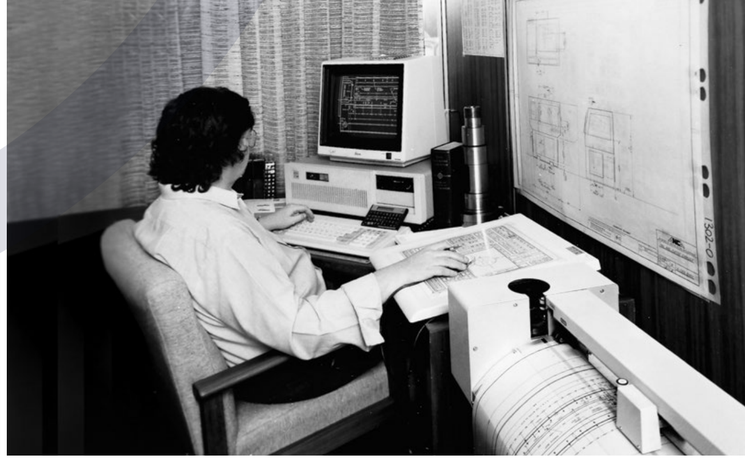
The 1980s brought significant changes for ANCA. Australian manufacturing suffered early in the decade and orders declined. It became clear that unless ANCA expanded outside of Australia, it would eventually fall victim to the economic cycles of a small domestic market.

Pat Boland reflects how the recession of 1982 had two outcomes for ANCA, "Firstly ANCA decided it must be in control of its own destiny in terms of sales and marketing. And secondly that it must sell on the international market. A strategic decision was made to move into the export market." ANCA also made the decision to diversify into end-user machine tools that could be sold directly to the market.









Going global initially meant expansion into the UK and the USA along with international sales in India, Singapore, Germany, and Switzerland. ANCA started building its international network of technology centres in the '80s, building today to a truly global presence.

As an Australian based company, ANCA needed credibility to enter the world market and especially in a sector that operated on technical prowess, it needed a 'cutting edge'! Taking innovation with precision to the world stage started with the FastGrind 4-axis CNC tool and cutter grinder which was launched at IMTS in Chicago in 1986, and the industry-first FastProbe auto probing which was introduced at Westec in 1987. This legacy of products that not only solved customers' challenges but anticipated their future needs gave that cutting edge that has established ANCA's dominant place in the market.





ANCA's heritage of technical innovation has grown over five decades, with new technology always at the heart of the company. Across Europe, the Americas, and Asia, customers eagerly anticipate ANCA's latest innovations to be launched at tradeshows. Demonstrating novel technology that solves production challenges, impresses, and delights customers.

"It is just as true today as it was in the early days of ANCA in the 1990s, that being close to our customers keeps us on the map as a supplier for the who's who in the cutting tools industry. ANCA's direct presence in Germany means we are in the arena of local CNC machine tools companies in the European market. We have built relationships with many customers over decades in our key markets thanks to our local teams."

JAN LANGFELDER, GLOBAL KEY ACCOUNTS MANAGER AND ANCA EMPLOYEE SINCE 1988.













Pat McCluskey not only designs beautiful machines, he also illustrates birds, and 50 years ago designed an electric car prototype in a Mini!

Pat McCluskey remembers, "I worked backwards from the cutting tool to create a machine that was both efficient and user-friendly." The unique design allowed the grinding wheel to move along the tool which meant the machine took up 30 per cent less floor space than its competitors. Concurrently Pat Boland wrote the original applications software, the technology he developed was a lot easier to use than existing machines at the time.

Pat added, "As a watercolour artist, I can't stand to see raw and rough edges on things. I like to have that nice curve on the front of the machine. It's become a bit of a trademark of ANCA. You just have to do it differently."







1983
Developed 4-axis Tool and Cutter Grinder using manual Tool and Cutter Grinder base

ANCA moves into Bell Street, Preston, Melbourne



1987
Demonstrated FastProbe electronic probing at Westec USA in April

First company in the world to have auto probing

Exhibited at EMO Italy for the first time

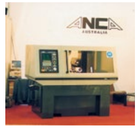


1989
Stopped selling through an agent in the USA and incorporated ANCA Inc. in Michigan, USA

FastGrind sold in Germany

1982
John Roberts becomes the first overseas employee in the USA

ANCA starts marketing and selling products internationally, starting with India and Singapore



1986
Sold the first FastGrind to Bob's Tool and Cutter Grinding

Launched FastGrind 4-axis CNC tool and cutter grinder at IMTS in Chicago

Launched the software for system 16 CNC

Appointed KO Lee as US Agent and incorporated ANCA Ltd in the UK



1988
Moved to a new facility in Bayswater North

First TG4 sold in Switzerland

Ian Penfound becomes the first General Manager



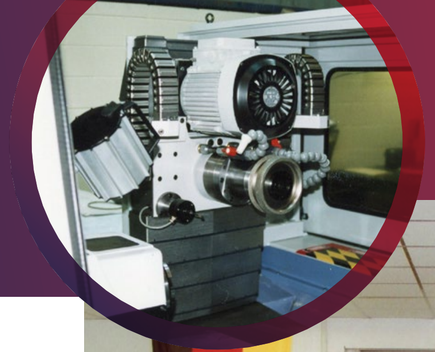








1990s



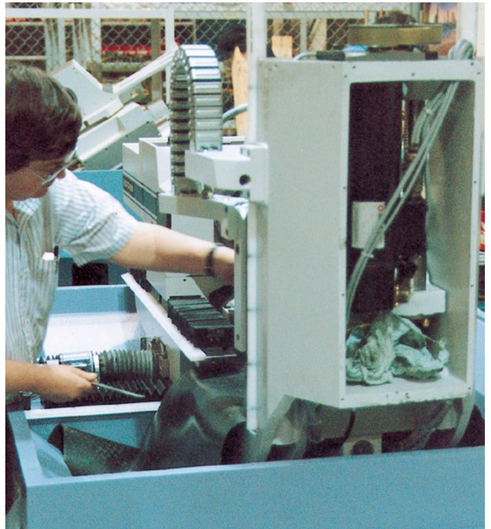


The 1990s brought an obsession with electronics and a tech revolution for both consumers and companies, and for ANCA it was a period of rapid technology releases. At EMO Paris in 1991, the TG7 five-axis machine was launched, a heavy-duty work horse for manufacturing. Further machines such as the FastGrindCL4, ISG6, BG7, TGX and RGX were also debuted at tradeshows.

Software releases have been as much a part of ANCA's recipe for success as hardware. One of ANCA's key differentiators has been its intuitive and flexible software which has always been developed entirely in house - by the industry, for the industry.



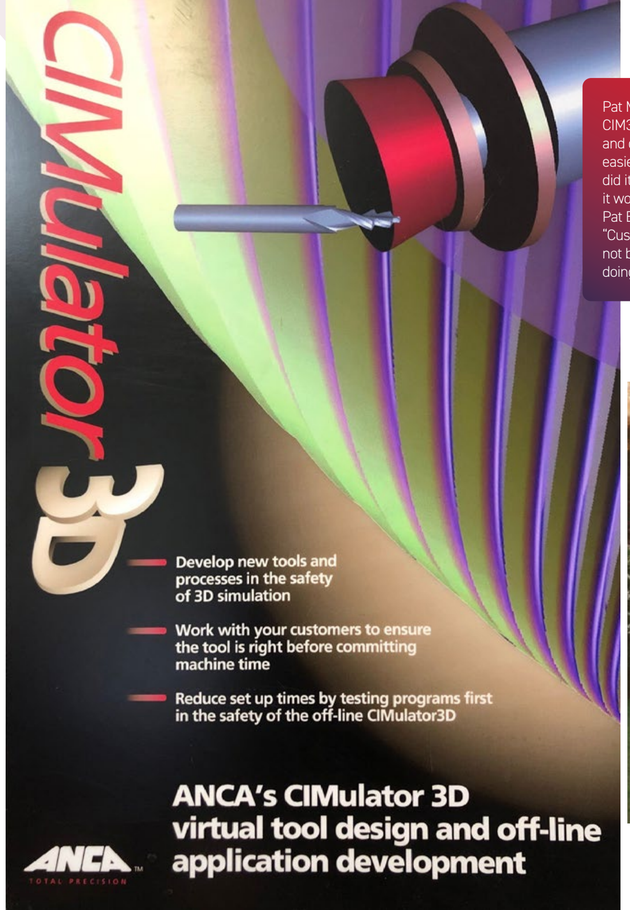






When ANCA introduced System 32 CNC software in 1991 it applied for the first time advanced robotic software to the machine world, introducing novel concepts in tool grinding. For example, the soft axis or soft machine kinematics which simplified the grinding of cutting tools. System 32 was a vastly more sophisticated software environment.

CIM3D, launched in 1998, was a 3D revolution which changed an industry. ANCA was the first to introduce true 3D simulation technology for CNC tool and cutter grinding. ANCA's series of world-first have transformed tool grinding, disrupting grinding techniques for the better – improving quality, cycle times, and accuracy. There are many exhibition anecdotes where customers saw the latest product from ANCA and exclaimed that it wasn't possible, only to be delighted that indeed these innovations were real and would offer enhanced capabilities for their business.



Pat McCluskey reflects, "Because CIM3D made the job of developing and designing tools so much easier, I don't know how people did it before! In those days it would be mind-blowing."
Pat Boland recalls similarly, "Customers would look at it and not believe it asking, how are you doing this? It must be fake!"











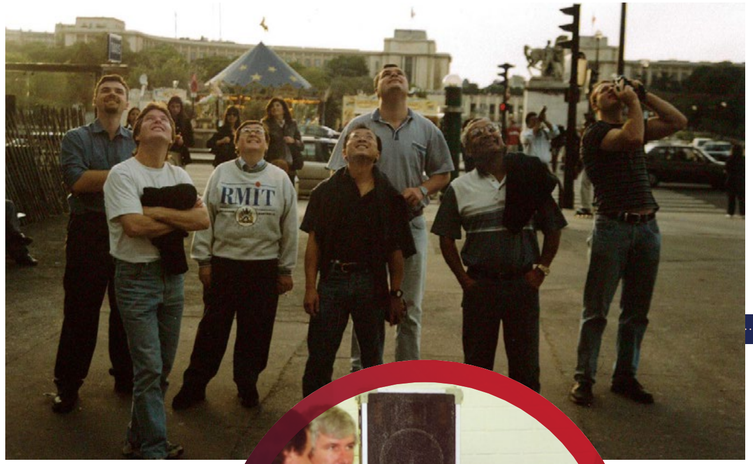
We became confident that we had a future and that it was in our own hands. In 1990 we moved into our own premises in Novi that covered 25,000 square feet and set about preparing for sales of the new TG7, which was a big success. We selected a central state, like Michigan, so that we could be close the market. We used to be a dot in the ocean but now we're an established, formidable competitor. We've learnt from our experiences and have developed a sound business structure and foundation that allows us to make strategic commercial decisions, improve quality and efficiencies and continue to innovate. ANCA's a big place now and we've had to evolve past the 'she'll be right' attitude of yesterday, but the enthusiasm is still there and the future looks very bright.

RUSSELL RIDDIFORD – ANCA INC. PRESIDENT AND ANCA EMPLOYEE SINCE 1988.



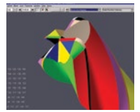












1995
Wins 'Australian Exporter of the Year' award

ISG6 and BG7 are launched

1998
CIM3D and RGX are launched

First time showing at JIMTOF in Japan

1991
Developed a polymer concrete machine base

TG7 is launched at EMO Paris

FastGrind CL4 4 axis CNC Cylindrical Grinder is launched

Incorporation of ANCA Europe in Germany

System32 CNC software release

ANCA Asia is formed in Australia, sales begin in South Korea

1997
TGX is launched

Wins 'Exporter of the Year' at Governor of Victoria Awards

3DX Digital Servo Drive System launched







"In my thirty-six years of machining and grinding absolutely no machine builders have achieved the level of customer service that ANCA exhibits on a day-to-day basis. It is standard procedure for ANCA team members, from the CEO to their most recent hire, to treat their customers like family!"

ALFRED LYON – CUTTING TOOLS SUPERVISOR, AB TOOLS - USA











2000s

From the start of the new millennium, ANCA significantly increased their market share - building from the 1,000th machine sold to the 2,000th in only six years. As always being close to customers remained central to growth, sales were bolstered by an ongoing establishment of a global service, sales and administration network.

Growing globally has enabled ANCA to take cutting-edge technology worldwide and this growth was driven by a desire to be near to ANCA's customers. Building an international network of technology centres, means ANCA is in more than 30 locations around the globe with customers in over 45 countries. Today, ANCA has sold 10,000 grinding machines to over 2,500 global customers, championing ultra precision for industries around the world.



"Our long-term partnership with ANCA spans over 17 years, a journey marked by continuous growth and collaborative efforts. We are deeply appreciative of ANCA's unwavering spirit of innovation, which has pushed the boundaries of technology, continued to provide our customers with thoughtful packaged tool manufacturing solutions and services, and uniquely set the gold standard for the tooling industry. ANCA's revolutionary and innovative software has fundamentally transformed our approach to precision manufacturing, effectively elevating tool production to new heights."

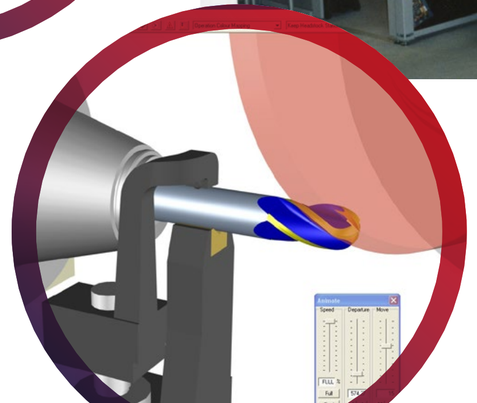
PING DAI, DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING, CUTTING TOOLS DIVISION, XIAMEN GOLDEN EGRET SPECIAL ALLOY CO. LTD. – CHINA























2001
TX7 is launched

Software updated from QNX to TGD using Windows NT platform



2005
Incorporation of ANCA Thailand, Italy and Brazil

New facility for ANCA Inc in Michigan



2008
ANCA Motion launched as a division of ANCA Pty Ltd

ANCA India in Bangalore is opened

ANCA Motion Taiwan is opened

MX7 is launched

2000
ANCA sells its 1000th CNC grinding machine



2004
Incorporation of ANCA China

GX7, RX7, TapX and TX7+ are all launched

5DX CNC System launched



2006
Opened an office in Nagoya, Japan

ANCA sells its 2000th CNC grinding machine

Wins 'Exporter of the Year' at the Governor of Victoria Awards again

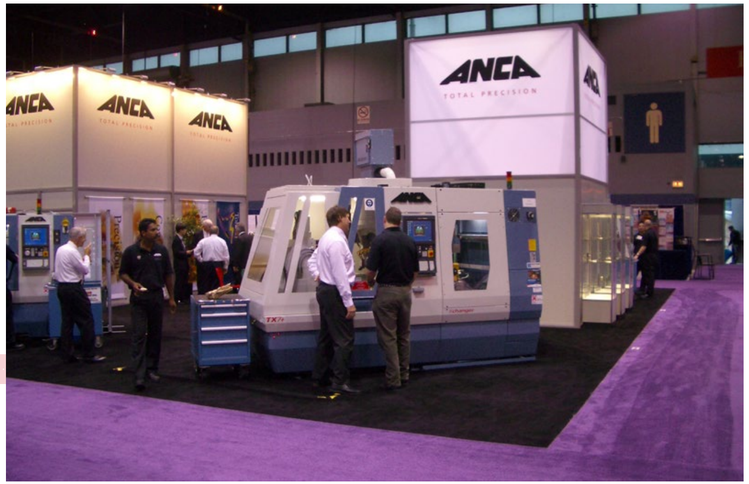
Launch of iView



2010
Tinfish became a fully owned subsidiary of ANCA

Apprentice Centre launched



















"ANCA recognises the importance of acknowledging women's contributions in the tool and cutter grinding industry. We believe that by empowering and celebrating women, the industry can unlock its true potential, benefitting from diverse perspectives and talent.

In 2023, ANCA launched the Female Machinist Award to honor outstanding achievements by women in the industry. The award received enthusiastic support from passionate individuals dedicated to advancing excellence in the field."

JOHANNA BOLAND - ANCA GROUP STRATEGY & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

ANCA is an Australian manufacturing success story



ANCA is a proudly Australian company, with a global reputation. For fifty years, ANCA's headquarters have been in Melbourne, where the journey of ANCA began. From starting out in a spare bedroom, to an old dairy, to the first facility in Preston, ANCA Australia established its operations in Bayswater North in 1988. Visitors to the facility are routinely impressed by the size and scale of ANCA's manufacturing and engineering operations in Australia. Recent investment into the capabilities of the Australian production facilities, means that it is the most sophisticated production facility in the Southern Hemisphere. ANCA is an Australian manufacturing success story, exporting precision engineered machines to all corners of the world.

After winning the 'Exporter of the Year' accolades numerous times, in 2016 ANCA was inducted into the Australian 'Exporter of the Year' Hall of Fame. This recognition validates the company's strategy to produce a niche product and sell to an international market. ANCA exports around 99% of all products and has built significant market share across diverse industries.

ANCA established a formal Apprenticeship program in Australia in 2011, building on an annual intake of apprentices since 1987. Training and developing highly skilled technicians to meet the niche requirements of tool and cutter grinder production was an initiative that Pat McCluskey gladly led, developing all of the original course material himself. While ANCA has an unusually large number of long-time employees, with many still working at ANCA after 20, 30, and 40 years, there is also a significant number of highly skilled apprentices, technicians, and engineers who have developed expertise at ANCA and gone on to work across Australian manufacturing. This is the "ANCA effect" on an industry, contributing to the greater knowledge and critical experience of manufacturing.





"It has always surprised me how capable and how diverse ANCA is. There has always been this attitude that we have the ability to achieve anything that we put our mind to, a real positive way of thinking and operating. I still get a buzz when I take people around the factories and show them what we do. It reminds me that while many things have changed over the decades, we're still a company that has that 'wow!' factor."

DEAN MCBAIN – RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGER AND ANCA EMPLOYEE SINCE 1983





"It's important to me to pass on to others the excellent opportunity that I received when I underwent my apprenticeship many years ago. It really can lead as far as you want to take it. We deal with an exciting area of the manufacturing industry at ANCA and I would like to share that with others."

PAT MCCLUSKEY – ANCA CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

2010s

One of the secrets of ANCA's success is its high levels of vertical integration. Controlling the technology at each step means greater agility and versatility in creating new innovations. It is a significant advantage for ANCA to develop and manufacture machines from base to canopy - including controls and drive systems, design and simulation software and even machine monitoring software.

Designing, manufacturing and owning all the technology means engineers and designers can consider the entire machine as a single system when developing new solutions. ANCA's latest ULTRA technology for manufacturing the highest quality and accurate cutting tools has been possible through the lens of a product operating as a single system where all capabilities are considered as a whole, much like an orchestra. And oh how those grinding machines play!





The first business for ANCA was fitting CNC controls to a wide range of machine tools, mills, lathes, robots, special purpose automotive machines and laser cutting machines.

Moving into the world market for CNC tool grinders presented the opportunities of being both niche, allowing ANCA to hone their product development to be exactly what customers needed, but large enough for growth.

Motion control technology remains at the core of the ANCA Group, and in 2012 ANCA Motion opened a purpose-built facility in Melbourne, a new branch in Tianjin, in 2017, and a new technology centre in Taiwan in 2019. By 2017 all ANCA grinding machines had Motion Linear Motor technology, this in conjunction with linear scales, achieves superior precision and performance.











ANCA Manufacturing Solutions located in Thailand manufactures the machine canopies for ANCA grinding machines. Part of the ANCA Group, this division began as Tinfish, a fully owned subsidiary of ANCA in 2010, rebranding to ANCA Sheet Metal Solutions in 2018 and more recently to ANCA Manufacturing Solutions in 2023 to better represent an expanded focus beyond sheet metal and extended manufacturing capabilities.

Corvus Technology Solutions is ANCA's newest business division, initially stemming from harnessing ANCA's capabilities to produce ventilator components during the COVID pandemic and re-branding as CTS in 2022. Corvus leverages the Group's unique capabilities to provide high quality manufactured solutions.

The ANCA Group employs around 1300 people worldwide and leverages its combined capabilities to offer customised and comprehensive solutions to diverse industries.













"Growth at ANCA Manufacturing Solutions isn't just about numbers; it's about enriching the expertise of our team. Having worked in a few companies prior to ANCA as well as visiting partners both large and small during my time in AMS, the one thing that separates a successful company from the rest is the culture of the team. I have been very lucky to have joined this team. We are very proud of our thriving team culture, strong camaraderie, and vibrant team spirit that powers our company. We have a workplace that attracts talent, empowering our people to both work and play hard."

NICHOLAS DOYLE - GENERAL MANAGER, ANCA MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS AND ANCA EMPLOYEE SINCE 2014

"Collaborating with ANCA has truly elevated our machining processes to an art form. The allure of their equipment is unparalleled, seamlessly fusing industrial rigidity with flexibility. Our machines transcend mere tools; they stand as visual masterpieces. ANCA not only comprehends the artistry inherent in engineering but also excels in enhancing the efficiency of production processes. This synergy of aesthetic appeal and operational efficiency has profoundly transformed our operations."

PENGCHENG LIU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NO.1 TOOL FACTORY OF ZHUZHOU CEMENTED CARBIDE CUTTING TOOLS CO, LTD. – CHINA







2013
EDGe erosion and tool grinding machine is launched



2015
Opened new European headquarters in Weinheim, Germany

Won the 'Australian Industrial Product of the Year' at Endeavour Awards

Won the 2015 'Exporter of the Year'



2017
FCP4 launched

Management Suite software launched

All grinding machines have Motion Linear Motor technology

ANCA Motion opens a new branch in Tianjin, China



2019
ANCA Thailand moves to a new facility with greater capacity

ANCA Sheet Metal Solutions moves to a new facility

ANCA Motion opening of the new Taiwan building

GCX Linear launched

2012
MX5 is launched

Wins 'Large Advanced Manufacturer' at the Australian Export Awards

ANCA Motion opens purpose built facility in Melbourne, Australia



2014
FX Series, MX7 Linear and MX5 Linear are all launched

5X CNC system launched

ANCA turns 40 years old



2016
TX7 Linear launched

Inducted into the Australian Exporter of the Year Hall of Fame after winning the top accolade three times in 2015, 2012 and 1995

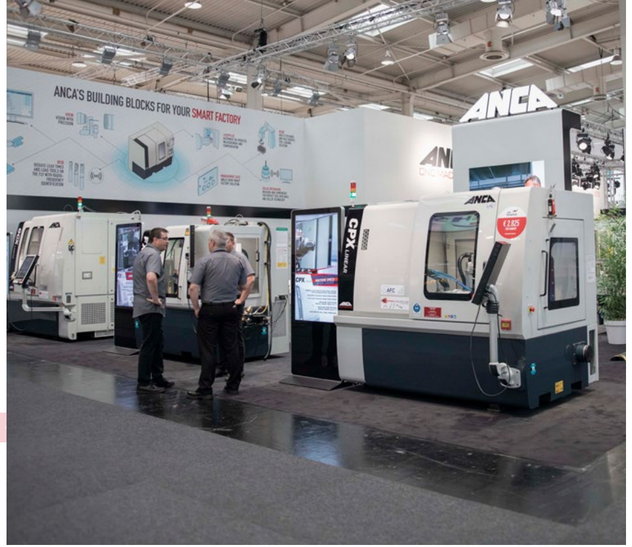


2018
Tinfish rebranded to be ANCA Sheet Metal Solutions

China and USA major office expansion

CPX blank preparation grinder launched













"Part of a company's success is due to the partnerships it forms over the years with its suppliers and vendors to help it succeed. For the past 30 years, ANCA has been a fantastic partner, right from when we bought our first machine in 1992 to our last machine a couple of months ago. ANCA gives us the machines and the technology we need to succeed in our industry. We look forward to the continued improvements and innovations in both the machine platforms as well as software. ANCA always leads the pack taking it to the next level."

JAY COSTA – DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, BLACKHAWK INDUSTRIAL – USA



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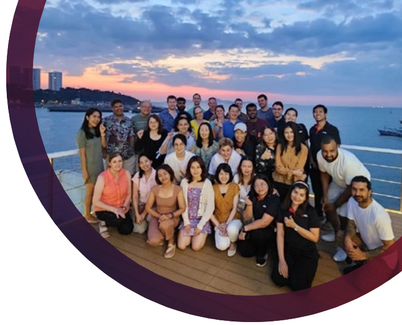
ANCA is always looking ahead and can see that with customer needs of efficiency, reducing cost, labour gaps, and greater tool accuracy - smart factory solutions unlock new possibilities. Iterative step changes have led to revolutionary impacts for cutting tool manufacturers. Every world-first technology development ANCA has introduced – from 3D simulation software to LaserUltra, an in-process measurement system, to RoboTeach, which makes robotic loaders accessible and easy to program, is building Industry 4.0 capabilities and productivity gains.

From designing the ANCA AR300 robot, to the industry-first ANCA Integrated Manufacturing System (AIMS) - the integration of automated solutions addresses the production challenges of customers. Smart systems like AIMS increase productivity, reduce cost, and improve accuracy for manufacturers. With AIMS, the ULTRA range's nanometre technology, and broader capabilities for complete tool production such as laser marking and edge preparation – ANCA offers a holistic industry solution for cutting tools with the highest quality and accuracy in the market.





















"ANCA has the capability and will to answer our specific requirements and collaborate with our teams to customise a solution fairly quickly. From previous projects I knew they had an experienced engineering team with the capabilities and capacity to take on complex challenges such as automating tap grinding."

JOSEF MAUSHART, CEO AND PRESIDENT, FRAISA – SWITZERLAND













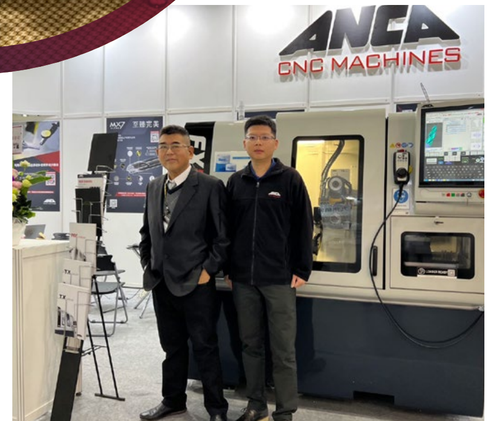
"We are a fast-growing group in almost all markets, especially the Italian market, where we have a historical presence. We have ample room for growth especially in China and India, where we recently started production. It is important for all markets that we are efficient, effective and deliver the tools on time. Automation is very important."

"That is why we are working with ANCA to develop their AIMS programme, where there will be a strong push towards automation, bringing human resources to perform higher value-added jobs in our growth process, both in Italy and abroad. ANCA is definitely the partner of choice, being a multinational company with a global presence, with an efficient, professional service of the highest quality."

DARIO FUMAGALLI, PRESIDENT, SILMAX – ITALY









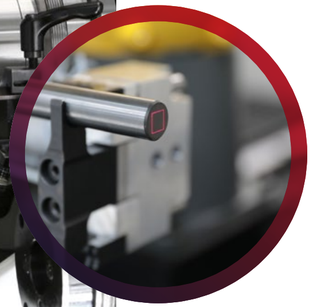














2020
ANCA launches ANCA Integrated Manufacturing System (AIMS)

ANCA Engineering Solutions launched as a division of ANCA Pty Ltd



2021
ANCA opens a Sales and Service Technology Centre in Japan

AutoMarkX laser marking machine launches, expanding products beyond tool and cutter grinders.

The e-commerce ANCA Shop (US) opens for business



2022
Pat Boland and Pat McCluskey are entered into the Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame for Service to Industry

The MX7 ULTRA with nanometre axis resolution launches, offering the highest accuracy and quality cutting tools in the market

ANCA Engineering Solutions rebrands as Corvus Technology Solutions



2023
ANCA Sheet Metal Solutions extends their capabilities, renaming to ANCA Manufacturing Solutions

Launch of the FX7 ULTRA range, and MicroX ULTRA for precision perfection for small tools



2024
ANCA celebrates 50 years of innovation

Opens a Sales and Service Technology Centre in South Korea

EPX-SF Edge Preparation machine is launched













Thanks for 50 years of innovation.







The heartbeat of ANCA is its passionate people. 50 years of continuous innovation would not be possible without the commitment and capability of ANCA's talented teams. Thank you to the thousands of people who have contributed to ANCA's success since its beginning. ANCA started as the passionate hobby of its two founders and has grown thanks to the dedication of its employees.

ANCA's drive to develop the best technology possible for the critical industry of cutting tools is fueled by its customers. A committed customer focus is a core value and it means the company is always pushing for the highest quality outcomes. ANCA is proud to work with customers across the globe, some of whom have been with ANCA for nearly five decades. Both ANCA's legacy and its future is agility in bringing new technology to the market first.

Just imagine what those one billion cutting tools (and counting!) have brought into the world and what problems will be solved in the next 50 years as ANCA continues to strive towards excellence in every aspect of its business.

Thank you to all employees, partners, and customers who have played a role in the journey of ANCA's first 50 years, it's been one hell of a ride.

Customer Focus **Innovation** **Team Work** **Talent** **Safety**




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