



Meetings & Events

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August Members' Meetings & events: 17th - 18th August in Brisbane

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Thursday 17th August

Board Meeting

9:00am - 2:15pm, **Fraser Room, Brisbane Marriott Hotel**, (515 Queen St, Brisbane).

*Board members please let [Sarah](#) know if you are unable to attend.

Factory Tour - Precast Concrete Products

2:30pm depart Brisbane Marriott for Carole Park and return to the Hotel between 5:00 & 5:30pm. This tour will go for approximately 1.5 hours and cost NIL, however registration is required in order to arrange transport.

Members' Dinner

6:30pm - 10:30pm, **Madame Wu** (71 Eagle St, Brisbane), \$150pp (ex GST).

Friday 18th August

Members' Meeting

9:00am - 2:45pm - All members

2:45pm - 4:00pm - Precaster Members only, **Queen Adelaide Two Room, Brisbane Marriott Hotel**, (515 Queen St, Brisbane), \$150pp (ex GST).

Members' Social

6:45pm - 9:00pm - **Strike Wintergarden** (Wintergarden Queen St Mall, Brisbane), \$85pp

(ex GST). Bowling, gourmet food and drinks.

[Accommodation](#)

Brisbane Marriott Hotel (515 Queen St, Brisbane) - Deluxe City View Room.

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BIBM Spain: Top 5 take-aways from Sarah



The BIBM conference and expo both provided a wonderful opportunity to meet our northern hemisphere association counterparts. As well as those from Europe, there were association leaders present from the US and the UK. Not only did we make contact with our association counterparts, it was a fantastic opportunity to meet with many of the European/global representatives for a number of our existing and past Supplier members.

Also, being invited to attend and present at The Concrete Initiative meeting on the day prior to the conference, added huge value by connecting further not only with those of the other association leaders who were also invited, but with global management of cement companies and others too.

Other than the fabulous paella I tried and colourful Spanish singers who performed at the expo, there were some other exciting highlights... being a combination of outcomes and ideas that we could apply here with assistance from our friends abroad. Among others, the highlights are as follows:

- The UK, US and Dutch associations have offered their educational resources to us.

These include safety induction e-learning videos and e-learning for architects, engineers and builders.

- Australia will be the guest country at [BetonTage 2018](#), being held 20-22 February in Neu-Ulm, Germany. It comprises a two day conference attended by over 2,000 precasters from around 20 countries. There's also a full day dedicated to architects from around the world and this is something we could link in to in future years, with our own architects and architectural students. I will be presenting, along with one of our members and one of our architect friends (the latter two both presenting on an Australian project). While the programme is presented mostly in German, English translation will also be available. It's likely we will organise a factory tour so please let me know if you are interested in attending.
- [Tektoniek](#) is a Dutch initiative – a website dedicated to concrete architecture. It's in Dutch but something we could consider replicating as a way of promoting exemplary precast structures and encouraging engagement by Australian architects and architectural students.
- [The Concrete Design Competition](#) – there is the opportunity for us to participate in this, as another way of engaging our architects and architectural students.

There is also a lot of work being done abroad on using the high thermal mass of concrete to store energy, and using that energy to provide zero energy structures. More information will be sought on this and provided.

Please let me know soon if you are interested in joining a group trip to Germany in February. We already have a few takers and if we get enough we will beef up the programme.

Sarah



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