



Thank you Peter Webb... as work grows National Precast is increasing the support it provides to members

As many of you will know, for the past 9 years, Peter Webb has been engaged to provide National Precast with one day a week of consulting services. His work has been invaluable, in more recent times providing predominantly technical support, meeting workshops and sub-committee support, and in days gone by, he's had more of a focus on marketing and education.

In recent times, both the number of issues and resulting opportunities for precasters has increased significantly. The National Precast Board has been (and still is) considering the best way to respond with the aim of maximising benefits to members. In order to resource the resulting additional work and to better allow Sarah to represent, grow and nurture the Association, the Board has decided that the logical progression is to employ an additional full time staff member. This person will need knowledge of the precast industry and will potentially be a qualified engineer, initially engaged on a 6 month contract. As part of their duties this person will also take over the work that Peter has been doing.

We take this opportunity to thank Peter for all of his energy, commitment and contribution to the Association over the years. Many of us have worked with him personally and know first-hand the contribution he has made. Many of you will also know that Peter also consults for Hanson Precast, and so we look forward to continuing to work with him as he continues to be involved through Hanson Precast.



CIA honours people in precast: Claude Pincin and Norwood Harrison

The Concrete Institute of Australia recently accepted the nomination of two people who have made significant contributions to the precast concrete industry in Australia, for induction as Honorary Members of the Institute. They are:

Claude Pincin, Managing Director of SA Precast and past Director and President of National Precast.

Claude's working career has seen him involved in many innovative and well know projects in this country. As well, he has contributed extensively to National Precast including a significant input to the Association's educational resources. Claude is considered one of the "unsung heroes" of the precast industry, and is most highly regarded and respected in the building industry in Australia.

Dr Norwood Harrison

Norwood is also from the precast industry, with particular involvement in the precast pipe industry as an employee of Humes. He is noted for his significant contributions through his knowledge and research in the concrete pipe industry in the areas of production, manufacture, mix design, and durability. He has been a strong contributor to the Concrete Pipe Association of Australasia and has made important and influential contributions to concrete pipe standards, notably AS/NZS 4058.

Both Claude and Norwood will be officially recognised as Honorary Members of the Institute at the Concrete 2015 "Gala Awards for Excellence Dinner" on 1st September 2015.

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