



## Meetings & Events

March 2015

### February Members' Meeting - Highlights

If you didn't manage to get to the Fremantle meeting, here's a summary of what happened:

- Documentation has been drafted on Industry Supplier, new Industry Supplier Plus and Industry Partner memberships.
- We are working towards launching the new Industry Supplier Plus and Industry Partner categories in May, starting 1 July 2015.
- Project case studies are **DESPERATELY** needed – **please help us to help you** and get project info to either the office or to Amanda (if she has already been in contact with you)!
- Precasters who aren't NP members will be receiving quarterly emails from NP, starting at the end of March.
- Architect, engineer and builder Web Users will also be receiving quarterly emails.
- Watch our new video *Precast - building a sustainable Australia*, promoting the benefits of precast, [here](#). We suggest you add this link to your own website!
- New hollowcore flooring video produced – Bunnings Factory in Melbourne – see it [here](#) (and watch the recently produced Adina Apartments Ultrafloor video [here](#)).
- Deadline imposed for nominations of flooring video projects – **nominations due 15<sup>th</sup> March**.
- The NP stand for DesignBUILD stand is underway - see below for more info.
- NP will be talking to UWS regarding research into the information that exists on the sustainability benefits of precast.
- While NP supports a national Austroads Prequalification Scheme, the detail of the proposed scheme was considered to be onerous by members present at the meeting. NP will submit concerns and seek active involvement in a possible redrafting.
- NP to form a working group (chaired by Peter Webb) to address the proposed ACRS reach into steel processing in precast factories.
- Development of industry stressing best practice deferred... but members can adapt and implement an excellent best practice document that has been produced by British Precast – [view the document here](#).





## New Members

### BridgePro Engineering

BridgePro Engineering was accepted as our first **Provisional Precaster** member!

BridgePro Engineering is an infrastructure solution provider delivering end-to-end workflow solutions from preconstruction through to completion. They provide a range of construction (contracting) and professional services to the civil and commercial engineering industry, including pre-stressed concrete planks, aluminum footbridges, concrete panels, gravity blocks, and other specialised precast concrete structures.

Welcome to Aaron Brimfield from BridgePro. It's great to have you on board and we hope to see you at the Adelaide dinner and meeting.



### UNSW

Welcome also to UNSW as our first **Tertiary Institution** member! Senior Lecturer in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UNSW, Ehab Hamed, saw our story on the new Sandwich Panel Recommended Practice in the CIA magazine, and has joined up UNSW to engage with the precast industry. He has been investigating and interested in sandwich panels for the last two years and has written a journal paper that is currently under review in the ASCE Journal of Structural Engineering, regarding their modelling and analysis. Ehab is also submitting an ARC discovery project application together with Prof. Ian Gilbert regarding the creep and shrinkage behaviour of sandwich panels. He will be talking at an upcoming Members' Meeting about UNSW's work in this area.



### Dalibor Hansel

It was great to see our first **Individual Member** at the February meeting – Dalibor Hansel.

Dalibor is from the Czech Republic and has been in Australia for two years. He has been interested in designing concrete structures since high school and worked on different projects throughout Europe designing, developing, and producing precast concrete structures and elements.

Dalibor has joined National Precast to be kept up-to-date with the latest technologies and developments in the Industry. He is keen on utilizing his experience and enthusiasm to contribute to the industry prosperity in Australia. Dalibor enjoyed his experience attending the National Precast Members Meeting and looks forward to participating in future events.



## Meeting Presentations

If you would like to go back over any of the presentations from the meeting simply get in contact with us and we will make them available to you.

- **Project Presentation:** *Curtin University* - Jason Walsh, Delta Corporation
- **Project Presentation:** *Vibe Apartments* - Peter Smith, Austral Precast
- **Member Education:** *Precast in the US* - Mat Fredericks, BASF

- **Supplier Member Spotlight:** *Synchronising industrial plastics and precast* - Christian Hall, Agru Australia



## Next Members' Dinner, Meeting & Social: 28-30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Adelaide

The next Members' event of 2015 will be held in Adelaide at the [Stamford Grand \(Glenelg\)](#). The program is as follows:

### **Directors' Meeting**

9.30am-3.00pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Stamford Glenelg, Hindmarsh 2 Room

### **Civil Group Meeting**

3.00pm-4.00pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Stamford Glenelg, Hindmarsh 2 Room

### **Members' Dinner**

5.15-6.30pm - Ride the ferris wheel and then have fun at The Beachouse - ride on the bumper boats or dodgem cars, play mini golf or gaming machines!!

6.30-10.30pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, [The Beachouse Glenelg](#) - \$150pp, partners welcome

### **Members' Meeting**

9.00am-3.00pm, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Stamford Glenelg, Colley 1-2 Room - \$150pp

### **Members' Social: Hahndorf**

10.00am-4.00pm, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, [Hahndorf](#) - \$150pp, partners welcome

Bus departs Stamford Glenelg at 10.00am, free time on arrival in Hahndorf, followed by lunch at [The Haus Hahndorf](#), and departing Hahndorf at 3.00pm.

### **Event registration closes 18th of May 2015**

**Accommodation** - Superior Rooms have been set aside at the Stamford (subject to availability, so book early) at a rate of \$175 per night (room only). To book, email [reservations@sga.stamford.com.au](mailto:reservations@sga.stamford.com.au) or call reservations on (08) 8376 1222, quoting 'NPCAA Group' or code 'NP2705' and the dates of the event.

[Click here to register](#)



### **For your diary...**

NP Directors' Meeting, Members' Dinner, Members' Meeting, Social - *Brisbane* - 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August

NP Directors' Meeting, Members' Dinner, Members' Meeting, Social - *Melbourne* - 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November

For more precast industry events follow [this link](#).

## DesignBUILD - do you want to man the stand?



## Details needed by Fri 27th March!

DesignBUILD is being held at the Sydney Showgrounds from 28-30th April 2015. NP is exhibiting in a huge 12 x 6m stand which will include a networking café. It is a fantastic way to have a presence with visiting architects, engineers and builders.

Each member will be able to send a maximum of one person per day to man the stand and will be able to bring along a maximum of two types of company promo material to hand out (including brochures and other types of promo items, e.g. rulers, USBs etc).

We are investigating branded business shirts (NP logo + Member) and nametags, to give to those who want to man the stand. As such, we need to know names and sizes! Please email Megan [here](#), before close of business 27<sup>th</sup> March, with the following information:

- Company name
- Name
- Position
- Email address
- Shirt size (S, M, L, XL, XXL).

**\*\*\*\* Note - if you wish to have someone there to man the stand, we MUST have this information by 27th March!**

[Read more](#) about DesignBUILD here.

Save on the \$20 entry fee and register now to attend [here](#).

## Australian Technologies Competition 2015 - Launch Event & Awards

The Australian Technologies Competition identifies, mentors and profiles Australia's best technology SMEs.

Join them to celebrate their success stories from the last four years and learn what's new for 2015.

**When:** Tuesday 24 March, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Where:** KPMG Auditorium, 10 Shelley St, Sydney

**Cost:** Free for NP members to attend but RSVP essential

**RSVP:** [atc15@auscleantech.com.au](mailto:atc15@auscleantech.com.au)  
by COB Friday 20 March

[Read more here.](#)



## IRF – RA Regional Conference for Asia and Australasia

The IRF - RA Regional Conference for Asia and Australia is taking place in Sydney from 4th - 6th May this year. It is a unique opportunity to promote your products and services in front of road transport decision-makers and leaders from across industry and government. The Conference Exhibition takes place over two full days.

[Read more here](#)

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