



Meetings & Events

September 2015

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August Members' Meeting - Highlights

If you didn't manage to come along to the Gold Coast meeting, here's a summary of what we heard about and discussed:

- **Members' Education** - We heard from Ultrafloor's Kevin Crompton (The art of negotiation), Ehab Hamed from UNSW (Researching sandwich panels), Reid's Jeff Stratford (The possibilities of graphic concrete), David Baggs from Global GreenTag (EPDs and Green Star), Damien Richards from Humes (The journey into lean manufacturing), and Sean O'Sullivan from Moray & Agnew (Contract Law & Security of Payments: An update). *Note - if you couldn't be at the meeting or would like a copy of any of these presentations, please contact [Megan](#).*
- **Projects** - We heard about Skytrain from Hanson's John Hewitt - Thanks for sharing John!
- **Members' Spotlight** - Craig Zinn was interviewed by Richard.
- **Full time Technical Services Co-ordinator** - to better serve members, we will be going ahead with plans to recruit someone with precast knowledge and preferably with engineering qualifications. The person will perform tasks previously undertaken by Peter Webb as well as some new tasks and will relieve Sarah from some of her work to enable an increased focus on member recruitment. The office will also be relocated to a larger premises to accommodate.
- **Peter Webb** - was formally thanked for his contribution and we look forward to his continued involvement and contribution as a Professional Associate Individual member.
- **Steel Certification Working Group update** - an NP position will be drafted (supporting ACRS but advocating steel compliance by any one of the four options detailed in AS 4671; not supporting the need for precasters who cut and bend ACRS certified steel to again themselves be ACRS certified) and the position will be discussed with Austroads.
- **Austroads National Prequalification update** - we will request a copy of the latest version and then meet with Austroads.
- **ACRS** - Bob Connell advised that ACRS is running seminars in all cities promoting the use of ACRS certified steel.
- **Exclusion zones** - Jeff Stratford suggested reviewing Part 2 of the new AS 3850 regarding exclusion zones; it was agreed that exclusion zones should be dealt with in an individual project's JSA (due to differences between site conditions, states and builders).
- **Bar chair standard** - a new standard has been published which demands load ratings for bar chairs. An 18 month transition period applies.
- **AS 4671** - revision of the standard is overdue and Standards Australia has asked for committee input as to whether the standard needs reviewing. We will follow up with our rep Gary Connah.
- **Jeff Stratford** - we presented Jeff with a Certificate of Meritorious Service and pen, in recognition for his work on AS 3850.
- **National Code** - following publication of AS 3850, we will make contact with Safe Work Australia to discuss progress on revision of the National Code of Practice.
- **Erection Design** - there was a discussion around the business opportunity for engineers wishing to provide erection design services.
- **Case studies** - we showed the case studies that have been produced since the last meeting.
- **PR coverage** - we showed the coverage we have received in Sourceable, Outdoor Design Source, Roads & Civil magazine and Construction Engineering Australia magazine.

New flooring video - we showed a new video showcasing [Precast Concrete Products' hollowcore at Brisbane State High School](#).



Next Members' Dinner, AGM, Meeting & Social: 19-21 November 2015, Melbourne

The next members' event of 2015 will be held in Melbourne at the [Melbourne Marriott](#). The program is as follows:

Directors' Meeting

9:30am - 3:00pm, Thursday 19th November, Melbourne Marriott, Boardroom 103.
Directors please advise Sarah if you will not be attending.

Members' Dinner

6:45pm - 10:45pm, Thursday 19th November, Old Melbourne Gaol (377 Russell St Melbourne), partners welcome.
Register before Thursday 5th November [here](#).

Members' Meeting (including AGM at 9.10am)

9:00am - 3:30pm, Friday 20th November, Melbourne Marriott, Exhibition Room.
Register before Thursday 5th November [here](#).

Download Notice of AGM [here](#) and **Minutes of the 2014 AGM** [here](#).

Presentations/Precasters' Forum:

If you would like to present at the next meeting, please let us know. First in, and you're on... otherwise you'll have to wait until February. Please [email Sarah](#) if you're interested. And/or... if you'd like to raise an issue for discussion as part of the Precasters' Forum, please contact Sarah about that too.

Members' Social

Saturday 21st November - Dandenong Ranges – Olinda, Lunch on board Puffing Billy - \$150pp
Register before Thursday 5th November [here](#).

- 10.00am - Bus departs Marriott for Olinda.
- 12noon - Bus departs Olinda for Belgrave Station/Puffing Billy.
- 12.30pm – Puffing Billy departs (3 course lunch on board the train).
- 3.45pm – Bus departs Belgrave Station for Marriott (returning approx. 4.45pm).

Accommodation

Premier Rooms have been set aside at the Marriott at a rate of \$260 per night (room only). To book call 03 9660 1171 or email Royston.devaraj@marriott.com.

2016 Members' Meetings

Tentative dates and venues for 2016 Members' Meetings/Dinners are as follows:

25th - 27th February, Hobart
26th - 28th May, Melbourne
25th - 27th August, Perth
17th - 19th November, Sydney

Note - DesignBUILD will be held in Melbourne 4th - 6th May 2016.



New members

PSA

PSA are a Supplier member who joined in July of this year and have locations in Melbourne and Brisbane. PSA, which stands for Plastic Solutions Australia, have an extensive range of plastic component products that service not only precast, but tilt up, civil, and many other industries. We are very happy to welcome Alistair Wood and Tony Kambouris (who some of you would have had the chance to meet at the August event) and the rest of the team on board!



Ecoratio

Ecoratio, our second new Supplier member, also joined in July. Ecoratio is an international company who specialises in developing and supplying environmentally friendly release agents for all concrete applications. They have locations across the world. Brett Beaver, who many of you would have had the chance to meet and welcome at the August Meeting, is located in Queensland. Ecoratio's CEO Michael Hollenbenders, from the Netherlands, was unable to make the meeting but we welcome Ecoratio and we look forward to seeing you both in the future.



Advanced Precast

Many of you would have met Brett Foster from Advanced Precast at the May Meeting and again in August. Advanced is our newest Precaster member, who also joined in July and we are very excited to welcome them to National Precast! Advanced services Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast and the surrounding areas. Brett, we hope you enjoyed your first two NP Meetings and are looking forward to helping you get the most out of your membership.



Member news

Milltrack NQ is now Concrete Products Australia!

Milltrack NQ joined as a Precaster member earlier this year but has recently had a name change. Now, Concrete Products Australia or CPA, Peter and Katrina Faust attended their first Members' Event in August and we were very pleased to meet them. Congratulations on the new name and logo, it all looks great!

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