

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP GROWS FOLLOWING STRUCTURE CHANGE

NATIONAL PRECAST PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS.

National Precast's record membership is a testament to the peak body's valuable contributions to the precast concrete industry in Australia, and its continued growth bodes well for the industry's future.

Precasters, suppliers, and professionals (such as architects, engineers, and head contractors) now have more cost-effective options for membership categories and fees, according to National Precast CEO Sarah Bachmann.

"We are delighted to already be experiencing a great response despite not even having promoted the new membership options yet," Bachmann says.

The following are some of the recent new members of National Precast:

Sunset Sleepers (Precaster) – Specialises in producing engineer-certified reinforced concrete sleepers for various applications. <https://www.sunsetsleepers.com.au/>

Urban Cranes (State Industry Supplier, WA) – With a fleet of modern cranes and experienced operators, the company specialises in high-risk project delivery services to the construction industry. <https://www.urbancranes.com.au/>

Ironside (Provisional Precaster) – With its beginnings in multi-residential apartment construction, precast manufacturing has added a new dimension to the company's capabilities. <https://ironside.com.au/>

PSA (National Industry Supplier) – Supplies consumables, lifting products and specialty services for the precast concrete industry. <https://www.psa.com.au>

Barrason's Engineers (Professional Associate Organisation) – Specialising in precast engineering, Barrason's Engineers provide



National Precast's member update features companies from right around Australia.

structural and civil design services throughout Australia. <https://www.barrasonengineers.com.au>

Dinale Systems (National Industry Supplier) – Australian distributor for the NMB Splice Sleeve, a reinforcing bar connection system consisting of a cylindrical, ductile iron casting sleeve and a special high-strength, non-shrink grout filler. <https://www.splicesleeve.com>

Milwaukee Tool (Industry Partner) – The company's high-quality, reliable tools and accessories that are designed to withstand the demands of tough job site environments are backed by its strong reputation. <https://www.milwaukeetool.com.au>

Novus Precast (Precaster) – Providing customised construction solutions using the latest precast technologies to the south-east Queensland market, the company is a quality-assured manufacturer of precast concrete elements. <https://www.novusprecast.com.au>

Aptus Concrete Connections (National Industry Supplier) – Innovative concrete connections that disrupt traditional construction methods provide faster, safer, and more efficient construction solutions. <https://aptus.systems>

Total Precast Systems (Precaster) – With the ability to provide customized precast solutions to suit specific project needs, the company offers a diverse range of concrete precast products in northern NSW. <https://www.facebook.com/totalprecastsystems/>

Action Solution (Affiliate Precaster) – With a team of experienced engineers and designers, the company's wide range of concrete precast products suit a variety of applications in WA. <https://www.actionsolution.com.au>

Hunter Precast (Affiliate Precaster) – Designs, manufactures and installs a diverse range of precast concrete products throughout the Newcastle and Hunter Valley regions in NSW. <https://hunterprecast.com.au>

Construc (Professional Associate Organisation) – Provides design, documentation and inspection services to the construction, civil and temporary works industry throughout Australia. <https://www.construc.com.au/>

ARP Training (Professional Associate Organisation) – Offers government-funded nationally accredited worker education to precast manufacturers and allied stakeholders based in Victoria. <https://arp-training.com.au>

PIPE CAPACITY GROWS IN THE WEST TO MEET DEMAND

THE AUSTRALIAN DEMAND FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPES IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. ONE NATIONAL MASTER PRECASTER HAS RISEN TO THE OCCASION TO MEET THE DEMAND AS NATIONAL PRECAST WRITES.

Longstanding Master Precaster MJB Industries is one of the leading Western Australian manufacturers of high quality concrete pipe and spun liners. Its only bi-directional pipe plant is operating at capacity, with a production schedule that has been booked several months ahead.

Because the supply shortage has disrupted the precaster's clients and caused project delays, the company made a decision in early 2022 to install a second pipe plant.

According to National Precast CEO Sarah Bachmann, this comes as welcome news to head contractors.

"MJB has an impressive and long track record of reliably supplying the Western

Australian market with reinforced concrete pipes. In fact, they were the first of our members to attain the Master Precaster membership status," Bachmann says.

Reinforced concrete pipes are renowned for their ease and safety of installation and their durability.

"They provide an excellent return on investment over the long haul," she adds.

Work started on the new plant in July 2022 and has an expected completion date of June 30 2023.

MJB's Director Kim Hovey is excited about the increased capacity the new plant will deliver.

"We expect we will be able to double our production with this new plant. That comes as great news to our clients who have had long wait times on pipe supply for several months now. It'll certainly help them to stay on track with project timelines," Hovey says.

The company has faced challenges itself in building the new plant, with long lead times on sourcing parts and components, due to continued and ongoing manufacturing and freight disruptions. Despite the delays, the company has – where possible – sourced local materials to ensure the timely completion of the plant. Bachmann says that not only will the new plant help the manufacturer stay competitive, but it will also create new employment opportunities and boost economic growth in the Australian market. ■

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According to National Precast, the global concrete pipe market is expected to reach an estimated \$28.8 billion by 2027 amid a national infrastructure boom and skills shortage.