

## Ensure your concrete fixes are award quality

You have sick or suspect concrete. Your choice of concrete specialist must surely come from an organisation about whom independent judges have said, "the members' Award entries were extraordinary".

That organisation is ACRA and the awards are the ACRA Awards for Excellence in Concrete Repair.

And lest you regard these self-serving awards, consider...

- Entries were endorsed by a letter signed by each asset owner, manager or advisor.
- If there were no "stand-out" entries, the judges vowed not to pick a winner at all!

### Over \$1 million

In this category, a joint win was posted on the basis of the equal difficulty and level of skill while working in confined spaces. Also there were OH&S, environmental and heritage issues. These featured both in the work by Metropolitan Restorations on Tunks Park Aqueduct and by Savcor ART relining the 3 metre diameter conduit at Potts Hill Reservoir.

### \$0.5-1 million

Here, project management demanded the ICAC Building be repaired around the client's security needs, site and noise restrictions. The winner, RM Watson, had to work at height on a site highly visible to the public.

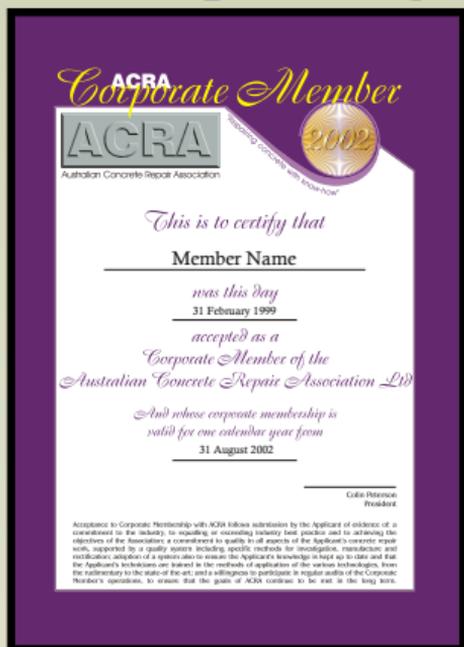
Also in this category, Metropolitan Restorations gained High Commendation for repairs on North Georges River Submain.

### Under \$500,000

Again the winner, RM Watson endured 50°C conditions, working within congested pipework, to repair Caltex Plant 11's Boiler House. Working close to hot pipes, safety, ventilation and dehydration had to be dealt with.

### Innovation

Savcor ART's win was for corrosion rate monitoring be-



**MEMBER CERTIFICATES RESEMBLE AWARDS. BOTH ARE FOR WINNERS** cause of its potential to help asset managers tackle maintenance proactively, scheduling repair before damage progresses too far.

### Performance

This went to RM Watson for 1978-82 repairs to Sydney's Water Board building. This included locating and cutting out 10,000 gal fixing straps whose corrosion was causing the facade to spall, patching and finishing. Non-destructive tests in 2000 found that the repairs have remained sound.

### Back the winners

Clearly an ACRA Award should impress you. But **note that only contractors are eligible and behind the winners are ACRA consultants and materials suppliers.**

Then there are all the other ACRA members who didn't win this year but who have in the past and will again in the future—inevitably **because of their commitment to "world's best practice".**

So to check credentials, ask contractor, consultant and materials supplier alike to **show you their awards, yes, but more importantly, their current ACRA Member's Certificate** (or visit the ACRA website to check status). That way you can be assured that **when you need concrete repaired, you'll be "backing the winners".** ■