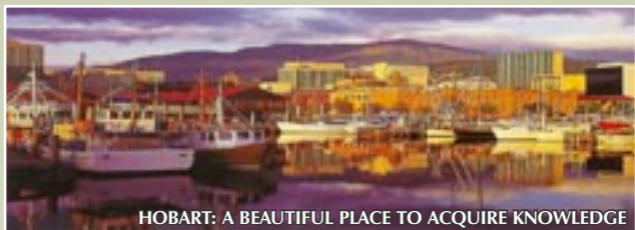


2006: the year we make war on corrosion!



HOBART: A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE

The New Year will see new initiatives by ACRA:

- a revamped website
- **publication of the first revision to the *Guide to Concrete Repair***
- launch of a new one-day course designed for the hands-on concrete repair practitioner
- the first technical seminar in early March
- the ***Corrosion and Prevention 2006 Conference***, staged jointly with the Australasian Corrosion Association (ACA) in November
- the biennial ACRA Awards.

That's a tall order, but the Association's executive is focussed on giving ACRA members value and knowledge for their dollars.

ACRA will also be welcoming aboard some new members this year (details to come).

One-stop website

The website will be revamped to make it a one-stop reference location for those who use ACRA services and for its members, as well as providing the background on what ACRA is all about.

ACRA's new one day course, developed with ACA, will aim at those who actually do concrete repair work on-site, as well as those who supervise the work.

Updated Guide

The first revision of the ***Guide to Concrete Repair***, the definitive book on concrete repair in Australia, will be prepared, including expanded sections on the latest techniques.

The discussion-provoking

series of ACRA seminars will continue, **the first seminar, "Definitions of Structural Defects"**, to be held in early March.

Super congress

Corrosion and Prevention 2006, Steel and Concrete: Nothing Lasts Forever will be staged in picturesque Hobart, Tasmania, November 19–22.

The event will feature **lectures, presentations, seminars, forums, demonstrations, tours and workshops.**

It will inform those in aerospace, land and marine transport, conservation and restoration, defence, education, energy and water utilities, oil and gas, mining, materials handling, manufacturing, petrochemicals, plant and infrastructure, and research.

Call for papers

Topics for papers to be delivered at this event include:

- case studies
- cathodic protection
- infrastructure and buildings
- corrosion monitoring and assessment
- elevated temperature attack
- life prediction and extension
- management systems
- protective coatings
- polymers, composites and elastomers
- resistant materials

For full details on this event, see www.corrosion.com.au.

ACRA Awards

Members should begin thinking about their submissions for ***ACRA Awards for Excellence in Concrete Repair***; to **show asset owners and managers how well we make war on corrosion!** ■