

Members' dues deserve association DOs in 2009

2008 saw six major players in concrete repair join ACRA, in clear recognition that the association delivers valuable outcomes for them as members, for their industry and indeed for the nation's asset owners and managers.

Best in the biz

This takes the corporate membership to a long list of the best this country has to offer among consultants, contractors and suppliers of materials and equipment relevant to concrete repair.

2009 promises still more "DOs for your dues", according to ACRA's president, Henk van den Heuvel.

Prized recruits

"For starters, in a win-win for members looking to recruit qualified talent and for engineering undergraduates seeking a rewarding career, ACRA is working with the University of NSW's Structural Engineering department to develop lectures and fourth year thesis topics.

"Further, ACRA is aiming to offer a prize for the best final year thesis.

"In 2009, we'll also review the new European standard, EN 1504, to ensure a match with our own HB84 Australian Standards *Guide to Concrete Repair*.

Point scoring

"Our seminar and training course program is being expanded to reach out to those in other states.

"This initiative begins in Adelaide on March 11 where, in conjunction with CIA, we'll be staging a concrete repair seminar. This will be duplicated in Melbourne and likely expanded beyond.

"Meanwhile, dates for the two-day ACRA/ACA accreditation course on corrosion and protection of reinforced concrete are themselves 'set in concrete', namely:



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- Adelaide 18–19 February
- Newcastle 11–12 March
- Brisbane 6–7 April
- Sydney 19–20 May
- Perth 9–10 June
- Hobart 21–22 July
- NZ 22–23 September.

"We advise booking early for a place in these courses, which are prized both by the attending students—even those with degrees—for the additional qualifications they add to their portfolio and by their employers for the expertise the company gains," Henk advises.

"We are also looking at the possibility of a shortened one-day version for those who might find the two-day course more technical than their needs warrant.

Keep performing

"Meanwhile, auditing of our membership is due for completion in 2009 to ensure all members continue to deliver world's best practice in concrete repair.

Tender lists

"Our website will continue to offer useful information, including a one-point resource for building tender lists, complete with CVs and contacts," Henk concludes.

Moral is...

ACRA is highly organised and committed to "setting the standards in concrete repair".

For wannabe members: only those who can meet that challenge need apply.

For asset owners and managers: why would you settle for anyone less? ■