

### 2023-2024 ACRA Board Members

Kieran Smith (ACRA President) – Freyssinet - NSW	Contractor
Mike Rutherford - (ACRA Vice President) Conspectus – QLD	Consultant
Peter Johnsson – ACOR Consultants – NSW	Consultant
Grahame Vile – BAAM Consultants – NSW	Consultant
Justin Rigby – Remedy Asset Protection - VIC	Consultant
Johnny Au – GHD – WA	Consultant
Tom Wenzel – SRG Global – VIC	Contractor
Phil Browne – Elite Concrete Protection & Repair – WA	Contractor
Tim Billing – Eptec Group – QLD	Contractor
Sam Coady – RM Watson – NSW	Contractor
Deane Diprose – Duratec – NSW	Contractor
Chris Jakovljevic – Remedial Building Services – NSW	Contractor
Harvey Welman – Ardex Australia – NSW	Supplier
Karen Amery – SIKA Australia – NSW	Supplier
Hamid Khan – Fosroc - NSW	Supplier
Brian Kaye – Duoguard – VIC	Supplier

#### Tom Wenzel – SRG Global (Contractor)



Tom holds the position of National Business Development Manager – Remedial for SRG Global. He is member of ACRA's Victorian Branch Committee. Tom is an experienced Technical & Business Development Manager, Chartered Professional Engineer and ACA certified Corrosion Technologist with over 30 years' experience in built- infrastructure life extension, rehabilitation and maintenance. His knowledge spans design, construction, project and corrosion management as well as cathodic protection. Tom has worked throughout Australia and New Zealand and across the Asia Pacific Region including Singapore, PNG, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Korea, Indonesia and Myanmar. He has

held Senior Management positions covering general and business management, business and strategic development, design and technical management, project management and construction as well as consulting engineering.

#### Phil Browne – Elite Concrete Protection and Repair (Contractor)



Since completing Trade Qualification in 1995, Phil Browne has been within the construction and remedial industry working closely with Leaders developing long standing relationships. With strength and knowledge in remediating concrete structures, engineered waterproofing systems for Infrastructure Projects, Phil as Managing Director established Elite CPR with Suzanne in 2009 to meet the market demand and provide specialist remedial services. With the addition of integrated teams, Elite provides over 50 years combined knowledge and experience.

“We pride ourselves in providing professional and quality workmanship using innovative solutions, techniques and materials to repair and maintain concrete/steel structures, reinstating the structural integrity and durability on new and existing structures”.

#### Tim Billing – Eptec Group (Contractor)



Tim has over 15 years' experience in the corrosion industry, with majority of that time spent on concrete repair and protection systems.

He holds a Cert iii in waterproofing, Cert iv in building and Construction and an SSPC CCI2 inspector ticket.

Tim has been involved in industry engagement for several years, enjoying the education process including presenting on roadshows / seminars and working with industry groups He is also currently the chairman of the ACA's Applicator Technical Group and on the committee of the ACRA QLD Sub Committee.

As QLD State Manager for Eptec, he has a focus on major infrastructure Preservation and Rehabilitation, has a passion for looking at wholistic asset life management, and enjoys working with some of the more challenging projects around bridges, tunnels, water retaining structures and other significant infrastructure.

### **Sam Coady – RM Watson (Contractor)**



Sam Coady is the Managing Director of RM Watson, a pioneering contractor in the remedial building industry, specialising in the repair and upgrade of structures across the heritage, commercial and residential sectors. Sam's diverse and practical knowledge of remedial construction stems from over 16 years of on-site experience, having previously worked as a Project Manager and then Construction Manager. He now directly oversees the delivery of all RM Watson projects, working closely with consultants and suppliers across all stages from design development, tendering, to project delivery. Sam has managed the delivery of several ACRA Award winning projects, including the 2020 Commercial Project for Northpoint Tower, North Sydney Over Cladding and the 2020 Residential Project for El Hacienda, Freshwater. He plays a key role in the continued growth and strategic development of RM Watson.

### **Deane Diprose – Duratec Australia (Contractor)**



Deane is an Executive Manager of Duratec. Now Sydney based, Deane has been providing clients around Australia and overseas with concrete protection and remediation services since 1980. His experience spans across the building and facade, defence, oil and gas, mining, transport, water infrastructure, energy, marine and resources sectors.

As one of the founding Directors of both Duratec Australia and DDR Australia, Deane has been involved in the success and growth of the businesses since 2010. His current role as Executive Manager sees him supporting the growth of Duratec Australia in NSW and the ACT.

Deane's interests lie in business development, early contractor involvement, tendering, all aspects of project delivery and of course, concrete.

Deane has headed several ACRA award winning projects. These include the 2002 Projects over \$1M Award for the Potts Hill Reservoir, the 2014 Buildings & Remedial Award for Excellence for The Old Treasury Building project and more recently, the 2020 Mega Projects Award, 2020 Marine & Wharves Award and 2020 Remedial Industry Excellence Award for the HMAS Stirling Redevelopment 3A project.

### **Chris Jakovljevic – Remedial Building Services (Contractor)**



Chris Jakovljevic is a company Director at Remedial, one of longest-running remedial building companies in Australia. With over 20 years' experience across all areas of remedial building – including concrete repair, waterproofing, strengthening and protective coatings – he brings a wealth of technical knowledge and an in-depth understanding of industry issues.

Chris is a highly-skilled leader that has delivered multiple challenging and high-profile remedial projects across the commercial, residential, institutional and industrial sectors. He is recognised for his ability to add value and find innovative solutions. With multiple technical accreditations to his name and a passion for new technologies, Chris works tirelessly to ensure best-practice outcomes. Chris is a fully qualified builder and holds a Bachelor of Engineering (UTS), diploma in Building Studies and diploma in Building Contracts.

### **Harvey Welman – Ardex Australia (Supplier)**



Harvey Welman has over 32 years within the construction industry, including 16 years specifically within the Concrete Durability / Remedial and Waterproofing market segment.

Harvey holds Contractor Licensing & Supervisor Certificates in Waterproofing, Plumbing and Bonded Asbestos Removal.

Harvey currently works as the Waterproofing & General Construction Manager at Ardex Australia focussing on a 'holistic approach' to the refurbishment and rectification of structures within the New South Wales market: this includes crack injection, concrete repair, render systems, flooring reinstatement, waterproofing and façade coatings.

### **Brian Kaye – Duoguard (Supplier)**



National Technical & Business Manager – Remedial for Duoguard Australia.

Brian has over 28 years' experience as a contractor, project manager, business development and consultant in the concrete repair and protection industry.

My history and experience includes extensive practical experience and specialist material knowledge with concrete waterproofing and protective systems including cathodic protection treatments to extend the life of assets. Brian also has extensive experience with performing condition assessments to assess the current condition and cause of deterioration and offers remedial options to the clients. I work closely with asset owners and government authorities to identify needs for specialist products and systems to provide both protection and rehabilitation of major infrastructure and assets. Brian works closely with Concrete preservation technologies in the United Kingdom and is passionate and innovative about the concrete industry and the associations we make along the way.

Favored projects include, Bogong power Station, Tsim Sha Tsui tunnel, Tsuen wan west tunnel and Tuluk gong power station projects.

Associations include.

- Australasian Concrete Repair Association [Vic - President]
- Concrete Institute of Australia
- Australian Corrosion Association

### **Karen Amery – SIKA Australia (Supplier)**



Karen is the NSW Specification Consultant for SIKA Australia. A Senior Sales Professional with more than 20 years' experience in Sales, Marketing, Management & Technical roles across the combined with degrees in Science and postgraduate Business.

Applying a high commercial acumen, demonstrated experience in Key Account Management, Business Development and Sales Management roles. My professional style is collaborative with focus on enabling the success of the business, team and as individual contributors. As a strategic thinker I have track record of developing and executing Sales strategies for positive change in both business growth and profitability.

I enjoy the opportunity to lead and contribute to winning of Key Projects and Tenders. I have enjoyed participating in Due Diligence process for business acquisitions and other strategic business projects.



### **Hamid Khan – Fosroc (Supplier)**

Fosroc's Hamid Khan is a forensic engineering specialist and industry-recognised specialist in structural concrete repairs. As the Product Segment Specialist (ANZ) Hamid's role is to harness high-performing technologies to respond to complex repairs and applications with 26 years of experience in the industry.

Hamid was able to see repair products in action on a vast range of projects in the Gulf, Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Hamid's trusted expertise is demonstrated by his regular speaking roles at industry conferences, seminars, and numerous published articles. He is the director on the board of the Australasian Concrete Repair & Remedial Building Association (ACRA) and a past president of ACRA.

Hamid holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a double Master's in Business and Strategy from the University of Wollongong. He is certified in Concrete Technology and Construction by the City & Guilds of London Institute (UK).



### **Johnny Au – GHD (Consultant)**

Johnny is a Senior Materials Engineer with 20+ years' experience working in asset durability, condition assessment and remedial design. His skillset spans across materials investigation, durability study, cathodic protection systems design, concrete thermal crack risk assessment, on-site inspection and testing of concrete and steel structures. Recent experiences include a role as Design Manager for a major redevelopment project with concrete repair and structural steel refurbishment for wharves and bridges.

Johnny has been involved in the ACRA WA branch committee since 2016 and is the current ACRA WA President.

### **Justin Rigby – Remedy Asset Protection (Consultant)**



Justin is a NATA accredited consultant for Clients that require consulting and inspection in protection or refurbishment of concrete and steel assets, including; condition assessment, project advisory and independent auditing including concrete repair inspection services.

Justin has extensive experience in the remedial industry over 25 years and is an AMPP lecturer, Level 2 Bridge Inspector and serves as Chairperson of the ACA, Coatings Technical Group along with being on the ACRA Victorian Branch committee.

Justin has authored a number of papers for publication in prestigious journals and has presented at international conferences and in Australia with regard to protection of concrete and steel using repair and coatings technologies.

He has a passion for project delivery and his focus is on introducing efficiencies and building team based strategies with enhanced performance and cost benefits for Clients and their suppliers.

## Grahame Vile - BAAM Consulting (Consultant)



Since 1996 Grahame has been predominantly in building asset management, specialising in condition assessment and remediation of the built environment. His Master of Engineering Studies at Sydney University in 2001 was focused on concrete deterioration assessment and remediation. He is the Managing Director of BAAM Consulting, a remedial consultancy providing strata, commercial, insurance and expert witness services. He would like to play bass better.

He continues active involvement in industry associations including being one of ACRA's technical presenters since 2012.

Aims with ACRA:

- Get the 1 day remedial waterproofing course up and running,
- Continue supporting our growth objectives,
- Continue involvement on NSW Committee,
- Continue to expand our industry influence and reputation of the Association and its Members.

## Peter Johnsson – ACOR (Consultant)



Peter is a Principal of ACOR's Remedial Engineering, Building Diagnostics & Facades group. He has over 25 years' specialist experience in the diagnosis and repair of concrete and building structures, facades and waterproofing. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for The Australasian Concrete Repair Association since 2004, and President twice.

He is a member of ACRA's Technical & Training and Promotions committees and was

responsible for the update of HB84 along with presenting ACRA's One-day course in Concrete Repair and Protection. Peter was one of the main contributors to the online TAFE short

course and is actively involved in assisting the NSW remedial industry in negotiations with the NSW government over the implications of the Design and Building Practitioners Act.

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## Kieran Smith (ACRA President 2021-2023)– Freyssinet (Contractor)



Kieran Smith is the NSW Business Development Manager for Freyssinet Australia Pty Ltd, a leading provider of specialist remedial engineering and repair services to commercial, residential, industrial and infrastructure assets.

Kieran has over 20 years' experience in the remediation industry and has previously worked across the country as both a Project Supervisor and Project Manager. Kieran's experience in the industry has been solely focussed on the provision of remediation works and has both hands-on and design experience in providing asset repair solutions including concrete repair, structural strengthening, waterproofing and façade upgrades works.

Kieran has been involved with many significant projects during his time in the industry, such as Australia Square, The MLC Centre, Geraldton Silos, Sydney Opera House and The Star.

## Mike Rutherford (Vice President of ACRA 2021-2023) – Conspectus (Consultant)



Mike is the Principal of Conspectus (QLD) Pty Ltd, an independent consulting company providing specialised asset maintenance engineering and asset management support services. Mike has in excess of 35+ years' experience in concrete remediation and protection gained through product development and marketing, contracting and consultancy positions and currently holds positions with ACRA Queensland Sub-branch Committee and the ACA Applicator Technical Group. Industry Corporate and Individual Memberships are held with ACRA, ACA, CIA, NACE, SSPC



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