

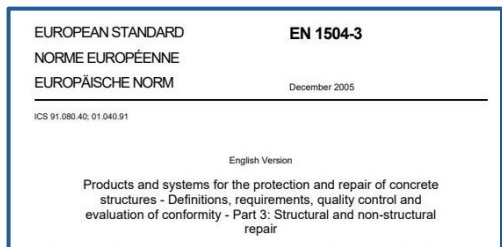


President's Message

Local events have always been one of the cornerstones of ACRA's activities and this year our state events are more popular than ever. Over the past 6 weeks more than 250 people have attended events in NSW, QLD, VIC and WA over April and May. It has been a pleasure to connect with new members and reconnect with long standing members at these events.

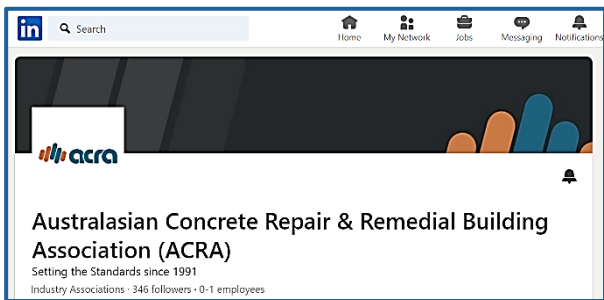
Our ACRA Board, Committees and Sub-Committees have been actively engaging in exciting activities to promote excellence in remedial building. With more details to follow over coming months, this year we are pleased to announce the following.

Appointment of AI Group as our new Executive Officer, welcome to our advisor Derrick Addison who can be contacted on our new number 02 6041 0608 or info@acrassoc.com.au. I am very pleased with this transition process and the support for improvement in governance has been invaluable.



Our "Setting the Standards" initiative to apply for the local adoption of EN1504 Standard for the Repair & Protection of Concrete Structures as a local Australian Standard. Our working group under the Technical Committee is under formation, we have received many expressions of interests however if you are interested in participating in this initiative send your CV to our main email address.

Coming Soon: A new 1-day training course in "Remedial Waterproofing", watch our website and LinkedIn page for dates!



Launch of our new ACRA LinkedIn company page in the past few weeks, followers are growing fast and if you haven't followed us yet then you can do so [here](#).



It's finally here after a long hiatus, our next issue of "Remedial Connections"!

It is only fitting that we recognise the award winning projects from our "[2023 Remedial Industry Excellence Awards](#)".

I congratulate everyone involved in the awards and share this with pride of the work of ACRA members

Karen Amery
President
May 2024

ATTENTION CORPORATE MEMBERS

We are updating our website so Corporate members can add additional colleagues to the distribution list, until this is completed, please distribute this newsletter to your team.

Industry Engagement

Remedial Waterproofing

ACRA are pleased to be invited to speak and participate in panel sessions at the upcoming “Construction & Waterproofing in 2024” events by Construction Connect. We will also have an ACRA trade display table and ACRA representatives on hand to answer questions on our new Remedial Waterproofing Training, sign new members, engage with asset owners / manager and hear your feedback. For tickets and further information:

[Sydney – 14 June](#) (*hear from Matt Press - Executive Director, Building Operations & Assistant Building Commissioner*)

[Newcastle – 12 July](#)

[Melbourne – 9 August](#) (*hear from Anna Cronin CEO of the Victorian Building Authority*)

[Brisbane – 11 October](#)

ACRA Advocacy Committee Update

The Board has recently acknowledged the outstanding work of the NSW Advocacy team. The Advocacy team has worked tirelessly for the past three years to advocate for the remedial industry in NSW. Thank you, Deborah Lockart (lead), Helen Kowal, Tom Mackay, Peter Johnsson and Grahame Vile for your enormous commitment over the past three years in driving the remedial-government consultation process in NSW.

The ‘new’ legislation introduced in NSW in July 2021, the Design and Building Practitioners Act and related regulation, has significantly impacted the industry. The advocacy work has generated outstanding outcomes for the remedial industry in NSW and has proven very positive for ACRA’s external profile in NSW.

Deborah recently was invited to present to the ACRA Board about the NSW remedial-government advocacy work. She presented an overview of the past three years of consultation with the government and provided insights for how ACRA might develop our advocacy work nationally, along with a discussion on the proposed NCC 2025 nationally.

ACRA will be preparing a response to the public consultation, and we are currently reviewing the waterproofing and water shedding provisions. Thank you to the Advocacy and Technical Committees.

Early review and feedback identify the challenges for the remedial industry in meeting the proposed provisions of the NCC 2025. We hope to share an early draft of our response, for members to refer and provide feedback. We also encourage members to submit a response to the public consultation process.

We are exploring the role of the States and Territories in regulating the remedial industry in relation to the provisions outlined in the NCC.

Members are encouraged to attend ABCB public NCC 2025 presentations, either in person or webinars. [Here is more information.](#)

If you have not caught up on these changes we encourage you to do so as this will likely require state based legislative solutions. ACRA will prepare and submit a response, however there is not much time before closing date of 1 July 2024.

ACRA Training Courses

Concrete Repair & Protection / Remedial Waterproofing

The “Concrete Repair & Protection” and “Remedial Waterproofing” 1 day training courses will be offered according to demand for each location. It is a priority we have local trainers wherever possible. For expressions of interest contact your local state sub-committee or send an email to info@acrassoc.com.au

State Updates

ACRA New South Wales

From the NSW President, Grahame Vile & Vice-President Deb Lockart

We are pleased to be writing to you again, during this very busy time of year. We all no doubt are feeling under the pump with our heavy workloads and trying to keep up with the demands of our remedial work. Despite the business we are all fortunate to be able to enjoy our ACRA connections and networking. It is through our ACRA connections and networking that we gain great insights and build our collective knowledge.

Your NSW Sub-Committee has been working hard to plan and deliver meaningful events for ACRA members. In May we scheduled two events, both well attended. Thank you all for your interest and support.

The June event, *Panel discussion - Matt Press joins the Advocacy Committee* to talk all things DBP and related regulations provides an important opportunity for members to hear directly from the regulator. Yes, you guessed, this event is almost sold out! It goes without saying that you should attend! See detail below.

Celebrating Excellence.

Our celebration recognised outstanding achievements by all NSW Members who submitted projects to the ACRA Remedial Industry Excellence Awards 2023 (ACRA Awards). Our sincere thanks to our remedial colleagues for presenting your Award-winning projects. Thank you Dapcor, Freyssinet, Remedial, Slab Tech and RM Watson.

Our National President Karen Amery announced on the night that NSW will be hosting the 2025 Celebrating Excellence Awards Night. So, watch out Sydney! The NSW Sub-Committee looks forward to working with the Board in planning our 2025 Excellence Awards night.



The Changing Legislative Landscape and the Remedial Industry.

Thank you to ACRA member and lawyer Helen Kowal of SWAAB for presenting about legislative change and how this is impacting our industry. ACRA is grateful to be working with Helen Kowal, SWAAB lawyers, in her capacity as ACRA NSW Advocacy Committee member, forging change for the remedial building industry.



Helen provided insights into the key legislation impacting the strata-remedial building industry. Helen and Deb also talked about the remedial-government consultation and the work of the ACRA Advocacy Committee. Our June event will share more of our work.

It is important that we maintain an awareness of the changing legislative landscape in assuring the future success of our remedial businesses and the industry more broadly.

NSW Remedial-Government Consultation Panel discussion with Matt Press and ACRA's Advocacy Committee (ACRA members only)

Matt Press, Building Commission NSW joins ACRA's Advocacy committee in a Panel discussion to discuss the regulatory changes and the remedial industry. We look forward to sharing our consultation outcomes and our current priorities.

This event is nearly sold out. [Book your ticket here.](#)

Panel Discussion
Matt Press joins ACRA's Advocacy Committee

Remedial-Government Consultation

- Deborah Lockart (IRMM Consultants)
- Helen Kowal (SWAAB)
- Peter Johnson (VICOR)
- Tom Meehan (Diagnostech)
- Grahame Vile (ACRA)
- Panel guest member - Matt Press, Building Commission NSW

Planning our 2024 NSW events

We have had a big start to 2024 and would like to deliver meaningful opportunities with your input. We are yet to confirm the July – December 2024 schedule and welcome your early suggestions. Please email info@acrassoc.com.au

The three events we have pencilled are:

- ACRA consultation with members. EN 1504 Repair and Protection of Concrete Structures, adoption as a local Standard.
- Site Productivity, presented by Matt Stevens
- Christmas event

Professional Development – NSW TAFE Free Courses

As you may be aware, TAFE is providing various courses free (short term). Construct NSW and TAFE have a free course on asbestos. There are other free courses. Here is the [link](#)



This is an excellent opportunity for all practitioners to provide essential training for site staff. On top of this, it is free! Asbestos awareness for remedial practitioners is imperative. Employers have a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of their workers. For employees, you need to participate in WHS in your workplace. Regardless of the employer instructing workers to do this course, all remedial workers should simply do it, literally for one's own health and longevity.

Sponsorships

A temporary pause has been placed on sponsorships while we work on an improved process to ensure transparency and opportunity to access sponsorship to all members. We understand the interest in this member benefit and hope to have this available to all once again very soon.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	LINK
ACRA NSW Remedial – Government Consultation – Panel discussion with Matt Press and ACRA's Advocacy Committee	21 Jun 2024	👉
ACRA VIC Safety and Innovation in the Construction Industry	04 Jul 2024	👉
ACRA ACA Concrete Structures & Buildings 2 day : online	25 Jul 2024	👉
ACA/ACRA Corrosion and Protection of Concrete Structures and Buildings: online	25 Jul 2024	👉
ACRA WA Concrete Crack Investigation & Repairs	7 Aug 2024	👉
ACRA WA Case Study – What can go wrong? How we fix it?	30 Oct 2024	👉
ACRA WA End of Year Celebration	27 Nov 2024	👉

Useful Links

- [Guide to Standard Method of Measurement of Repair Quantities – FREE](#)
- Where to find your [local state President and Sub-Committees](#) and [national ACRA Board](#)
- Industry events: Did you know that ACRA is a member of the Concrete Institute of Australia?
 - [CIA WA Concrete Durability - 11 June](#)
 - [CIA Webinar NCC 2025 & Concrete 13 June](#)
 - [CIA VIC Annual Engineering Trade Exhibition 23 July - featuring ACRA stand](#)
- Ai Group 's Centre for Education and Training have released their third data release from the Skills and Workforce [Survey 2024](#).