

Australasian Concrete Repair & Remedial Building Association Newsletter



President's Message

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching, and our preparations are in full swing to celebrate the accomplishments of our Association over the past year.

I would like to invite our membership to visualise our 2025 Remedial Building Industry Awards for Excellence and consider what we want to achieve during this time, some thoughts and ideas to inspire:

Now is a great time to participate in ACRA whether joining as a Board member (nominations open soon), Committee or Sub-Committee member

- What projects are you working on which would make a great Award entry for 2025?
- Maybe think about applying to upgrade from an Individual to becoming a peer recognised Corporate member?
- There so many more opportunities for networking, learning, sponsorship and promotion of remedial building excellence to think about!

To set the scene for another big year ahead we ask for the support of all members and especially Corporate members who have voting rights to attend in person or assign a proxy to our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Grace Hotel in Sydney on Friday 15 November 2024, followed by a cocktail event.

It is essential that we achieve a quorum to vote on Board Members and updates to our rules known as the "Articles of Association". I look forward to seeing you all in person.

Membership Update

Member Contacts

Members will now be able to add extra contacts to their Company Profile.

Login to your [Company Dashboard](#) and scroll down to Additional Contacts. Enter the person's details including the state they reside in and tick the box if you want to make the contact visible in the Member Directory on the website. Enter up to 20 additional contacts by clicking on Add a Person.

+ Add a person

Scroll to the bottom of the page and Update Profile.

This will be helpful if an organisation has multiple offices across the Country. ACRA State correspondence will be then emailed to those contacts.

2024 2025 Membership Fees.

Firstly, thank you to those that have renewed their ACRA membership. Your continued support greatly benefits our industry.

By now, you should have received your 2024-2025 membership invoice. If not, don't worry, reminders will be sent out. Remember, your membership comes with great benefits, including discounts on event tickets, networking opportunities, end of year members' celebration, and the upcoming Annual General Meeting. To enjoy these benefits, please make sure to process your payment at your earliest convenience.

IMPORTANT: To be considered financial and eligible to participate in the AGM, Corporate Members must pay their 2024-2025 membership fees at least one month prior to the AGM.

New Members

ACRA continues to increase its membership. Thank you to the following for their partnership and support.

Corporate Member

BiM | Remedial Building Specialist

Individual Members

Dale Stacey
Gavin Yates
Mojtaba Shariati
Paul Laverty
James Miller
William Zang

Welcome!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in person this year, offering an opportunity for members to reconnect in person.

ACRA must comply with several legislative frameworks, including the Corporations Act 2021 and the ACRA Constitution. One of ACRA's key obligations is to ensure that at least 33% of Corporate (financial) members are present at the AGM to achieve a quorum.

We hope that our members will support ACRA's AGM. Our Board has worked hard over the past 12 months, in ensuring that ACRA has a viable future. Please make time to attend the AGM and be a part of this exciting change.

The AGM will provide you with an opportunity to:

- Gain insights into our company's performance and future
- Understand our governance model
- Participate in important decision-making processes
- Network with fellow ACRA members and stakeholders
- Voice your opinions and ask questions

The board members will vacate all positions except for the President, who under the current constitution has a 2-year term, all other positions will be nominated for and voted in by those in attendance or their proxy. For those that are unable to attend you will be able to nominate a proxy to represent your vote.

The Agenda will contain the following

- Review the financial reports
- Discuss past year's activities
- Elect board members
- Vote on important issues (e.g. The ACRA Constitution)
- Questions.

It will be great to see as many ACRA members join in at the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 15 November 2024 in Sydney. The event will be held at the beautiful Grace Hotel, 77 York Street, Sydney.

Welcome and afternoon tea: 3:30pm
Annual General Meeting: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Please reserve your place [HERE](#). This is a Free event.

In supporting the AGM, the NSW Christmas Event has been planned. The NSW Sub-Committee hopes that this will provide an opportunity for members across Australia to come together, network and celebrate all things ACRA! Look out for more details over the next couple of weeks, keep your eye out for the official AGM invitation.

NSW Christmas Event

NSW Christmas Celebration.

In supporting the ACRA Board, the NSW ACRA Sub-Committee has graciously agreed to host this year's NSW Christmas Event in conjunction with the AGM.

When: Friday, 15 November 2024
Where: The Grace Hotel, 77 York Street, Sydney.
Time: 6pm to 9pm
Type: Drinks & Canapés

The ACRA Events web site will be updated shortly for you to reserve your place.



ACRA Advocacy Committee Update

By Deb Lockart, Advocacy lead

The ACRA Advocacy Team (Grahame Vile, Peter Johnsson, Tom Mackay, Helen Kowal and I) continue to work hard in representing the remedial industry.

New South Wales

Our three year-long NSW consultation process has moved to the next 'chapter'. It is now time to introduce other stakeholders to the consultation process. It is important that the broader community understands the issues as they present for the remedial building industry.

[ACRA's co-authored paper](#) with the NSW Government's working group outlines our progress and offers next steps. Our focus is **how do we regulate the remedial industry in promoting the maintenance and renewal of strata buildings**.

Our paper proposes alternative planning pathways, appropriate to remedial building work, in supporting well maintained and renewed strata buildings. We need regulation that is proportionate to strata-remedial work. We encourage you to read this paper and share with your colleagues.

NSW Government Roundtable

For NSW, our focus now is to broaden the consultation and include numerous stakeholders in our remedial- government consultation process. Last month, *Building Commission NSW* hosted a roundtable discussion. The Advocacy team presented our co-authored consultation paper.

The roundtable included representatives from: the Building Commission NSW, Planning Department, Local Government, ACRA Advocacy Committee, Certifiers; Architects, Engineers Australia, Master Builders, Strata, Owners Corporation Network, Housing Industry Association, Building Designers Association.

Matt Press, *Acting Building Commissioner*, confirmed that this group will meet again in a couple of months to further explore our reform ideas and how we may be able to resolve the issues outlined in our paper.

Important to this conversation is the proposed building regulatory reform underway in NSW. I write more about this below.

Here is my [LinkedIn Post](#) about that NSW roundtable discussion.

Building Commission NSW

Congratulations to Matt Press, who is the Acting NSW Building Commissioner. ACRA has worked with Matt and his teams for the past 3-4 years and we welcome his appointment as Acting NSW Building Commissioner. We look forward to our continued work with Matt and the Building Commission.

David Chandler OAM has recently retired from his inaugural position as NSW Building Commissioner. We wish him well as he takes a break before embarking on his next journey.

Members in NSW are encouraged to read the [Building Commissions July newsletter](#).



Proposed NSW Building Reforms

In recent months the Advocacy Committee met with Matt Press and the Policy team of the Building Commission NSW to learn more about the regulatory changes afoot. Angus Abadee, A/Executive Director, Policy and Delivery, presented at this meeting.

The Building Commission NSW has been working on the building reform legislation for some years now and has consulted with multiple stakeholders. Currently there are numerous consultation papers issued outlining the proposed Building Bill framework.

Here is a great [video](#) which provides an overview of the key reforms being considered. ACRA has participated in some roundtables related to the building reform. I encourage you to view the webinar, even for your own information and understanding of where building legislation in NSW is headed.

ACRA's work in NSW with the Building Commission, since 2020 has placed the remedial industry in NSW in a good position. We are most fortunate to have a voice and be an acknowledged stakeholder 'at the table'.

Victorian Building Authority (VBA)

It is important for ACRA members to be aware of the regulatory developments in your own States and Territories. In recent months, a Victorian delegation led by the Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner of the VBA, Anna Cronin, met with the Building Commission NSW. The two-day agenda focused on how NSW regulates the building industry. [Here is an update](#) about that meeting. More details on building reform in Victoria [is here](#).

Legislation governing building work

If you are interested in learning more about the legislation governing the building industry in your State or Territory, as a starting point you may want to read the ABCB handbook [Upgrading existing buildings](#). I refer you to Appendix D of this handbook, to get you started. Of course, as in NSW, there may be new legislation introduced post the publication of this handbook that impacts your work.

For me, as lead of the Advocacy Committee, nationally I am most interested in the legislation across Australia, especially when it comes to the **NCC 2025**.

NCC 2025

It is important that the remedial industry reads our [NCC 2025 response paper](#). ACRA's purpose in submitting a response to the proposed NCC 2025 provisions, noting the State and Territory's regulatory oversight of existing buildings, is to articulate the challenges for the remedial building industry early and seek support in finding workable and manageable solutions at State and Territory level.

ACRA, over time with your support, will review the State and Territory legislation in understanding the impact across Australia for the remedial building industry. It is hoped that the NCC 2025 will acknowledge the challenges for the remedial building industry providing a clear pathway for the industry to navigate at a State and Territory level. We have already started this conversation in NSW.

I look forward to providing you with our next update in the next National newsletter.



ACRA Training Courses

ACRA Remedial Waterproofing Course | Melbourne

The ACRA Remedial Waterproofing Training Day provides attendees with a coverage of the fundamentals of remedial waterproofing. We include review of diagnostic steps, designing for remedial work, quality control and implementation.

Details

Date: 8 October | Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm AEDT

Location: Rydges Melbourne CBD, 186 Exhibition Street Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

Around the State



ACRA New South Wales

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

The Advocacy front continues to take a lot of our time and continues to bring much reward for the remedial building industry. Deb outlines all that we have achieved and our current focus in the Advocacy section of this newsletter. It is a pleasure working with the Advocacy Committee who put in a lot of thoughtful time to this important work.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Daniel Caruana, continuing to lead the NSW Events team with his commitment and passion for all things ACRA. He is supported by Loukas Hatzigeorgiou, Cene Jakovljevic and Ramiro Garcez.

We appreciate the NSW Events team planning their Christmas event in support of the ACRA AGM. Our event will be at the Grace Hotel this year, and immediately follows the AGM. Please join us for 3 hours of networking (drinks and canapes) and catch up with your remedial colleagues. We do hope that ACRA members from other regions attend the AGM and stick around for our 3 hour networking.

ACRA Queensland

From the QLD President, Kieran Biber & Vice President Michael DiCristo.

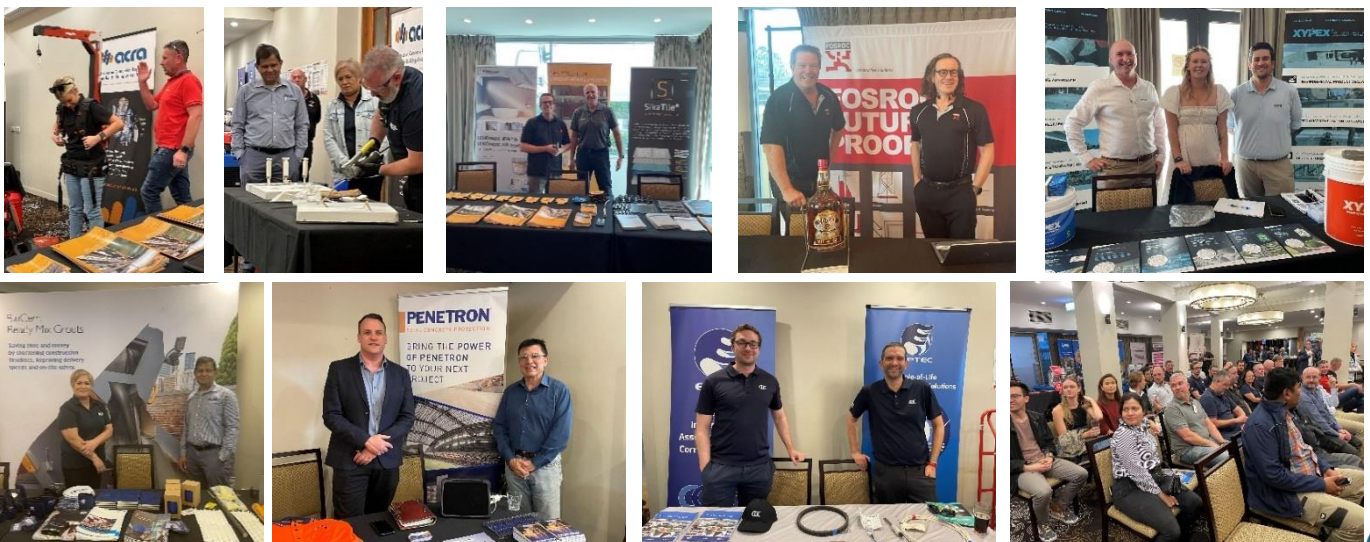
This month the Queensland ACRA team has been organising the annual Remedial Industry Trade Show. Kieran has led the team in what is going to be a rewarding event for those attending.

Thanks again to the event's sponsor Master Builders Solutions.

The show is a magnet for senior specifying and purchasing personnel who appreciate the chance to both maintain and expand their supply chains at one convenient and comfortable location while also having the opportunity to listen to a few guest speakers. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all within the industry to touch base with your peers as well as learning about new technology and supplies in the remedial industry.

There have been changes in the ACRA Queensland Committee members and leadership. We extend our gratitude to Kieran Biber for his outstanding leadership as President of the QLD team and acknowledge his significant contributions during his term. Michael DiCristo will assume the role of President, with Tim Billing stepping into the Vice President position a of 1 October 2024. We also thank David Mitchell, Frank Moebus, and Brodie Chan for their contributions as they depart, and warmly welcome Daria Semikina and Una McKenna.

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ACRA Western Australia

From the WA President, Johnny Au & Vice President Dennis Murray

The "Concrete Crack Investigation & Repairs" technical seminar event attracted much interest from the local Perth network of remedial specialists. Over 40 turned out to enjoy the night.

Guest presenters included:

Rodney Paull from GHD sharing guidance on crack measurement and common mistakes with practical demonstration of concrete crack behavior.

Karen C. Amery from Sika Australia shared guidance from EN1504 on the Principles of concrete defects and Methods used for addressing ingress and structural strengthening related to cracks. This was matched with material selection for repairs.

Phil Browne from Elite Concrete Protection & Repair shared interesting details from a large complex crack injection project on a live PTA rail line which saw up to 30 people a day performing crack injection over many months.

An interesting discussion with Q&A and then some networking to end a successful event held by our ACRA WA Sub-Committee led by WA President Johnny Au and MC Dennis Murray

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Upcoming ACRA Events

Event	Link
Victoria ACRA Remedial Waterproofing Course Melbourne 08 October 2024.	[Link]
Victoria Foundations of Safety It is Everyone's Responsibility 31 October 2024.	[Link]
Western Australia ACRA WA Project Study – Specialised Remediation Technique 30 October 2024.	[Link]
ACRA Annual General Meeting.	[Link]
ACRA WA End of Year Celebration	[Link]
ACRA NSW Christmas Function.	

Useful Links

- [National Roads & Traffic Expo](#)
- [NSW and Victorian construction regulators unite](#)

Silica Dust Information

From 1 September 2024 stronger regulation of silica dust came into effect. Read more here:

- [Safe Work Australia](#)
- [SafeWork NSW](#)
- [Work Safe Victoria](#)

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