

Australasian Concrete Repair & Remedial Building Association Newsletter



Vice President's Message

It is good to be writing to our members. Our focus in this National newsletter is the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and an Advocacy update. Post the AGM, we will revert back to the inclusion of State updates in our National newsletter.

I acknowledge and thank the 2023/24 Board of Directors for their commitment over the past 12 months. Our focus has been governance and future proofing ACRA. The exemplary leadership by immediate Past President, Karen Amery, supported by AI Group, has meant that we have achieved insurmountable milestones. We look forward to sharing our achievements with members at the AGM.

It is extremely important that eligible corporate members [register and attend the AGM](#). Why? To support the formation of ACRA's next Board of Directors and vote on a special resolution to a change to our Constitution. The ACRA Constitution change requires a two-thirds (2/3) YES vote of the full members present at the AGM or held by valid proxy.

Our current Constitution requires that our AGM is conducted in person (or via proxy votes). Please read the important detail in our AGM update below. It is essential that our members understand attendance in person, voting and proxy voting in contributing to the AGM outcomes. Should you have any questions, please contact Derrick Addison, ACRA Adviser info@acrassoc.com.au, 02 6041 0608.

I thank the NSW Sub-Committee for their support of the ACRA AGM. NSW is hosting their Christmas event to align with our AGM. Even if you can not attend the AGM, we encourage all members who can attend to [register](#) and catch up with your remedial colleagues prior to Christmas. This networking invitation extends to all members across Australia and New Zealand. Please see more detail below.

I am looking forward to meeting many at our AGM and thank those members who have put themselves forward for the Board positions. We have much to do. I look forward to our celebration at our Christmas networking event immediately following the AGM. It is important that we acknowledge and thank all members who volunteer their time on our Sub-Committees. Thank you all.

Tom Wenzel
Vice President

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting starting will be held **face-to-face** this year, offering a fantastic chance for members to reconnect in person.

When: 15 November 2024,
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm AEDT
Light refreshments from 3:30pm

Where: The Grace Hotel
77 York Street
Sydney, NSW

[HERE](#) is the ACRA AGM Agenda. Register for your attendance for the AGM [HERE](#).

The ACRA Board are continuing to develop and grow the association.

The Board have sought legal advice to update the Articles of Association (constitution) ensuring compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 and to allow for continued growth and flexibility. At the AGM we will be voting on the new constitution, which all eligible voting members will have received.

We look forward to welcoming all ACRA members, both Individual and Corporate, to the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 15 November in Sydney.

NSW End of Year Celebration Event

We are looking forward to our end of year celebration and the opportunity to network with our colleagues. We also welcome members from other States who plan to come to Sydney to attend ACRA's Annual General Meeting.



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

Let's Celebrate All Things ACRA. Please join us for 3 hours of networking, drinks and canapés.

Registrations close Friday 8 November 2024, for catering purposes.

We are looking forward to seeing you there. Register [HERE](#).

ACRA Advocacy Committee Update

By Deb Lockart, Advocacy lead

Whilst the Board focuses on the modernisation of our governance model, the Advocacy Committee are forging ahead with our government consultation work.

Proposed NCC 2025

Our greatest priority right now is navigating how the Australian Building Codes Board's (ABCB) proposed NCC 2025 provisions land for the remedial building industry.

ACRA's purpose in submitting a response to the proposed NCC 2025, noting the State and Territory's regulatory oversight of existing buildings, was to articulate the challenges for the remedial building industry early and seek support in finding workable and manageable solutions at a State and Territory level.

Recently we met with the Building Commission NSW, by invitation, to discuss [ACRA's NCC 2025 response](#). Tom Mackay and I presented our paper, communicating the challenges the proposed changes mean for the remedial industry. Our meeting with Tom Kearney, Executive Director, Policy and Programs (Building Commission NSW), was an important connection. The Building Commission NSW is currently preparing advice for the NSW Government. One item includes the ABCB's proposed NCC 2025 and its impact on the remedial building industry. There are several possibilities, and we await further update.

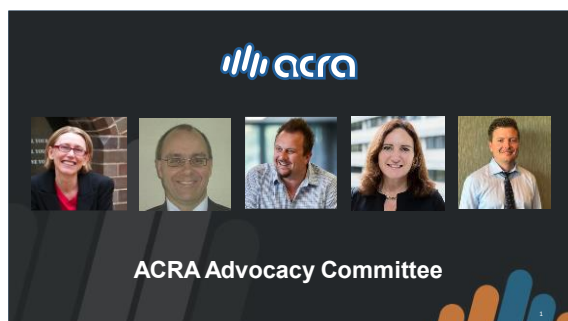
What was important about this meeting, is that we had the opportunity to initiate a conversation about our representation of the remedial building industry nationally. Tom Kearney is a Director on the Australian Building Codes Board. I remain hopeful that our successful three yearlong government consultation in NSW will provide leverage nationally, in relation to how the remedial building industry will engage with the proposed NCC 2025.

We will continue to provide further updates via our National newsletter and LinkedIn.

Our remedial-government consultation [working group paper](#) titled '*Enhancing the regulatory landscape to support an efficient and trustworthy remedial building industry*' (May 2024), has informed our submissions in two NSW Government consultation processes. Brief detail follows:

NSW Building Bill Reform consultation

The Advocacy Committee has prepared and lodged a [submission](#) to the recent Building Bill reform consultation, which closed 18 October 2024. I encourage all members to read our submission, to raise awareness of our advocacy work and in promoting an understanding generally of the significance of legislative change and how it may impact remedial building work in each State/Territory. I especially encourage our members in Victoria to pay attention to the Victorian Building Authority and reform initiatives underway. I welcome members to email us regulatory updates of significance as you become aware of them.



Review into the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 and the Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Act 2020

The NSW Parliament established a Public Accountability and Works Committee to inquire into public accountability, financial management, regulatory impact and service delivery of New South Wales government departments, statutory bodies or corporations. One inquiry related to the DBP; broadly speaking the inquiry was set up to check the DBP's ability to meet the objects of the Act. We have prepared a submission to this inquiry and our paper is being 'processed'. I share our paper [HERE](#).

2024 has been another big year for our Advocacy work. It is a continued great pleasure to be working with Grahame, Peter, Helen and Tom. We have achieved a lot collectively over the past three years, with your ongoing support. As always there is more to do! I am looking forward to catching up with many at our AGM and NSW End of Year Celebration.

ACRA Events | Training

Event	Link
ACRA Western Australia End of Year Celebration Perth 27 November 2024	Register
Victoria ACRA Remedial Waterproofing Course Melbourne 3 December 2024.	Register
ACRA Annual General Meeting Sydney 15 Nov 2024	Register
ACRA NSW Christmas Function Sydney 15 November 2024	Register

Training Survey

As part of ACRA's ongoing efforts to enhance the value and relevance of our training programs and events, we are conducting a brief survey to gather your feedback and suggestions. Your insights are crucial in helping us tailor our offerings to better meet your needs and expectations. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code.



ACRA Links

- [HB84:2018 – Purchase Standards Australia – ACRA Guide to Concrete Repair & Protection](#)
- [Guide to Standard Method of Measurement of Repair Quantities – FREE](#)

Useful Links

- [National Roads & Traffic Expo](#)
- [SafeWork Australia | Consultation on the workplace exposure limits for 9 chemicals](#)

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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