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Make the RIGHT connections

Members' events create the prime environment for our members to network with industry contacts.

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Heard of 'Find a Precaster'?

Our Find a Precaster tool is a directory of our members that is used by specifiers and builders who are looking for precasters.

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Want to test the waters first?

Find out what a Provisional Precaster membership can offer you!

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Message from the CEO

Hi there.

Welcome to the July issue of our Precaster enews. I know you aren't a member of National Precast but as a precast manufacturer, I am sure you'd like to stay up-to-date with what's going on in the industry. So, between reading these enews', and joining our Facebook and Linkedin pages, you should get a fairly good taste of the sorts of things we talk to our members about!

Many of our members find our quaterly dinners and meetings to be one of the most valuable parts of their membership. Dinners and meetings are where they network, keep up-to-date with what is going on in the industry, voice concerns and find solutions to their problems.

Even if you are just a bit interested in membership and would like to come you'd like to come along to a meeting, I'd love to have you join us as my guest. Please call or email me - Sarah Bachmann (CEO) (08) 8178 0255 / exec@npcaa.com.au. Some more details as follows:

Dates

- 28 August 2015 - Brisbane (Surfers Paradise)
- 20 November 2015 - Melbourne
- 26 February 2016 - Hobart
- 27 May 2016 - Melbourne
- 26 August 2016 - Perth
- 18 November 2016 - Sydney

Agenda (some of what will be covered at the next meeting)

- Member Education: *The art of negotiation* – Kevin Crompton, Ultrafloor Australia
- Project Presentation*: Skytrain: Delivering for Hanson* – John Hewitt, Hanson Precast
- Member Education: *Researching sandwich panels* – Ehab Hamed, UNSW
- Supplier Member Spotlight: *Graphic concrete* – Jeff Stratford, Reid Construction Systems
- Member Education*: EPDs and Green Star* – David Baggs, Global GreenTag
- Member Education: *The journey into lean manufacturing* – Damien Richards, Humes

I hope to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bachmann

Articles

Let us introduce National Precast's brand new Industry Partner

We are extremely proud to announce our very first Industry Partner member - Reid Construction Systems!

From Jeff Stratford - Business Manager Precast/Tilt-Up ANZ for Reid Construction Systems:

"*We didn't think twice about strengthening our partnership with National Precast. We have been a long-time supporter of the association and the great work it has done to grow the profile and usage of precast concrete. Partnering, supporting and growing with National Precast has enabled us to tailor our solutions to meet the ever increasing and changing needs of the industry, ensuring Reid continues to be a supplier of choice*."

Read more about Industry Partner

We've done our research

We've conducted surveys with architects, engineers and builders in order to find out what they want from precasters. Using the results, we recently revised our communications to better deliver important information and promote precast to your customers.

Read more

A New guide on precast sandwich panels

We've produced a new publication to help architects, engineers and builders better understand precast concrete, making precast easier to use for them and therefore, more business for you.

Read more

Find out how off-site manufacturing improves construction efficiencies

The use of off-site manufactured products (like precast) in construction could have the single biggest impact on construction efficiency improvement. As an industry we should all be on board promoting this.

Read more

What's in store for construction: a 57 story skyscraper

built in 3 weeks!

Thanks to prefab materials, a Chinese construction company has built the world's tallest prefab tower in under three weeks of work time. Precast has a role to play in prefab to share in this rapidly growing trend.

Read more

Member projects

ANZAC Memorial Walk (Waeger Precast) - NSW

Read more

Perth City Link Project (Delta Corp.) - WA

Read more

Fiona Stanley Hospital (Humes / Delta Corp.) - WA

Read more about the structure or Read more about the storm water system

Wheatstone Trench Culverts (PERMAcast) - WA

Read more

Collaroy Beach Stormwater Outlet (Waeger Precast) - NSW

Read more

Videos

Flooring series videos

These videos are part of a series we are producing to showcase the many benefits of precast flooring.

Adina Apartments Project -Ultrafloor

Bunnings Warehouse Project - hollowcore

Brisbane State High School - hollowcore

What we've been up to

Are precasters steel processors?

Did you know that precasters have the potential to be classified as 'steel processors' under AS4671? National Precast has recently formed a member working group to address the issue.

National Precast: partnering with DesignBUILD

A leading architecture and construction exhibition in Australia, DesignBUILD was held at the Sydney Showgrounds on 28-30th April. National Precast had a huge 12 x 6m stand which included a networking café. It was a fantastic oppourtunity for our members to have some valuable face-to-face time with

visiting architects, engineers and builders.

Should testing and certification of fasteners be mandatory?

Until recently, The Australian Engineered Fastener and Anchor Council (*AEFAC*) thought so. This could have had significant cost implications for the industry. National Precast had our say and the new standard that is being drafted by AEFAC (and which may be referenced in the NCC), will no longer require that fasteners be independently tested and certified.

Austroads National Prequalification

National Precast was consulted and had our say on the proposed national Austroads prequalification system for precasters. Our recommendations included a clarification of site assessments and periodic reviews, that manufacture to Australian Standards and third party quality systems should be used as the basis for compliance, encouraging national consistency and adoption by all state roads' authorities.

Dialogue with The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads

National Precast is in frequent consultation with QDTMR about changes to specifications. Become a National Precast member to be part of the action.

To get involved in these activities and more, join National Precast!

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