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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Saturday the 18th May was Federal election day which means we had another 3 weeks of the muppet show proudly brought to you by the Australian tax payer.

I have never had any political allegiance to a political party primarily because of the poor qualities in leadership that are voted in. This time around I fear we fare no better off with the three stooges travelling around the country kissing babies. Larry, Curley and Mo all have the potential to make great prime ministers, however this is where the story ends. The past 10 years in Australian politics makes most of us cringe at what is projected onto the world stage every other week.

Having said that, my fear comes at the end of the next term, when a repeat of past comes homes to roost. The national housing downturn is a concern and

has always been the barometer in measuring how the economy is actually going. There is currently an oversupply of housing and units in most capital cities which is now impacting on the labour markets due to their competition. Once major infrastructure projects finish in the next 3-4 years, I have concerns surrounding our future growth and productivity.

In 2008 the week prior to the financial crisis the CPI rate was 5.1%. This crashed to an all-time low 6 months later to a CPI rate of 1.2%. Now the following figures are based on a Victorian EBA and for the sake of the exercise I will start with the 2011-15 agreement. In this period, we had an increase of 5% annually from 2012 through to 2015. The average CPI for this term was 2.0%. Again, the next agreement from 2016 through to 2018 had the same annual increases of 5% with the average CPI dropping to 1.8%.

On every occasion during these bargaining negotiations it has always ended the same way. Based on the strength of the infrastructure projects currently underway I can see the same figures of 5% being put up again from 2019 through to 2022.

My concern is at the end of 2022 when all the major infrastructure projects have been completed and the housing and unit market is still over supplied, we are going to be left with a payroll commitment that cannot be sustained in this industry.

When this happens and it will happen the only recourse is to ride out the downturn and initiate cost reduction savings which generally start with wages and salaries. Looking ahead to what is in play in 3 years' time I would rather put in place strategies to mitigate the need for such redundancies.

As of today, the current CPI rate is at 1.8% with the RBA considering lowering the existing cash rate even further. Many companies will soon be required to engage in new enterprise bargaining agreements for 2019-2022. My advice is to look at the end of this term rather than the start. I am sure that any agreement that can ensure continued employment at the end of the term are far better than the consequences brought on by unsustainable wage increases.

On a brighter note the CSDAA convention for 2019 will be held at the Mantra Resort in Mooloolaba from the 1st and 2nd of November. This is the first time such an event has been held in Mooloolaba and we are looking forward to putting on a great show with plenty of activities at great prices.

It is also a great opportunity to network and divert the work phone for a few days. Plus you can bring along work colleagues for an early work break up that you can claim back on tax. Emails will become more frequent during the next few months and I encourage everyone who is planning to attend to book on line and secure your accommodation and events for the convention.

I look forward to seeing as many members and guests as possible based on the great turn outs, we have had over the past few years with our network events. Our supplier members are very supportive of these events and they look forward to your support as much as the CSDAA is.

Jason Franken
President CSDAA



CURRENT MEMBERS

	BASIC	PREMIUM	SUPPLIER
NSW	10	21	4
NT		1	
QLD	7	14	1
SA	1	5	3
TAS	2	4	
VIC	5	19	5
WA	3	4	

Welcome new member Cancut who joined with us in December 2018

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CSDAA members are experts in their field. They have the knowledge and experience to do the job thoroughly, and safely.

CSDAA members are Operating Contractors and Suppliers/Manufacturers of equipment servicing the concrete sawing and drilling industry.

CSDAA members remain informed of the latest information in cutting technology, and have access to the most effective and technologically advanced equipment available. CSDAA members are

provided with services that support industry best practice, including industry and business mentoring, the CSDAA online manual, and links with professional industry training programs. We are working to help our members become sustainable.

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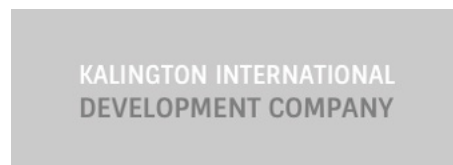
**BECOME A
MEMBER
TODAY**

SUPPORT YOUR SUPPLIER



We have a number of suppliers who are constantly supporting the CSDAA through events, sponsorships and volunteering their time to help the concrete cutting industry continue grow and succeed. We all want to provide a safe and happy environment.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our ongoing support from our suppliers and hope that all our members do the same.



NEW RELEASES

Diamonds Magazine is currently in print and has been released.

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SILICOSIS THREAT



Miners, construction and quarry workers have traditionally been prone to silicosis, but doctors last year identified an alarming spike in the number of stonemasons diagnosed with the condition.

In the past year in Queensland alone, more than 100 stonemasons have been diagnosed with

the lung disease. Last month, 36-year old Gold Coast tradie Anthony White, who became the face of the health crisis, died. Mr Goodwin is now suing his former employer and has engaged the services of law firm Maurice Blackburn.

[Read more](#)



Kyle Goodwin, pictured with his partner Sarah Wright. Kyle has been diagnosed with accelerated silicosis. (Supplied)

ADELAIDE MEETING 2019

Friday 3rd May the CSDAA held their quarterly general meeting in Adelaide.

The executive committee met during the day to discuss the future activities to support the CSDAA.

The likes of the exhibition, training and certification, Website upgrade, future business plans and learning guide.

Mid-afternoon the general meeting was held with contractors and suppliers gathering to hear the reports from the CSDAA executive committee. Guest speaker Colleen Colquhoun from the Australian Tax Office presented on Single Touch Payroll.

The meeting ended with beverages at the bar followed by dinner which went into the small hours.



Thank you to those that attended Adelaide, the next meeting is scheduled for Sydney, 9th August at the Harborview Hotel.

Minutes of the Adelaide meeting can be found on the CSDAA website.

CRANE COLLAPSE IN YARRAVILLE



A Large mobile crane collapsed on to two houses in the Melbourne suburb of Yarraville, last month, while moving a prefabricated home on to a nearby block.

Although, luckily, only two people were slightly injured, the crane fell in such a position that it made it almost impossible for rescue teams to

extract the crane from the wreckage. It was decided that the mast of the crane would need to be removed but it was in such a position that rescue crews deemed it too risky to simply unbolt the mast.



Eventually, it was decided to stabilise the main crane chassis and WIRE SAW the joints holding the \$250,000 mast in place.

*Melbourne's
ADVANCED
SAWING and
DRILLING were
called in to make it
all happen.*

Several cuts in solid stainless steel sections were needed to release the beam. This was achieved using special DBT HYDRA wire. The wire sawing process took several hours to complete, but once finished the crane components were removed from site in an hour or so with the crane itself essentially salvaged 95%.

Mark Horne, Manager of Advanced said "it is simply amazing what our industry gets called on to achieve, using the great skills of our operators and suppliers".



THE MAKINEX GENERATOR



10kVA Generator

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Makinex Construction Products are all about innovating and manufacturing products that provide solutions to key areas of the construction industry.

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We have been doing this for over 15 years and have created a versatile and robust range of products as well as opening offices all around the world. Concrete cutting and coring are industries for which Makinex have created many products that provide efficient and effective solutions for getting the job done.

Two such products are the 10 and 16kVA Generator. These products add great innovative value for these applications by providing the following features:

- Dual phase simultaneous power supply capability.
- Portability and maneuverability.
- Small footprint that will fit onto Utes or small trailers.
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- Parallel option capability to provide greater variability in power output.

The Makinex compact Generators have been synonymous in the concrete cutting industry for around 3 years now and have a strong following, across many

of the global brands in the market, as a reliable, economic and innovative solution to site accessible power.

As Cutting Edge says; “Our customers like the Makinex Generators as they’re compact and enable one person to be able to move it where it needs to go. They’re using the 16kVA and 10kVA for their high frequency hand and ring saws and core drilling. Been able to parallel the generators is a massive bonus.”

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CONCUT CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Concut was the first company in Australia to cut concrete after importing a concrete cutting machine from California.

Concut was incorporated as a company in 1958. After establishing a market in Sydney mainly with councils, Concut set up a division in Melbourne.

During the 1970's Concut established in Brisbane, Victoria, and Perth, with regional branches in Gladstone, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Canberra, Geelong and Port Hedland. By 1990 the Concut group employed a total of 125 people.



In 2004 it was decided that the group would be best placed to take advantage of further growth by separating the numerous state and regional offices thereby creating separate trading entities for each state. This structure remains in place today.

The concept of Grooving was introduced to Australia by Concut in 1978 with a trial on the main runway at Mascot. From this trial the Federal Airports Corporation specified that all commercial runways in Australia had to have a friction course of Grooving, leading Concut to design and construct a Grooving machine with a meter wide cutting head. This unit is still in use today.

In 1984, Slip-Formed Concrete Paving was being used by Contractors to construct roadways. Concut designed and built two Span saws to saw cut contraction joints. Since 1984, over 1,500,000 meters of joints, mainly in New South Wales, have been completed. The Span saw has now been replaced by early entry saw technology.



Concut Span saw in operation - Bulahdelah 1998

Occupation Health and Safety became an issue in the 1990s which led to Concut developing an OH&S Management system including training manuals. The National Safety Council of Australia declaring Concut the winner of their Category 3 for safety in 1999.



NSCA 1999 Safety Award of Excellence.



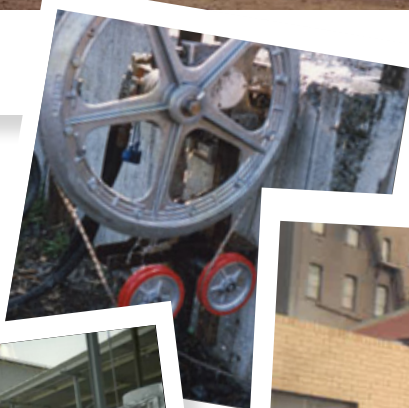
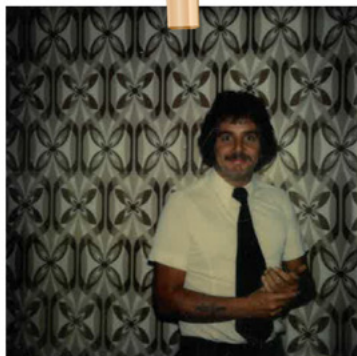
Thredbo Rescue and Relief Operation 1997 Certificate

The system was adopted by the Concrete Cutting Industry as their Training Manual. Concut has also played a role in some of the Australia's most significant recover projects, with attendance at Tasman bridge collapse (1975); the Granville rail disaster (1977), as well as being recognised for contributions made during the Thredbo Rescue and Relief Operation 1997.

Some notable people to mention who have made the company the success it is today, Dave & Lorraine Pirrie, Dave & Robyn Rees, Ted Smith and Owners – John & Alberta Ferligoj / Neil & Trina.

Concut acknowledges the vast contributions made by the following people, who have contributed greatly to the companys success; Rodney & Rosemary Britchford, Mark Horne, Paul Lyon, Janet Cook, Alan & Marcus Bate, Kevin LeGuier, Greg Taylor, Wade Joseph, Leigh Bright and all other past and present staff who have worked tirelessly to make Concut the success it is today.

60 YEARS OF CONCUT, TAKING A LOOK BACK





CERT III CONCRETE, SAWING & DRILLING REPORT

The Victorian Skills Commission (VSC) has now taken over the re-accreditation of the course in concrete sawing & drilling 22281.



Copyright for the new qualification will be attained by the VSC for delivery of the new qualification. The re-accreditation application will be amended to reflect the course content and be updated to a certificate III- concrete sawing and drilling.

A new steering committee will be selected to finalise the updates and changes from the previous course to the new certificate III. I am pleased to say that Gail Morley will again join the team as the VSC representative to deliver the new qualification.

Updating the qualification will provide greater opportunities nationally through RTO's who wish to add this course to their scopes. The Australian Qualifications framework defines the certificate III qualification as;

“The purpose of the Certificate III qualification type is to qualify individuals who apply a broad range of knowledge and skills in varied contexts to undertake skilled work and as a pathway for further learning. Certificate III qualifications are located at level 3 of the Australian Qualifications Framework. Certificate III qualifications must be designed and accredited to enable graduates to demonstrate the learning outcomes expressed as knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills specified in the level 3 criteria and the Certificate III descriptor.”

The certificate III is a trade level qualification, most importantly it opens the door for a 2-year traineeship that is endorsed through the qualification. Time frames for the certificate III are based on late 2019 early 2020.

Unfortunately, due to the updates required for the new qualification all existing RPL applications will be on hold until the new training and assessment files are completed. This is not ideal but the price we pay for upgrading the qualification to suit our future needs.

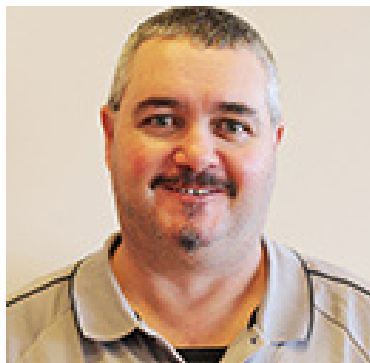
To reaffirm what I have previously said, the CSDDA is taking a secondary role in the administration and delivery of the new certificate III qualification. Once the course is operational the CSDDA will once again be conducting RPL assessments on the certificate III course. For those that have previously attained the statement of attainment for the course in 22281, further modules will need to be completed to attain a credit transfer

to the new certificate III qualification.

The certificate III in concrete sawing and drilling will be available nationally to all RTO's who wish to add this course to their scope. This will provide greater coverage and access across Australia.

The down side to this is the qualification is now accessible to the general public rather than just the contractors in Australia that perform sawing and drilling. This is part of the negotiations that allowed the qualification to be upgraded and re-accredited. Further reports and updates will be made available as the re accreditation progresses throughout the year.

Jason Franken
President CSDDA





CSDAA 2019 CONVENTION

November 1st-2nd 2019

Mantra Mooloolaba

FREE ENTRY TO THE WEEKEND EVENT - DAY PROGRAM (exhibition, guest speaker, lunch)

The event will be held over the weekend of November 1st/2nd 2019.

CSDAA SUPPLIERS EXHIBITS

Guest Speakers/ Comedians

Friday night will be dinner at Australia Zoo @ \$70.00 per head.

Saturday night will be dinner at Mooloolaba Surf Club @ \$90.00 per head.

BOTH NIGHTS include Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment.

ACCOMMODATION

Mantra Mooloolaba

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<https://www.mantra.com.au/mooloolaba-beach>

PLEASE book flights, accommodation and events **NOW** as these will fill fast.





CSDAA 2019 CONVENTION

November 1st-2nd 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

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YES I will attend this event

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Quantity to attend

DELEGATES

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YES I will attend the Australia Zoo
Dinner @ \$70 per head (incl GST)

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Quantity to attend

DELEGATES

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YES I will attend this Mooloolaba Surf
Club Dinner @ \$90 per head (incl GST)

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Quantity to attend

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