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Development of accreditation/certification program underway

For some time CSDAA has considered developing an accreditation/certification program which will allow contractor members to clearly differentiate their professionalism from that of less competent and inexperienced operators.

The next Executive and Members' meetings on 20 June 2008 will hear and consider a report on the development of a 10 point program which, if adopted, will allow members to be accredited. In developing the proposal CSDAA has examined what similar systems operate in Australia and overseas.

CSDAA intends to heavily promote the accreditation program once it is established to builders, contractors and others who use the services of CSDAA contractor members.

Meeting minutes and notices available on-line

Members can access copies of minutes and the information on upcoming meetings through the Minutes and News & Calendar section of the CSDAA web site. You can access the web site by clicking on the tab above.

Suggestions from members are also welcome, either for consideration by the Executive Committee or at Members' meetings. If there is something you would like to see raised, contact Nicole Raymond at the CSDAA office.

Early planning for 2009 convention

Membership stickers available

All members receive CSDAA stickers which they can use on vehicles and shop fronts. If you need more, contact the CSDAA office.

Fully updated training manual ready to order

CSDAA has designed and implemented a comprehensive training, safety and induction manual for exclusive use in the concrete sawing and drilling industry. For more information, contact the CSDAA office.

Next Executive and Members' meeting



Planning for the 2009 CSDAA convention is well underway. To be held in Melbourne with a prospective date of February 2009, the convention promises to build on the successes of previous events.

The 2008 convention saw the introduction of live demonstrations and these proved to be very popular with those in attendance. Those organising the 2009 event plan to include live demonstrations as part of the program.

Cameron McLean from Tyrolit in Sydney is leading a team to organise the 2009 convention. He can be contacted on (02) 9316 6600.

Recent changes in Executive Committee

Following on from nominations received at the 2008 convention, a number of changes have occurred in the make up of the Association's Executive Committee. Full details are available in the minutes of the Members' Meeting conducted on 16 May 2008 and these can be downloaded from the *Minutes* section of the CSDAA web site at www.csdaa.com.au.

Greg Mahoney will lead the Executive team as President in 2008 and a portfolio structure has been adopted to ensure important tasks undertaken by the Executive Committee on behalf of members are actioned appropriately.

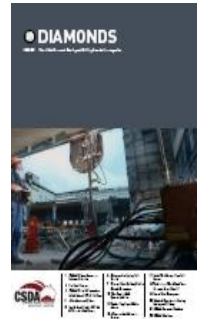
New management process for publishing Diamonds magazine

Diamonds magazine is published annually by CSDAA. As well as including a listing of members, the magazine showcases the expertise of members, new products and industry level news.

CSDAA has traditionally relied on the good graces of member companies, particularly Husqvarna Construction Products to publish the magazine. As the Association's resources have increased, production of *Diamonds* will be brought "in-house" and managed by Association staff with the support of contract designers, printers, etc.

In making this change, CSDAA thanks all of those who have worked so hard in the past to deliver this benefit to members. We are sure that the new management processes will build on the great job done in the past.

Keep an eye out for notices calling for articles, advertising rates and expected distribution dates.



The next CSDAA Executive Committee and Members' meetings will be held in Brisbane on Friday 20 June 2008. Members can access information through the *News & Calendar* section of the CSDAA web site at www.csdaa.com.au or by clicking on the tab above.

On the look out for articles

CSDAA members are able to submit project features for inclusion in *Diamonds* magazine. Assistance is available to members on the type of material required and the quality of photographs and other images which may be suitable. The CSDAA office is able to help. *Diamonds* magazine is distributed nationally to a broad cross section of contractors, builders, specifiers and design engineers. It provides a great way to showcase the professionalism demonstrated by CSDAA members. The most recent edition of *Diamonds* has a print run of 3000.



Technical Manual for Construction Cutting Specialists



CSDAA has secured a supply of the English edition of the *Technical Manual for Construction Cutting Specialists*. The manual is published by the Swiss Association of Concrete Drilling and Cutting Enterprises.

At 272 pages, the manual gives a comprehensive coverage of a range of topics including Core Drilling, Wall Sawing, Wire Sawing, Floor Sawing, Maintenance, etc.

Order forms are available for download through the *Resources* section of the CSDAA web site. Click on the tab above for quick access.

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