



VALE – DOUG HUETT

It is with sadness that we farewell and acknowledge Doug Huett who passed away on Sunday November 26th after a sudden illness.

Doug was an honorary CCF Life Member, was awarded a National Hall of Fame status for the Civil Construction Industry and was the first employee of the CCF being the founding Executive Director of CCF National.

Doug was employed in 1988 as Joint Victorian & National Executive Director of AERCF, which later changed its name to Civil Contractors Federation.

Doug worked tirelessly to establish the CCF as a national organisation as it is recognised today and recruited members from all regions establishing strong state branch representation across Australia.

After the National Executive Director role, Members will know of the many stories and features he penned for the Earthmover and Civil Contractor Magazine, and his role as chief judge for the National Earth Awards up until this year's awards.

He was good fun to be with, well liked and respected amongst his peers, members and the industry across all States and Territories. He will be missed by all.



CCF NATIONAL SUMMIT AND NATIONAL EARTH AWARDS

The 2017 *Civil Contractors Federation Summit* was held in Canberra on 20-21 November, incorporating the highly prestigious *CCF National Earth Awards* which attracted 200 attendees to the 'Great Hall of Parliament House'. For many delegates it was their first visit to the Federal Parliament and the Nation's capital, all enjoying a memorable evening that recognised excellence in civil construction across Australia.

FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER OPENS CCF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

The former Federal Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP performed the official opening of the 2017 Civil Contractors Federation National Conference in Canberra, confirming the Federal Government's commitment to rollout Australia's major infrastructure projects announced in the 2017 Federal Budget.

Commitments to road construction will account for 70% of national transport infrastructure investment activity, whilst the \$10 billion+ inland rail project initiative accounting for the bulk of rail investment.

The Minister also reaffirmed his ongoing commitment to address road safety with the Government providing over \$15.6 million over four years in funding from the now defunct Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator for 2017–18 for heavy vehicle safety initiatives. This funding is being used to progress a package of practical initiatives to improve the safety of the heavy vehicle industry.

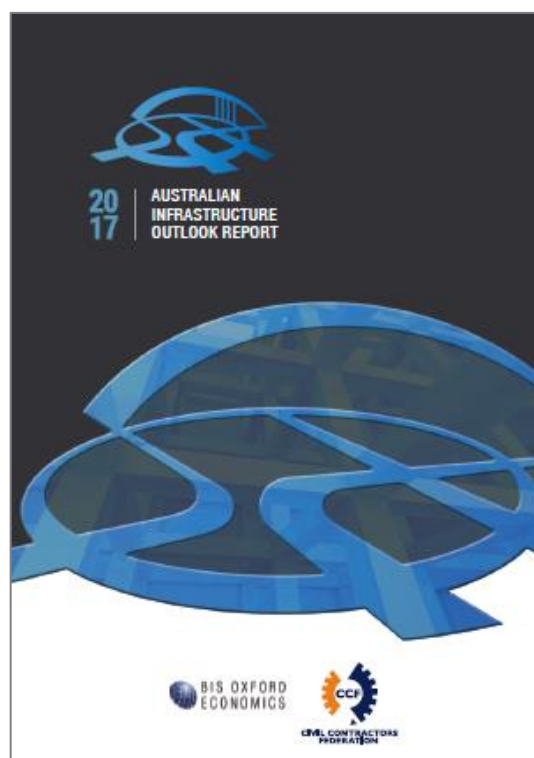


2017 CCF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE OUTLOOK REPORT LAUNCHED IN CANBERRA

The *2017 CCF National Infrastructure Outlook Report* was officially launched at the the official opening of CCF Summit and presented to the delegates by Adrian Hart, Senior Economist with BIS Oxford Economics.

Key Indicators from the Outlook Report are as follows:

- **Forecasts suggest the downturn in measured engineering construction activity still has a way to run**, with the bottom of the cycle being 2019/20, with annual work done bottoming out at around \$75 billion. **Much of this ongoing downturn is due to the completion of the \$200 billion wave of LNG investment projects.**
- **Overwhelmingly, the biggest driver of the pickup in non-mining civil work from here is the rise in transport infrastructure investment and, specifically, roads and rail construction.**
- **Publicly funded engineering construction expected to decline significantly through 2019/20.** The peaking and moving to completion of major projects across telecommunications (NBN) and roads likely to drive a downturn in publicly funded work in these segments by 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively. Meanwhile the wave of publicly funded railways work is not expected to peak until the mid-2020s.
- **There are large differences in the outlook for engineering construction by state**, with New South Wales and Victoria set to see the largest increases over the next two years, following solid growth in 2016/17. By contrast, activity is expected to only grow weakly in Queensland, and remain lower in Western Australia and South Australia by 2019/20. In turn, these states will see relatively weaker growth in state final demand and employment.
- **Construction sector employment** is projected to fall from 1.14 million persons in 2015/16 to 1.08 million persons by 2019/20 – a direct loss of around 60,000 jobs.



CCF NATIONAL EARTH AWARDS HONOUR EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN CANBERRA



The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF), congratulates the winners of the *2017 CCF National Earth Awards* that recognise excellence in civil construction projects across Australia, in addition to recognizing outstanding Civil Train Trainees of the Year.

Celebrating 24 years, the CCF National Earth Awards Gala Dinner attracted more than 200 delegates who gathered in the Great Hall of Parliament House, many of whom were visiting the Parliament for the very first time.



The **WINNERS** of these prestigious awards as follows:

CATEGORY 1

Project Value up to \$1 million

WINNER

Complex Civil

PROJECT

Bridge 3161 Strengthening, ACT



CATEGORY 2

Project Value \$1 million to \$5 million

WINNER

Waterway Constructions

PROJECT

Hawkesbury River Bridge, Pier 2 Concrete Repairs, NSW



CATEGORY 3

Project Value \$5 million to \$10 million

WINNER

Delcon Civil

PROJECT

Glenroy Main Drain Upgrade Project, VIC



CATEGORY 4

Project Value \$10 million to \$30 million

WINNER

The BMD Group encompassing Urbex, BMD Urban, JMac Constructions and Empower Engineers & Project Managers

PROJECT

Minnippi Urban Development, QLD



CATEGORY 5

Project Value \$30 million to
\$75 million

WINNER

Seymour Whyte Constructions Pty Ltd

PROJECT

Pacific Motorway - Coomera Exit 54
Interchange Upgrade, QLD



CATEGORY 6

Project Value greater than \$75 million

WINNER

BNMC Level Crossing Removal Alliance:
LXRA, John Holland, KBR, Metro Trains,
PTV & VicRoads

PROJECT

Burke-North-McKinnon-Centre (BNMC)
Level Crossing Removal Project, VIC



In addition to the awards for excellence in civil construction, two outstanding apprentices were the recipients of the **2017 CCF National Civil Train Trainee Awards** as follows:

Certificate III in Civil Construction

WINNER

Matthew Kreuzer
CivilworX Constructions, VIC



Certificate IV in Civil Construction Supervision

WINNER

Tim Baines
Densford Civil, WA





CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Civil Infrastructure IRC met via videoconference in late November to discuss industry trends and the development of training products within the Resources and Infrastructure Training Package. The IRC discussed updates on upcoming projects, including a review (of existing and the need for new) of the units related to underground service location and vacuum systems, and construction material testing units for on-site laboratories. This includes a review of packaging rules for the Certificate II in Bituminous Surfacing. If you are interested in getting involved or would like further information in regards to the projects listed above, please get in touch with Juliet Kwang at juliet.kwang@pwc.com or Ryan McLean at ryan.j.mclean@pwc.com. If you have any other issues or questions around the Civil Infrastructure IRC or the RII Training Package please contact info@skillsforaustralia.com.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES REVIEW INTO VET ANNOUNCED

The Civil Contractors Federation has welcomed the announcement by the Hon. Karen Andrews, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, of a review into vocational education and training (VET) and is inviting stakeholders to have their say on proposed reforms to ensure students receive high quality training that is responsive to the changing needs of industry.

The CCF will be providing a submission into the review that is inviting input via a number of mechanisms including:

- Through the submission process via the Department of Education and Training website portal at www.education.gov.au/VET-consultation
- Comments to the AISC Secretariat mailbox (AISCSecretariat@education.gov.au)
- Participate in face-to-face stakeholder consultation sessions organised by Commonwealth/State and Territory Governments, likely to occur around February/March 2018.

Further information, including details of the submission process are invited between December 2017 and March 2018 and can be found via the Department of Education and Training website portal at www.education.gov.au/VET-consultation.



It's been a big year for PelicanCorp in 2017, achieving some great success within the industry, not only here in Australia but across the globe. It is a testament to the team and our national client base who not only support our efforts, but are critical to our success. Some key highlights include:

- Significant enhancements to TicketAccess, the industry leading plan response solution;
- Successfully implementing Permit Access for Road Controlling Authorities and Local Government Authorities across Australia;
- Welcoming a diverse range of leading contractors across Australia onto Plan Access;
- Key supporting activities for national associations, including NULCA & IPWEA;
- Presenting as industry advocates at a number of national conferences; and
- A national partnership with the Civil Contractors Federation

It is with great excitement we head into 2018, with a focus to expand on the PelicanCorp offering and develop additional services to support the needs of our clients. It is our mission to maintain our reputation for delivering outstanding software and services within the global damage prevention industry.



NHVR ELECTRONIC WORK DIARIES

An Electronic Work Diary (EWD) is an electronic device or system approved by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), to monitor and record the work and rest times of a driver and will be a voluntary alternative to the written work diary.

At this time no EWDs have been approved by the NHVR for use, however the NHVR expects to commence assessment and approvals of EWDs in early 2018. If you currently have an electronic recording system or are looking to purchase one in the near future, make sure you talk to the technology provider about their plans to have that system upgraded to meet the EWD standards.

Further Information: www.nhvr.gov.au

**CCF National wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season
and a prosperous new year**



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