



CIVIL CONTRACTORS
FEDERATION

CCF NATIONAL DISPATCH

.....the latest national civil news highlights

OCTOBER 2017 - Volume 4

Civil Infrastructure Industry on Show in Canberra – REGISTER NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Civil Contractors Federation
**20
17** | AUSTRALIAN
INFRASTRUCTURE
SUMMIT
20th & 21st November 2017 in Canberra

incorporating the **2017 CCF National Earth Awards Gala Dinner**
Constructing Australia's Infrastructure

THE CCF
EARTH
AWARDS
EXCELLENCE IN
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

The civil infrastructure industry will be converging on Canberra for the *2017 Civil Contractors Federation Infrastructure Conference* which is being held in Canberra on 20-21 November at the QT Hotel in Canberra. This year's event will also incorporate Australia's most prestigious civil construction awards night, the *CCF National Earth Awards* which recognises excellence in civil construction projects throughout Australia.

Click the following link to register now: <http://nationalsummitandearthawards2017.com.au/>



MEDIA RELEASE

CCF WELCOMES ABCC APPOINTMENT

The Civil Contractors Federation has welcomed the appointment of Cathy Cato and her commencement as Acting Australian Building and Construction Commissioner.

Civil Contractors Federation National CEO Chris Melham said: "Cathy's prior experience as Deputy Commissioner Operations and Code at the ABCC, her 20 years of experience as a lawyer, and her more recent roles within the ABCC and its predecessor agency put her in good stead to continue the good work of the ABCC".

"The CCF continues to support the work of the ABCC in promoting an improved workplace relations framework to ensure that building work is carried out fairly, efficiently and productively for the benefit of all building industry participants", Melham said.

For a full copy of the media release please visit: <http://www.civilcontractors.com/media-releases>

The Ultimate Guide to Protecting your Business



You work hard to build your business. It's worth taking the time to protect it in the best way possible.

CCF's endorsed insurance broker, Arthur J. Gallagher, has released *The Ultimate Guide to Insurance for the Construction Industry* – with CCF members firmly in mind. With the help of the guide, you'll be well placed to:-

- Understand the basic insurance requirements for companies in the construction industry
- Evaluate different insurance products and their ability to mitigate your moderate and high-risk exposures
- Decipher the technical terms and expressions that you'll see in policy wordings, product disclosure statements and other insurance material.

The guide is free to download and presented in jargon-free plain English.
[Click Here!](#)



ATO FUEL TAX CREDIT WEBINAR – REGISTER NOW

The Civil Contractor's Federation attended a meeting of the Australian Taxation Office's Fuel Tax Advisory Committee where a number of errors were identified in fuel tax credit claims. In order to help CCF members avoid these errors and get their fuel tax credit claims right, the ATO has agreed to hold a Fuel Tax Credit webinar on 2nd November. The webinar will cover:

- why and when rates change and how to work out which rate to use;
- records that need to be kept; and
- tools and tips to help save time and get claims right, including the [simplified ways](#)
- to keep records and calculate claims.

CCF members can [Register Now](#) to join the webinar. A recording will be available for those who can't attend it live.



Contractors automate collation of DBYD responses with PlanAccess

A Victorian based contractor was experiencing the burden of a heavy administrative workload due to the efforts required to collate responses from the Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) service. They recently began to utilise the PelicanCorp PlanAccess solution, and with automation have successfully eliminated almost all manual collation of DBYD responses, reducing their manual effort, printing overheads and enabling the re-allocation of staff resources efforts.

In addition, the contractor has achieved greater protection of staff, and efficiency on site by providing workers with the plans required for each project on hand at all times, in a simple and easy to use digital Job Pack.

Hyperlink to full story: <https://www.pelicancorp.com/pelicancorp-global-news/case-studies/338-mayberry-excavations-automates-collation-with-planaccess>



National Infrastructure Construction Schedule (NICS)

The National Infrastructure Construction Schedule (NICS) establishes the first-ever national government infrastructure project pipeline. Its implementation is a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and local government. The NICS provides industry with information on major infrastructure projects committed by governments across the country in a dynamic, easy-to-use manner.

The NICS contains information on all infrastructure projects over \$50 million procured by the general government sector as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. It also contains information on tender opportunities within a project for contracts estimated to be worth more than \$25 million. The NICS includes construction projects that are valued at \$50 million and above for larger states and \$20 million and above for smaller states and territories, local government and council projects. It also contains information on tender opportunities.

NICS contains projects with opportunities for firms to bid on contracts. Over time, these projects, as well as any new projects, move along the project lifecycle, leading to a deep and liquid pipeline of infrastructure opportunities.

The information on the NICS is provided by the government responsible for procuring the project and is updated on a regular basis. Where a government announces a new commitment, the NICS will be updated within a week of that announcement. Local Government projects will be included on a voluntary basis, with information updated regularly.

The NICS may also include information on projects below \$50 million, or projects procured by Government Business Enterprises if the responsible jurisdiction provides the necessary information.

For more information on NICS visit: <https://www.nics.gov.au>

NHVR LAUNCHES REVIEW INTO HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY

The NHVR has commissioned an independent review into heavy vehicle accreditation schemes to support improved road safety. NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the independent review would inform future structural and operational improvements in the schemes.

“Heavy vehicle accreditation schemes have proven benefits for road safety across a number of heavy vehicle sectors, including trucks, cranes and buses,” Mr Petrocchio said. “The review will look at a range of factors, including governance and oversight, rules and standards, as well as examining associated assurance activities.

The Civil Contractors Federation welcomes the timing of the review ahead of new Primary Duty requirements and Chain of Responsibility laws coming in mid-2018. CCF members will be advised of the outcomes of the review, and in particular, any changes to the NHVR’s National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme.



Contact Details:

Unit 13, Level 3, Engineering House
 11 National Circuit
 BARTON ACT 2600
 (02) 6273 8312
 0438 330 039

Email ccfnat@civilcontractors.com
 Website www.civilcontractors.com

© Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) does not warrant, guarantee or make any representations regarding the currency, accuracy, correctness, reliability, useability, or any other aspect, of the material presented in the CCF Dispatch newsletter, nor of material provided by others to CCF and presented in this newsletter, nor of material provided by others and accessed from this site using links or connections to their Web sites or distribution services. The user accepts sole responsibility and all risk for using material presented on or accessed from the CCF Dispatch newsletter. CCF does not accept any liability for any loss or damage which may be incurred as a result of using the CCF Dispatch newsletter or any material presented in or accessed from the CCF Dispatch newsletter.

CCF BRANCHES					
ACT	(02) 6175 5900	QLD	(07) 3360 7933	VIC	(03) 9822 0900
NSW	(02) 9009 4000	SA	(08) 8111 8000	WA	(08) 9414 1486
NT	(08) 8999 6221	TAS	(03) 6248 4697		