



General Meeting Agenda Perth 21st September 2012

Start Time: 2:42

1. Present

a.	Ben Minutoli	b.	Ian Lambert	c.	Anthony Johnson
d.	John Croxon	e.	Courtney Marson	f.	Boyd Laurence – Ward
g.	Marilyn Dentice	h.	Mark Dentice	i.	Kim Rushton
j.	Frank Lucks	k.	Jim Archibold	l.	Brian Davies
m.	Mark Quartermaine	n.	Tobi Laurence – Ward	o.	

Apologies

p.	Scott Masters	q.	Shirlee Cook	r.	Natalie Hunter
s.	Wayne Cini	t.	Richard Blanchet	u.	

2. Correspondence in and out - A full list of all correspondence in and out of NULCA is available to all members upon request to the secretary

3. Guest speakers;

a. Kim Rushton – DBYD Western Australia

i. Kim spoke about a range of topics in regards to DBYD. These included:

1. Current request for plans are about 450 per day, in the peak a couple of years ago they were at 900 per day
2. There is a new web based DBYD page that is being worked on at the moment, once finished it will be able to work on android phones
3. On average the rate of requests in the past decade have been increasing by about 20% per year
4. Most requests at the moment in WA are for subdivisions

5. Issue they are having at the moment is NBN
6. The question was asked, "Will DBYD ever notify the users that there are non-member assets located within the area that has been requested?" The response was, "NO". "Because DBYD need those asset holders to become members". The question then went back "But not even for just a small nominal fee". The reply was, "some members in WA that have less than 4 requests per quarter actually don't pay a fee, they get the DBYD service for free, so you can't get cheaper than that. The next lot up from there is \$400 per year and then the next lot up from there is \$1.35 per request, and that is generally what is paid by water, gas and Telstra. That is less than what it costs to buy a coffee and it is helping the assets owner protect their assets. But there are still some that won't join, Main roads, some councils, even the City of Perth who has millions of dollars of assets, CCTV cameras, parking meter and optic won't join."
7. The point of duty of care was also brought up, and the 321 OHS regulation that is now in place in WA
 - a. The person working near the asset has to dig down and expose the asset, doing the 4 P's to see that the asset is there.
 - b. You have to have the utility maps onsite when you are doing the digging
 - c. A private person will be fined \$10,000 for the first time they hit an asset and it escalates each time that same person hit asset again. A company gets fined \$20,000 and again goes up every time they hit another asset.

This has all come about after *WorkCare 2005*, which states that the company doing all the work will not be the one held liable for the damages, it is the guy on the end of the crowbar that goes through the optic fibre cable that will be held responsible. So since then a lot of dynamics have changed in WA and 321 has being brought in to reinforce it all.

8. DBYD have started advertising during gardening shows and building shows on TV on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
 - b. Next guest was, Frank Lucks – CCF Western Australia and South Australia
 - i. Frank is the new business manager for CCF WA & SA. He has offered to help any NULCA member where he can. CCF is a national organisation, nationally they have 2900 members and in WA they have 200. Some of the CCF roles are to deal with government lobbying on behalf of its members, OHS support and advise, industrial relation assistance, partnerships with legal teams and offer discounted rates to its members. They also provide contract management systems, CCF has written a construction management code, they have a SKIMS system for smaller businesses and IMS for larger businesses. The code is audible and is accredited, it is recognised by several companies including Main Roads .
4. Ian & AJ updated the members about the progress on the basic training course and explained the need of a basic course for people who had never held a locator before, but were being sent to the NULCA 2 day training course and bringing the rest of the class down so that the basics could be covered.
5. We advise that the next upcoming committee and general meeting will be in - Melbourne – 16th November, Punt Hill apartments, Essendon.

6. Members were advised on the discussion that have been held in regards to the criteria for membership to NULCA
7. The new Australian Standard for Subsurface Utility Information was discussed.
 - a. It was surprising that there were still professional locators out there that had not read the draft standard that is currently open for public comment. This new standard will affect all locators in one way or another. It is strongly advised that everyone that is involved in locating read over and understand the new standard. It will be open for public comment until the 22nd October, after that date all comment and advice that they have received will be reviewed and discussed within the Australian Standards committee. From those comments they will then decide which changes they wish to make to the draft. Once the changes have been made the final standard will then be released.
 - b. NULCA as an association have been pushing for standards in the locating industry from our very beginning, we are on the cusp of finally reaching a major milestone. We plead for all that are involved in locating to read over the standard, if you see something that you think doesn't make sense, or you have a better idea, then please send it in to the Australian Standard. Keep in mind, they don't just want negativity, so don't just say you don't like something and leave it at that, say why you don't like it and what you would do instead. This is your time to contribute to something that will be around for many years to come.
8. The Telstra online refresher course was discussed. There had been some teething problems with Coates design of the system. Those issues are being worked on and at last update they should now have been fixed.
9. Members were informed that there is now paint and battery discount available to all NULCA members
10. Open discussion, any topics an attending members would like to discuss / ask / question/ query
 - a. Topic: - A member brought up a point that it would be good to have a Vac course.
 - i. They were advised that this is something that is on our radar and that Shirlee is actually currently looking into creating a course for vacuum excavation

Finish time: 5:15pm