

NULCA Ltd News

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Sep-22

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Firstly, a sincere apology for a later than expected Newsletter this quarter. As usual, I should start now for the next but inevitably...well you know how it goes!

On the 12th October NULCA Ltd is holding a very important Extra Ordinary meeting and we need the support of every member....

WE HAVE A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

During the changeover to NULCA Ltd - a company - the constitution was rewritten. During the draft, an anomaly was noticed at the time and was addressed by the committee to the solicitor to make amendments. As a second firm was engaged for the document rewrite this request was not passed on.

The constitution was then submitted to ASIC without the recommended changes which leaves us in this predicament.

As stated in the last few zoom sessions we have held it has been noted that we have an issue with the constitution and unless 50% of members attend we do not have a quorum to hold a meeting and therefore the meeting is dissolved.

In short, we cannot hold a general meeting. Meaning we cannot hold an AGM and by company law we must hold an AGM to maintain ASIC rules.

The Board ask you to [click here and read the correspondence](#). If you can attend that would be great, if not, or you are unsure if you can at the time nominated please pass on a vote to agree or complete the proxy form on the following page (and in the link) of this newsletter to admin@nulca.com.au

Proxy Forms will be accepted until 5pm October 11th

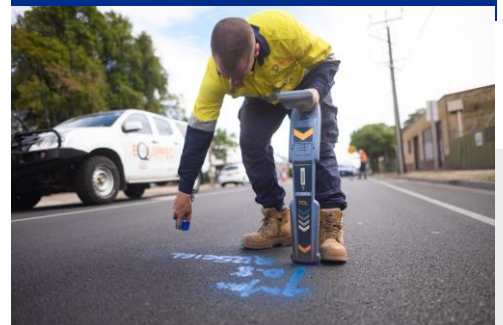
Please remember, members need to be financial to cast a vote.

NULCA CHAIRMAN

Ian Lambert

GENERAL INFO

- Extra Ordinary Meeting
12th October
- Upload your Photos and win
- Feature article – NO-DIG
Event In Review
- Next General Meeting –
6pm (AEDST)
- We need your help with
newsletter content.
Please contact us at
admin@nulca.com.au or
reach out at the next
meeting
- Next newsletter -
Directional Drillers do
have something to share!
..but we ran out of time



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

from June to September 2022

A very warm welcome to our new members, we are looking forward to meeting you in person in coming months.



Upload a Photo

SHARING YOUR PICS

Members photo upload through our website now to make it even easier to enter our photo competition.

NULCA TRAINING PUT INTO ACTION

“On a recent job my peak and null were not aligning, using my NULCA training I was able to pothole directly down onto where the water main was without digging a bigger trench. Red circle closest to the pothole was peak, the one furthest away was null” – do you know why??



**CERTIFIED
LOCATOR**
www.dbydlocator.com

Continuing Education Units

Already certified, you will now be requiring 50 CEU for your renewal.

Collect your points:

10 CEU: Attendance at a NULCA general meeting

10 CEU: Completion of DCL Pre-Excavation Management Webinar

15 CEU: Current membership of NULCA

20 CEU: Attendance at a DCL recognised damage prevention conference

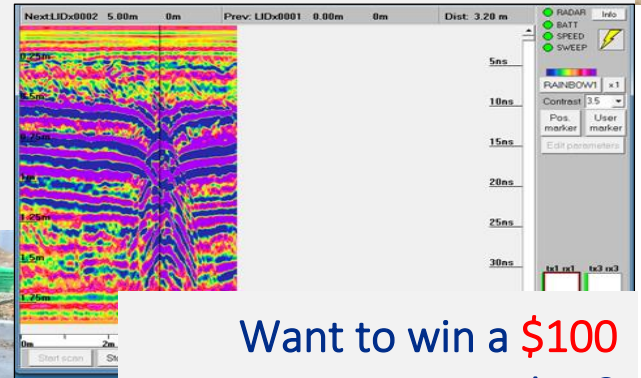
35 CEU: Provision of evidence of work in the locating industry for previous 24 months by way of submission of a logbook

50 CEU: Pass a DCL recognised 1-day skills upgrade course

When peak and null do not align and it is not a super congested area, the target should be half the distance between your peak and null, on the opposite side of the

ANSWER

STAYING IN FOCUS Share your best photo and win!



Want to win a **\$100**
voucher?

Upload your best
industry pic to the
members area at:
nulca.com.au

Photos must be taken
in landscape and be
associated to our field
of work



Thank you to everyone who sent in a photo, we chose this one because we want you to share it with your clients when they say "you just hook on to that meter and trace it out right!?" Congrats to **Locaters Pty Ltd** in Sydney for sharing this #locatorlife

There are a lot of reasons we cannot get a good signal or even any signal at all. A successful locate is a result of interpreting plans, equipment and surface clues and **LARGELY** operator experience.

SUPPLIER'S POWER SCAN

NULCA Ltd have member suppliers:

- **Access Detection Pty Ltd**
www.accessdetection.com.au
- **CR Kennedy**
www.survey.crkennedy.com.au/undergrounddetectionsystems
- **J B Hunter Technology Training RTO**
www.jbhunter.edu.au
- **Radiodetection Australia**
www.radiodetection.com
- **Vivax Metrotech AUS** www.vivax-metrotech.com.au



Contact our member
suppliers for continuing
deals



Williamson Tee's

Over the years I have been on projects where High Pressure Gas pipeline relocation works were required however never been around to see how it was done.

More recently I have been part of the "hot tapping" planning work and looked it up to know more finding myself quite impressed with the whole process.

I found a couple of cool links to show how it works [LINK 1](#) and [LINK 2](#)

One thing that did stand out is that the "T" itself can sit 300mm proud of the gas pipe. This additional height would not be picked up using a locator or even GPR.

I never really got to the bottom of the naming....

In Review - No-Dig Down Under 2022

It was both an excellent member turn out and a wonderfully organised NULCA Ltd Cocktail party the Thursday evening of the No-Dig Down Under exhibition.

A huge thank you to Shirlee Cook who did all the leg work and made it possible.

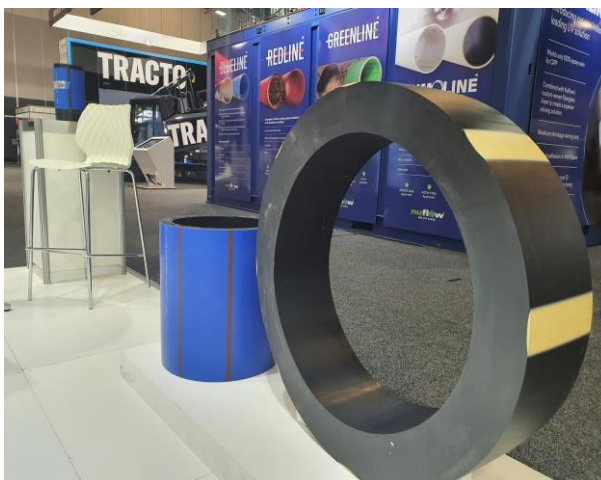
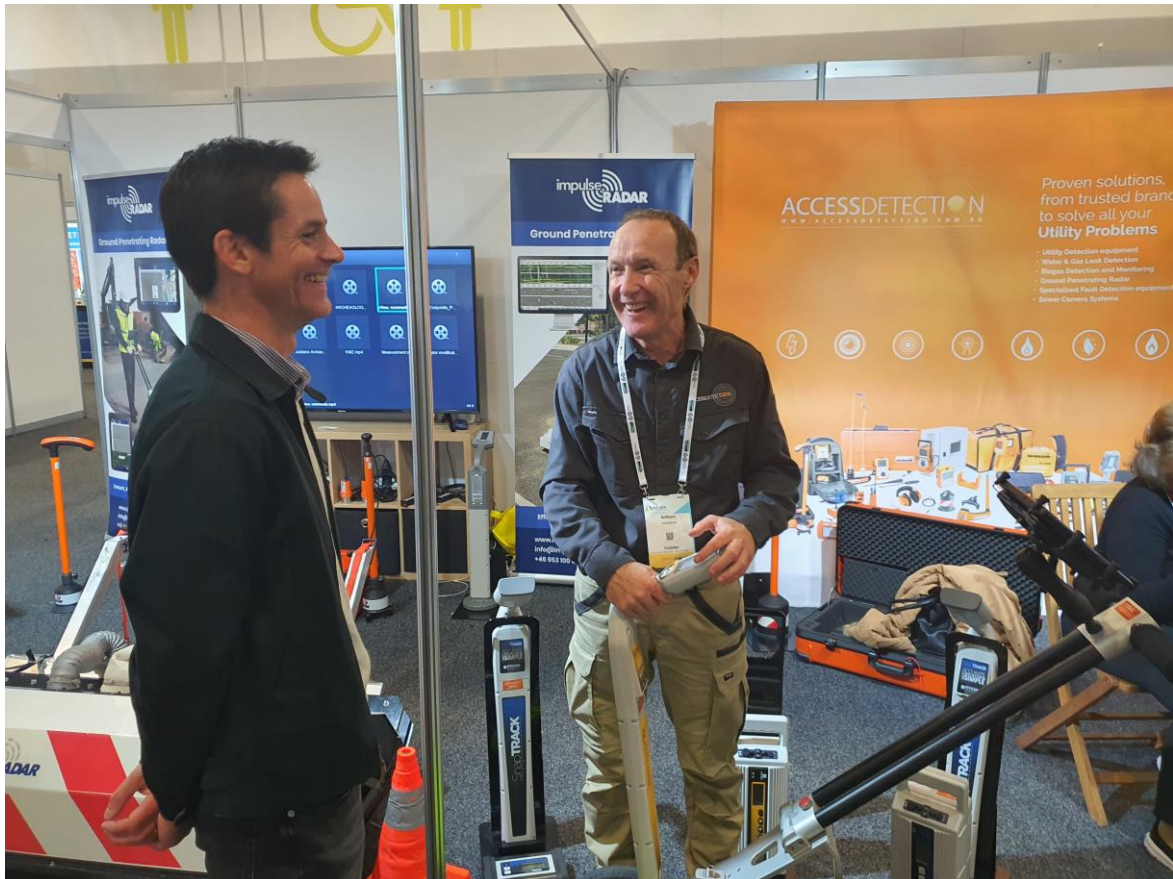


The board made a decision after the first COVID postponement to withdraw our stand as their was a strict refunds policy and continuing uncertainty around the date shifting or the event cancelling altogether. The show did go on, and we were lucky enough to share the stage with Before You Dig Australia and be a voice for the locating community.

As well as a strong presence of our dealer members, there was a lot of interesting equipment associated with CCTV, directional drilling, pipe lining technologies to name a few

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We had Before You Dig Australia's CEO Mell Greenall as a special guest at our cocktail party.

Mell shared where BYDA's focus has been in ensuring the value of the Before You Dig program is retained and that as many network operators as possible are on board.

The vision for the future is to balance the inputs and draw down on the knowledge and experiences from industry – including NULCA members – so that the voices of all stakeholders ie. operators and users alike, are heard.

Mel is a motivated and passionate person and also was our guest speaker at our last general meeting.

We look forward of being a part of the BYDA National objectives.



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SURVEYORS CORNER

Recently NULCA Ltd became a member of Consulting Surveyors National (formerly Australian Consulting Surveyors), an organisation that opens the door to a number of support opportunities for business like ours.

Surveyors and Locators share a lot of similarities as a business – many are one man bands, many work on day by day or week to week jobs, many are small often family run and many struggle with succession planning, marketing and business growth. The CEO of CSN, Michelle Blicvas is a unique leader as a business coach with an understanding of issues related to this industry.

By being a member we receive access to training, information sessions, newsletters and an opportunity to network within a truly adjacent industry.

I recently attended a sales workshop that I found very worthwhile and I hope to get the presenter to one of our meetings.

Check out the CSN website here and have a browse around.

They are there as an affiliate organisation and we see that can learn from and leverage off each other in the future.



<https://www.consultingsurveyors.com.au/>

Save the date:

- NULCA General Meeting 22nd November
(6.00pm AEDST)

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**Don't dig blind!
Lodge a FREE BYD
enquiry online,
every time.
www.byda.com.au**

A Vision for Zero Damage, Zero Harm

After almost 40 years of protecting Australians and underground infrastructure from harm and damage, Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) has transitioned into a new national organisation known as Before You Dig Australia (BYDA).

BYDA is an essential safety partner and continues to provide the free referral service that protects workers and vital infrastructure. BYDA also provides free damage prevention awareness sessions, so there is no excuse for digging blind.

What to do Before You Dig?

Safety is a fundamental aspect of any project that involves digging or excavating, so using the BYD service should always be your first task before starting work.

How do you access the service?

The service is free for users and is accessible via the new BYDA website or the iPhone and Android apps.

What happens after you lodge an enquiry?

You will receive plans and safety guidelines via email from infrastructure owners indicating the presence of their underground assets. However, the plans indicate the presence of underground infrastructure only and not their exact location. Therefore, you should only use them as a guide. Should you require further information or assistance or have not received plans, please contact the asset owner directly using the contact details supplied in your enquiry confirmation email. Do NOT proceed until you have received the relevant information from all asset owners affected by your project.

Always follow the 5Ps of safe excavation!



Plan

Plan by lodging your BYD enquiry at least one business day before your project begins, and ensure you have the correct information required to carry out a safe project.



Prepare

Prepare by reviewing the utility plans and contacting the asset owners if you need assistance. Look for onsite asset clues such as pit lids, marker posts and electricity, gas or water meters. Engage a Certified Locator who can assist you in locating assets electronically before potholing.



Pothole

Establish the exact location of all underground infrastructure(s), if permitted, by hand digging, hydro vacuum extraction or using the asset owner's stated method as specified on the plans or information pack.



Protect

Protecting the exposed infrastructure is the excavator's responsibility if potholing has occurred. Communicate to all working onsite, erect barriers and mark the location of the exposed infrastructure.



Proceed

You should only proceed with your excavation work after planning, preparing, potholing (unless prohibited), and having protective measures in place.

FREE Damage Prevention Awareness Sessions

We have Damage Prevention and Awareness Officers in each state and territory who can tailor a free toolbox talk or more in-depth session to meet your team's needs. To book a free session for your team, scan the following QR code:

