

NULCA^{Ltd} News

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NATIONAL UTILITY LOCATING
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NULCA Ltd

IS IT ALREADY THE END OF 2022?!

SURE IS and what a great time to be alive in the Locating industry and at NULCA.

The last year has seen some changes in the back end of our organisation and a big thank you to our members for voting for the change to our constitution that will enable us to operate more effectively.

In the first week of November a group of about 15 board and financial members participated in a Strategic Planning meeting at the DCL office in Brisbane. During this day-long session we were able to reflect on what achievements NULCA have made over the years and what we need moving forward. A common theme was communication – how we talk to you and of equal importance how you talk to us. As a result, we are heading down the path of setting up a Microsoft Teams system that will allow 24/7 member participation chat, posts, online newsletters and a more. This system will also result in less technical issues around meeting date setting, logins and we can even record them for those who couldn't make it or wish to relive the experience.

Also high on the non-negotiables was to boost our profile with adjacency associations and organisation. New BYDA initiatives and (nearly) 10 years of AS5488 has seen increased opportunities for a Locator, **we are part of the bigger picture** in damage prevention, asset identification and network mapping and any many cases have become mandatory in daily workflows in the greater construction industry. The doors are opening and it is NULCA's role to invite ourselves in to tell them our stories.

So bring on 2023 for an even better NULCA experience

NULCA CHAIRMAN
Ian Lambert

GENERAL INFO

- Next General Meeting – TBC
- We need your help with newsletter content. Please contact us at admin@nulca.com.au or reach out at the next meeting





INSURANCE MATTERS

Meet Dean Bowen & the team from DLB Insurance & Risk Solutions who specialise in General Insurance for utility locators. Dean is available to assist NULCA Members with obtaining Insurance and has shared a handful of helpful tips and hints for us utility locators.



- If you are undertaking any locating works within any of the below industries, it is extremely important that you advise your insurance broker and insurer. Often works within these industries fall under what is known as a **treaty exclusion** – meaning an insurer will not be able to cover any losses through their own reinsurance. Therefore works within these industries must be covered by a specialist insurer or underwriter.
 - ✓ Railways & Rail Corridors
 - ✓ Airside
 - ✓ Underground Mine Sites
 - ✓ Works over or near water – eg. – Wharves, Jetties etc
 - ✓ Works involving Bridges, Tunnels or Dams
- Be wary of Professional Indemnity Policies which provide an aggregated limit for bodily injury – we are seeing more and more of these. Ensure you review all of the fine print in your Professional Indemnity Insurance and ensure your broker provides you with options.
- Keep an asset register of your Utility Locating Equipment with serial numbers and copies of all purchase receipts in the event you need to lodge a claim this will ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible

When it comes to using Sub Contractors, ensure you have a legal professional create a sub-contractor agreement and ensure your contractors maintain adequate insurance, in particular any excavator operators whom may conduct non-destructive digging.

Cyber Insurance – **an emerging risk for all small businesses within Australia** – ensure you explore this coverage with your insurance broker and include it in your next renewal.

We are readily available to assist all utility locators with their insurance needs, get in touch today for an obligation free review of your current insurance program.



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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

from October to December 2022

A very warm welcome to our new members, it is an exciting year ahead and is great to have you on board.



Upload a Photo

SHARING YOUR PICS

Members photo upload
through our website now

to make it even easier to enter our photo competition.

Also, just a quick reminder that good news content begins with YOU.

I hope to get out and about this year and try and do some proper interviews and see if we can give you some good content sharing. We had some great contributions this year to get a better understanding of Leak Detection and using sondes to name a couple. Thank you to everyone that put in the effort a little goes a long way.



**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

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

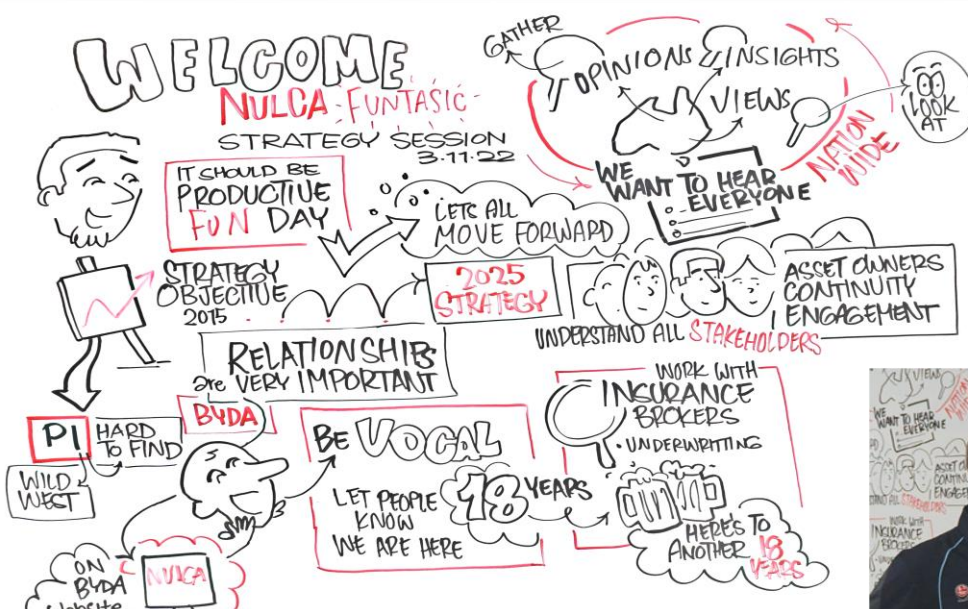




STAYING IN FOCUS

Share your best photo and win!

This quarter I have included a few photos from our Strategic meeting in November. It was a very productive session and confirmed that we have achieved a lot and the hunger for more from your leadership group remains.



BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

FACILITATED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ARE THERE ANY LEARNINGS FROM THE NULCA 2010-2015 STRATEGY WAS DELIVERED THAT MIGHT HELP US WITH OUR NEW STRATEGY?
- CAN WE DELIVER OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF RESOURCING?
- WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EACH BOARD MEMBER IN MAKING SURE THE 2022-2025 STRATEGY IS A SUCCESS?
- WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS TO KICK OFF THE NEW STRATEGY?



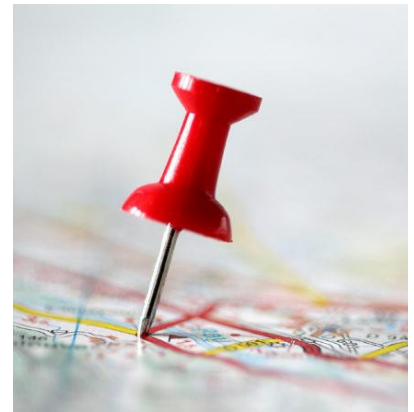
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SUPPLIER'S POWER SCAN

NULCA Ltd have member suppliers:

- **Access Detection Pty Ltd**
www.accessdetection.com.au
- **CR Kennedy**
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- **J B Hunter Technology Training RTO**
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- **Radiodetection Australia**
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NULCA UNDERGROUND ASSET LOCATION





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NEWS FROM DCL

Launching soon: merging utility plan search with local Certified Locating Organisations

In the new year anyone requesting utility plans via BYDA's online Referral Service will also see what Certified Locating Organisations (CLO) can service that worksite. This is an exciting initiative that DBYD Certification Ltd (DCL) has been working on with BYDA.

The new service enhancement offers CLOs, who have opted-in, a greater exposure of their services and further encourages the use of expert locating services. For users of the Referral Service, it offers the immediate prompt – and option – to contact a CLO at the same time.

Since DCL's November announcement to CLO's about the new service, nearly 70% have chosen to opt-in and have their business promoted via the BYDA Referral Service.

After months of work with BYDA, DCL is very pleased to be able to offer this option to CLOs. DCL believes this is a major step forward in providing users with easier access to CLOs and promoting the use of Certified Locators.

The new service will be launched before Christmas. If you are a CLO and haven't yet opted-in, DCL will contact you in the new year about the next opportunity to opt-in. For more information or questions please email: info@dbydlocator.com



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**Don't dig blind!
Lodge a FREE BYD
enquiry online,
every time.
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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:





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*Thank You
and Merry Christmas*

