

# NULCA Ltd News

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**NATIONAL UTILITY LOCATING  
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA LTD.**

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## NULCA Ltd

**Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023 and what an enthusiastic start to the year we have had.**

Firstly I must apologise on the timing, we always want to get to you in a timely fashion however we had to finalise some decisions at our latest Board meeting in the last week of March so I thank you for your patience.

As Chairman, it is my responsibility to ensure the Board is working for our members. Last year we held a strategic planning working group aimed at identifying what and how we can do that. I am pleased to advise you that we have since broken into sub groups focusing on the 4 key target areas of:

- Marketing
- Training
- Industry Collaboration
- Member Benefits

Each target area is headed by 2 committee members so as to share the load and provide different perspectives. As always we welcome contributions from members in any of these areas, so if you see a heading that is in your area of interest or experience please reach out to [admin@nulca.com.au](mailto:admin@nulca.com.au) with your name and contact details so the correct sub group can get back to you.

After a successful No Dig in Sydney last year, we are planning for Brisbane in 2023 so set your calendar for September 13-14 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre where NULCA will be holding another social event.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next General meeting  
Ian Lambert - NULCA CHAIRMAN

## GENERAL INFO

- The facts behind the CLO listing now active on BYDA
- Upload your Photos and win
- International Women's Day
- BYDA Certified Locator Algorithm explained
- Feature article – Directional Drilling
- No Dig 2023 planning
- We need your help with newsletter content. Please contact us at [admin@nulca.com.au](mailto:admin@nulca.com.au) or reach out at the next meeting



## International Women's Day – March 8th

International Women's day is about not only recognising and celebrating the contribution of women to society, but to continue the discussion and identify the need for gender equality. The theme for International Women's Day this March was #EmbraceEquity.

**NUCLA Ltd supports gender equality and encourages its members to be proactive in their workplace and private life alike not just on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March each year but everyday**



## NEWS FROM DCL – Excavation Code of Practice Qld

The NULCA Board endorsed some suggested changes to the Qld Work Safe Excavation Code of Practice 2021. The suggested changes were steered by DCL and BYDA focusing on procedures when working around buried utilities. This kind of documentation is necessary to help re-enforce what we preach on a daily basis and can only be good news to help validate our industry.



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### Continuing Education Units

Need to get your certification renewed? You currently require 40 CEU points moving to 50 as of 1<sup>st</sup> July. Contact [admin@nulca.com.au](mailto:admin@nulca.com.au) for your NULCA member discount code.

How to collect your points:

- 10 CEU:** Attendance at a NULCA general meeting
- 10 CEU:** Completion of DCL Pre-Excavation Management Webinar
- 10 CEU:** Completion of DCL technical webinars with guest speaker
- 10 CEU:** Completion of Locate Management Institute Hydrovacing course
- 15 CEU:** Current NULCA membership
- 20 CEU:** Completion of Locate Management Institute Utility Advanced Line Locating Course
- 25 CEU:** Attendance at a DCL recognised damage prevention conference (e.g., No-Dig Downunder)
- 30 CEU:** Provision of evidence of work in the locating industry for previous 24 months by way of submission of a logbook. 200 hours required (*download template [here](#)*)
- 40 CEU:** Provision of evidence of work in the locating industry for previous 24 months by way of submission of a logbook. 500 hours required (*download template [here](#)*)
- 50 CEU:** Pass a DCL recognised 1-day skills upgrade course
- 50 CEU:** Attend a NULCA approved RIICCM202E course

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

January to March 2023

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.



13 - 14  
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# NO-DIG DOWN UNDER

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

## 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](http://nulca.com.au)

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



Thank you to everyone who sent in a photo, our winner might already know what it is like to be on top of the world – or at least on top of Australia! This is LiveLocates doing some locating and GPS data collection for National Parks who are busy redoing the walkway to the top of Mt Kosciuszko

Congrats to **Andrew Findlay** and the team for sharing this #locatorlife

## SUPPLIER'S POWER SCAN

NULCA Ltd have member suppliers:

- **Access Detection Pty Ltd**  
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[www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com)
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[www.triotest.com.au](http://www.triotest.com.au)
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Save the date:

- **NULCA General Meeting**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (5.00pm AEST)**

## General Meetings @NULCA

We value your time and are always trying to make our general meetings more relevant by bringing along a guest speaker. More recently CEO of BYDA Mel Greenall kept us up to date with their goings on including current working with Work Safe to promote expectations in excavation. We are always on the look out for more so if you have anything you want to share or know someone who might be a good fit as a presenter to our community then drop us a line at [admin@nulca.com.au](mailto:admin@nulca.com.au)



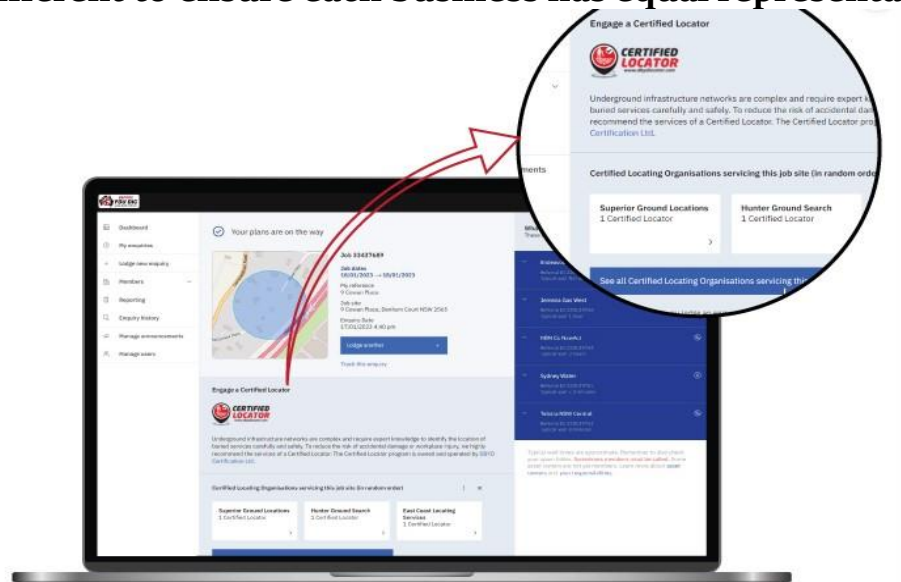
## CLO Listing on BYDA

As was discussed last newsletter, anyone requesting utility plans via BYDA's online Referral Service will also see what Certified Locating Organisations (CLO) can service that worksite. This is now live, and we below are some things you need to need to know. You can also check out the [BYDA article on the new feature](#).

### HOW DOES THE CLO ONLINE LISTING WORK?

- **The DBYD Certification website** – offers an interactive map and keyword/postcode search function to find local CLOs.
- **The BYDA Referral Service** – with every request a user makes for utility plans for a job site, a list of the CLOs who service that area is also displayed. The CLOs are listed on BYDA's enquiry confirmation page whereby a random list of **three** CLOs is featured above a 'Full List' of the available CLOs for a user to view and select.

**Please note, the list of CLOs for each service area is displayed in a random order. This means, each time a new request is submitted for an area, the order of CLOs is different to ensure each business has equal representation.**



Screenshot of the enquiry summary

The added functionality will fast-track users' ability to find a CLO that services the area of their job site. The feature presents the user with three random CLOs that service the area. **The three CLOs displayed are not the complete list of CLOs in the area, nor are they recommended by BYDA.** The search function is linked to the service area nominated by each CLO and is supported by the list of Certified Locating Organisations registered with DCL. CLOs can also set their service area by choosing a radius around their office. Then, the search function picks up the location of the job site and displays three random CLOs that service the area.

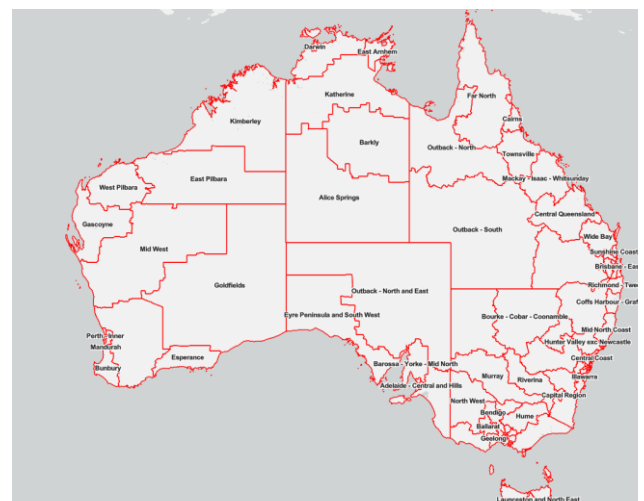
## HOW DOES BYDA WEBSITE DETERMINE THE FEATURED THREE EACH TIME?

- Which CLOs service the location of the requested job site.
- The number of appearances a CLO has made in the featured section during the previous seven days.
- Pick from that list those that have been presented the least number of times.
- If more than one CLO has the same number of appearances, then the selection is purely random.

For the Service Area Locations, if your business has **multiple branches**, PLEASE NOTE:

- Alternatively, you can simply list one branch with all your service areas.

## Map with all the service areas



## FEATURE ARTICLE: Directional Drilling

At last years No Dig exhibition in Sydney there was some amazing machinery relating to Direction Drilling. It caught my imagination and so I thought I would look into direction drilling a little bit more.

### WHAT IS HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING?

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) is a broad term used to describe any boring that doesn't go in a straight line vertically down. In fact, even in a vertical well, it might be necessary to deviate to avoid a geological formation.

As HDD is essentially trenchless, it is commonly used for installation of utilities in built up areas, sensitive environmental sites, crossing rail corridors and highways as well as in rural areas where a long 'shot' is required.

The process (conceptually) is fairly straightforward however different soil conditions are critical to be known to ensure the correct cutting head is applied.

### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF HDD?

Advantages include:

- Faster installation than open trenching
- Minimal interruption to traffic and pedestrians
- Minimal backfill and restoration costs



## FEATURE ARTICLE: Directional Drilling

I found a couple of videos, all are fairly short but help put the images together in your head. The 3<sup>rd</sup> video is a favourite because it highlights the need to locate existing utilities as part of the process.

If you are a directional driller and you want to provide an interesting story please contact us, we would love to hear your stories – the good the bad and the ugly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQBVtlcl2oc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhEPiVcHQ9A>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7R5z3KQ\\_SE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7R5z3KQ_SE)





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