

QMCA

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The Queensland Major Contractors Association (QMCA) is the peak industry body representing Queensland's leading construction contracting companies and is dedicated to making the construction industry safer, more efficient, more competitive and better able to contribute to the development of Queensland and Australia.

This update gives an insight into progress on some of the Association's recent strategic priorities and the ways in which it works to improve the construction industry.



QMCA responds to State floods

QUEENSLAND has experienced some of its most extreme climatic events with widespread regional flooding, devastation to South East Queensland communities through rising flood waters and the horrific damage caused by tropical cyclone Yasi.

Initially, these events left us both shocked and shaken, but we can now begin to reflect on what was, and continues to be, a truly incredible community response from the people of Queensland.

The immediate response from the QMCA member companies after the South East Queensland flooding was also exemplary with around 500–600 of our construction workers mobilised in a matter of hours to clean up and repair badly affected areas such as Goodna, Rocklea and St Lucia.

The QMCA was central in co-ordinating contractors' resource contributions to the initial recovery efforts

and I was humbled by the speed and generosity of the mobilisation. Of course, emergency efforts continue right now in regional communities with member company assistance provided to local councils and mining, rail and resources companies.

Our support to affected communities around the State has drawn very genuine messages of appreciation from the Premier's office, State government department heads and from local councils. Well done to all who have contributed to emergency efforts and who continue to do so.

Queensland must now begin a massive reconstruction effort throughout 2011 and beyond. Against the immediate needs of disaster recovery, such as waste disposal, demolition, and emergency reconstruction, there are longer-term economic issues facing the Queensland economy, such as potential skills shortages, rising material input costs, risk of wages break-outs and environmental impact.

The QMCA have joined with other industry peak bodies to provide a focused industry response to the new Reconstruction Authority and advise government on issues surrounding the rebuilding of infrastructure, such as procurement and resource capacity. Member company notices and articles will continue to be distributed so as people are kept informed.

Steve Abson
President, QMCA



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QMCA ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, 6 October 2011

6.30pm for 7.15pm

Sofitel Hotel Brisbane



Sharing knowledge and experience of indigenous employment

ON Wednesday 23 February, a joint Queensland Major Contractors Association (QMCA) and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) forum was held at The Greek Club in South Brisbane to share knowledge and experiences in indigenous employment.

The forum was well represented with eight member companies taking the opportunity to engage with senior staff and executives of TMR in an open forum.

Emma Thomas, the Chief Operations Officer of TMR, provided the first presentation into the Department's recently released Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP is an impressive commitment and provides the Department with a solid framework so that "good intentions can be turned into action".

Contractors then shared their experiences from around Australia with insightful presentations given by Bert Musch (Leighton Contractors), Natalie Harper and Terry Williams (John Holland), Wendy Dooley (Abigroup) and Brian Laurenson (BGC Contracting).

All presenters reached consensus that, like safety, ensuring sustainable indigenous employment in the

construction sector should transcend the boundaries of competition and that at industry level, the QMCA can assist contractors in their individual journey towards indigenous engagement and best practice.

Presenters also touched on the importance of initial indigenous community consultation to identify skills needs, the need for mentoring and of the importance of strong cultural awareness programs within contracting companies. At the end of the forum, Derek Skinner, TMR's General Manager (Major Infrastructure Projects) noted the opportunities that exist for both TMR and industry to make a difference, with programs such as the NDRRA providing early engagement interest.

The QMCA and TMR will discuss the forum at the next scheduled executive meeting in March and examine how outputs from the forum might influence both TMR's procurement policy and the QMCA's ongoing role in supporting members in their indigenous employment activities.



ETI – tender costs discussion

IN late 2010, the QMCA circulated a discussion paper within the industry regarding Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) and Early Tender Involvement (ETI) – Reimbursement of Tendering Costs to Competing Contractors.

The paper prosecutes the case for the establishment of open discussion with clients to enable a rational basis for the reimbursement of tender costs in both ECI and ETI tenders that reflects the true value that clients' receive from this form of procurement.

A copy of this discussion paper can be provided on request from the QMCA.

This paper was well received by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Major Projects team who committed to an internal review of the paper with the opportunity of a following meeting with the QMCA.

A meeting was held at the TMR offices on the 25th February between TMR officers and members of the QMCA Executive. The meeting provided a positive opportunity to exchange views on the information tabled in the discussion paper and indicated a clear understanding of the reasoning put forward within the QMCA paper.

A senior department officer at TMR welcomed the proactive approach taken by the Association and committed to include the outcomes from the discussion into the ongoing process underway within the department to improve program delivery across the State.

QMCA will take every opportunity to maintain the information exchange with TMR regarding the industry view of program delivery.

Congratulations to Boulderstone!



THE *Project Safety Excellence Award*, presented by the Queensland Major Contractors Association, is designed to recognise outstanding contributors at a project level and reward them for their efforts. It is an award that recognises the project team's commitment to safety.

The recipient of the 2010 Award was Boulderstone for the "Building the Education Revolution" project.

Boulderstone has an ongoing commitment to safety which is present in all operations. This has resulted in an exemplary record and the company is continuing to further review its safety practices with an emphasis on behaviours as well as system compliance. The company has set its objectives in safety, health and welfare to:-

- Secure the health, safety and welfare of persons at work
- Protect persons at a place of work against risks to health or safety arising out of the activities of persons at work
- Promote an occupational environment for persons at work which is adapted to their needs, and
- Provide suitable protection and safety measures to ensure the safety of the general public.

The Boulderstone *Building the Education Revolution* project team, incorporated that philosophy to successfully manage 67 projects throughout the Brisbane, Gympie and Wide Bay areas. In the role as Construction Manager, Boulderstone are:-

- Leading the way in upskilling PQC1 and PQC2 contractors with regards to the management of their responsibilities under the Workplace Health and Safety Acts and Regulations; and
- Assisting with the development of safety systems produced by these lower tier contractors.

Boulderstone are committed to continually educating the construction community in safety matters.



2010 Annual Dinner

The QMCA 2010 Annual Dinner and presentation of the Safety Excellence Award was held on Thursday, 7 October 2010. 550 members and guests were in attendance.



QMCA's 2011 Executive Team

Steve Abson, President

Abigroup

David Parker, Vice President

John Holland

James Schirmer, Treasurer

Golding

Tony Hackett, Secretary

BGC Contracting

Struan Collins, Committee Member

Boulderstone

Berry Freshney, Committee Member

Leighton Contractors

Duncan Gibb, Committee Member

Fulton Hogan

Jason Spears, Committee Member

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Due to two QMCA executives leaving their home member organisations to pursue other interests, vacancies on the QMCA executive have arisen. The Association would welcome General Manager and Business Unit Manager interest in these positions from member companies. Enquiries can be made directly to QMCA at admin@qmca.com.au or telephone 3900 9005.

QMCA welcomes new member

Lend Lease

THE Association is pleased to welcome its 18th member company – Lend Lease.

Lend Lease is a world leader in project management and construction, operating in more than 30 countries across the globe and employing over 7,500 people.

Using industry best practices, we work with clients to create high quality, sustainable property assets and are committed to operating Incident & Injury Free wherever we have a presence.

Our operations span six continents, with regional businesses in the United Kingdom & Ireland; Continental Europe, Middle East & Africa (CEMEA); Asia; Australia; and the Americas.

Across these regions, we hold strong market positions in the commercial, retail, residential, industrial and pharmaceutical sectors and also work closely with governments to deliver health, education and defence projects amongst others.

We offer multiple services across the breadth of the design and construction project delivery process and, whilst these vary by region, our core capabilities lie in our strong project management skills and our focus on value engineering to drive value and ensure certainty of delivery for our clients.

Repeat business constitutes a large part of our order book and we enjoy close relationships with a large number of long-term, like-minded clients around the world.

Lend Lease is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and is one of the largest international integrated property companies.

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QMCA 2011 GENERAL MEMBERS MEETINGS

Thursday 24 March 2011

5.30pm for 6.00pm

The Greek Club, South Brisbane



Guest Speaker:
Mr Leigh Johns,
Commissioner,
Australian Building
and Construction
Commission.

Leigh Johns was appointed as the ABCC Commissioner on 28 September 2010. He began his appointment on 11 October 2010. The key role of the Commissioner is to ensure that workplace relations laws are enforced in building and construction industry workplaces. Immediately prior to his appointment at the ABCC, Mr Johns was Chief Counsel at the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Monday, 20 June 2011

5.30pm for 6.00pm

The Greek Club, South Brisbane

Monday, 15 August 2011

5.30pm for 6.00pm

The Greek Club, South Brisbane

Monday, 17 October 2011

5.30pm for 6.00pm

The Greek Club, South Brisbane

Monday, 21 November 2011

Annual General Meeting

5.30pm for 6.00pm

The Greek Club, South Brisbane



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