

# Acra News

Dear Members, Associates and Colleagues.

It's almost the season for the Bogong Moths, backyard barbeques and gift giving; how time has flown this year.

Like the rest of you, ACRA has also had an extremely busy season for 2009, which was celebrated at the end-of-year ACRA Christmas party for those members that could make it (apologies to those that are defeated by Australia-wide distances).



It was a great night, mostly because it was a double act with the inaugural presentation to 3 of the 4 proposed LIFE MEMBERS, who were honoured for their service to the concrete repair industry.

The event was hosted by our new President, Peter Johnsson, who took over from the past-President, Henk van den Heuvel (2007-2009). Peter took us

down memory lane and reminded us of the considerable efforts of the new LIFERS and just how much the organisation owes them for their achievements in the early years.

Just to reiterate some of those achievements and to formally acknowledge their history I'd like to repeat some of Peter's short address...



# The seeds of ACRA were sown in 1989/90

In 1991 the first Minutes of an ACRA Steering Committee Meeting were taken with Ian Godson as President and Noel Godson as Secretary. Regular meetings are held, training courses put together and run in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. ACRA liaises with similar organisations overseas and Articles of Association are composed. These two gentlemen were responsible for getting ACRA up and running in those early years.

Another gentleman that was very active in those early years was Detlef Sulzer who got involved around May 1992.

Ian Godson reigned as President until June 1994 when Noel Godson, technical director for Sika took over. Noel was President from June 1994 till November 1995. Detlef was President from November 1995 till November 1997.

In those years, amongst other things, ACRA became a registered Association, ran technical seminars, HB84 1996: The Guide to Concrete Repair was written and an ACRA hosted the international conference, Rehabilitation of Concrete Structures.



David Mahaffey joined the Board as a Director in October 1996 and in 1997 ACRA changed its constitution to extend membership privileges to consultants. David was President from November 1997 till October 2001. In that time, ACRA ran seminars around the country based on the Guide to Concrete Repair, started a regular column in Australian Concrete Construction (of which David probably wrote over 20) and also staged its inaugural ACRA Awards for Excellence in 2000.

Each of the 3 present awardees were then invited up to be presented with their lifetime memberships by Peter Johnsson.

Noel Godson has a Bachelor of Science – Polymer Technology (Chemistry) Hons from the University of Manchester and is a member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. He was MD and Technical Director of Sika from 1981-98. He was a foundation member of ACRA and held the position of Vice President in 1996-1997. He was ACRA's representative on Standards from 1995-2001 serving on Committee BD/33, Chemical Admixtures for Concrete and was a member of the technical Sub-committee for the revision of AS3799 – 1998. He contributed to the Guide to Concrete Repair and Protection, co-authored the one-day training course based on the Guide and drafted the Standard Method of Measurement for Concrete Repair

David Mahaffey has a degree in civil engineering from University of Technology, Sydney and was appointed Managing Director of Mahaffey Associates in 1993. He is also a representative on a number of standards committees for Standards Australia, sits on the NSW state branch committee of the Concrete Institute of Australia and is a past President of the Australian Concrete Repair Association.

Ian Godson was on the Board from the beginning till last mention being 26th March 1998.

Noel Godson was on the Board from the beginning till October 2002.

Detlef Sulzer was on the Board from May 1992 till November 1998.

David Mahaffey was on the Board from October 1996 to 2006

**Thank you.**

That's all then for this festive season. Remember to stay in touch with events happening via the web site

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Have a safe and happy holiday period and a happy New Year.

Regretfully, Detlef Sulzer was unavailable for the presentation due to prior commitments in Canberra; however he won't miss out - we promise to be up in Queensland shortly for another seminar in the New Year, where we will be happy to have his presentation.