



Environmental Development and Allied Professionals

13th Western Group Conference Incorporating the **64th Western Group Regional Conference** **Lightning Ridge, 1-3 May 2013**

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the organising committee of the 2013 EDAP Western Group's 64th Annual Regional Conference I would like to extend a warm greeting to delegates, exhibitors, sponsors and speakers to the Lightning Ridge Conference. The wide range of presentations covers a variety of topics relating to Environmental Health, Building Surveying and Planning.

The EDAP conference has a reputation for providing a first rate learning experience with information and presentations of a high standard. It provides delegates with the opportunity to learn from very experienced presenters as well as the chance to meet socially with others in the profession. In this regard welcome drinks and a buffet dinner has been arranged for the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club on Wednesday evening and a conference dinner at the Serbian Hall on Thursday evening.

A number of visits of inspection have been arranged for delegates including the Chambers of the Black Hand where you can tour an old opal mine started over 100 years ago and explore hand carved images sculptured out of the sandstone walls and pillars. You will also have the chance to visit the opal fields for a tour of the many mining leases and unique and intriguing structures. This will allow you to gain an appreciation of the place they call the "Ridge" and certain to provide an educational and cultural experience.

I hope that while in Lightning Ridge you have the time to enjoy the variety of attractions such as the bore baths, galleries, jewellers and the hospitality. You are sure to be affected by the mining history, landscape and the unique characters.

EDAP would like to thank its many loyal sponsors and presenters and acknowledges the contribution of Walgett Shire Council to the event.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference and hope that the program inspires you in your profession.

Steven Campbell
President
EDAP Western Group

*Lightning Ridge—the world's only
significant source of black opal,
the state gemstone of NSW*



Wednesday, 1 May 2013 – Lightning Ridge Bowling Club	
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Welcome drinks & buffet dinner in dining room
Thursday, 2 May 2013 – Lightning Ridge Bowling Club Session chair: Alan Lindsay	
8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 – 9.15 am	Welcome — Mayor-Walgett Shire Council, Cr Bill Murray
9.15 – 9.30 am	Local History - Barbara Moritz, Lightning Ridge Historical Society
9.30 – 9.50 am	Current Planning Issues —Ashley Albury, NSW Planning & Infrastructure, Western Region Director
9.50 – 10.00 am	Sponsor Session
10.00 – 10.20 am	Morning tea Session chair: Neil Diamond
10.20 – 10.40 am	Food Partnership Update —Josie Rizzo, LG Unit, NSW Food Authority
10.40 – 11.00 am	Fire Brigade Booster Connections & Hydrant Systems —Peter Griffith, Dubbo City Council
11.00 – 11.20 am	Planning within a Mine Field —Ian Sinclair, Edge land Planning
11.20 – 11.40 am	BPB Update — Sue Holiday, Chair NSW Building Professionals Board
11.40 – 11.50 am	Sponsor session
11.50 – 12.10 pm	Latest News — Ian Robertson, Secretary, DEPA
12.10 – 1.00 pm	Lunch Session chair: Matthew Goodwin
1.00 – 3.00 pm	Underground tour - Chambers of the Black Hand
3.30 – 5.00 pm	Bus tour – Opal fields & the BCA (depart from Bowling Club)
5.00 pm	EDAP Western Group Annual General Meeting - Lightning Ridge Bowling Club
7.00 pm	Dinner — Serbian Hall, Pandora Street, Lightning Ridge Speaker - Jenni Brammall, Australian Opal Centre
Friday, 3 May 2013 – Lightning Ridge Bowling Club Session chair: Jeff Byrom	
9.00 – 9.20 am	Mentoring Program – Colin Wood, Penrith City Council
9.20 – 9.40 am	Skin Penetration Requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 —Anne Ford & Marnie Page, NSW Ministry of Health
9.40 – 10.00 am	Asbestos Monitoring —Bernie Finlay, Asbestos Technician, NSW Local Health District, Cowra
10.00 – 10.20 am	Morning tea Session chair: Steven Campbell
10.20 – 11.00 am	Environmental Crime-Investigation & Prosecution —Gary Green, Senior Partner, Pike & Verekers Lawyers
11.00 – 11.20 am	Nursing Home Fire Safety — Warwick Isemonger, Manager Building Compliance Unit, Fire & Rescue NSW
11.20 – 11.40 am	Structural Inspections —Tony Masters, Dubbo Consulting Engineering
11.40 – 12.00 pm	Rural Contamination Scenarios —Malcolm Dale, Parsons Brinckerhoff
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Lunch Review of Conference Program and Close

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Delegates please note:

Attendance at the Conference attracts 6 CPD points for Association of Accredited Certifiers and 6 CPD points for AIBS.

Air Travel— There is no direct air service to Lightning Ridge or Walgett. Flights are available to Narrabri and Moree where hire car services are available.

Accommodation—block booking under EDAP at:

The Wallangulla Motel, Morilla Street, Phone 68290542, Fax 68290070 (opposite the conference venue).

The Lightning Ridge Outback Resort, Phone 68290304, Fax 68290306 (short walking distance of conference venue).

Additional accommodation is available at various other venues, see <http://lightningridgeinfo.com.au/> for more information.