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**Environmental Development
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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the 2013 EDAP Newsletter!

If you have anything you would like added to the next edition, please contact Claire Johnstone at cjohnstone@blayney.nsw.gov.au

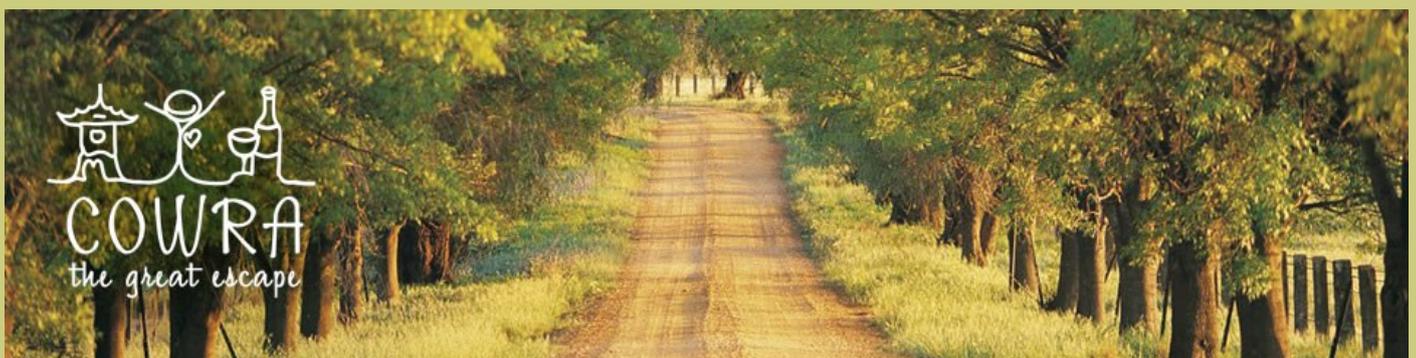


2014 Cowra Conference...

Don't forget to note your diaries for the 2014 Annual Conference in Cowra ...

30 April - 2nd May 2014

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the conference or what topics/speakers you would like to hear, please contact a committee member, committee contact details are at the end of the newsletter.



Congratulations to Alan Lindsay



Congratulations to Alan Lindsay who received a Certificate of Service for Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of the Profession of Building Surveying at the AIBS State Conference held in Sydney in August this year.

Alan has worked in the field of Environmental Health and Building Surveying for over 42 years. He commenced as a Third year Trainee Health Inspector with Marrickville Council in 1971 working at Penrith and Shoalhaven City Councils before moving to Cowra where he has progressed to Director of Environmental Services. Alan has worked as a Private Environmental Health and Building Surveyor for the past 9 years and as a PCA.

As the principal of his firm ARL Consulting his work covers the broad fields of Environmental Health & Building Surveying & Planning. He has worked closely on a contract basis for a number of Central Regional Councils including Blayney, Boorowa, Bourke, Cabonne, Cootamundra, Forbes, Jindabyne, Lachlan, Narromine, Parkes, Snowy River, Tumbarumba, Wellington, Warrumbungle's, Wagga Wagga, Weddin and Yass, NSW Dept. of Health (Olympic Games Food Inspection) as well as for a number of other Consultancies.

He is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Environmental Development and Allied Professionals (EDAP) Western Group and has served on the Committee (including 8 years as President) since its formation some 14 years ago.

Alan is highly respected by his colleagues and valued across the industry for his welcoming and friendly manner, his commitment to the profession through EDAP and AIBS and his expert knowledge and willingness to assist many under resourced regional councils.

Congratulations Alan this is a great achievement and you should be very proud!

Upcoming Training

Public Health Training and On Site Sewerage Management Systems Field Assessment Training

Venue: Orange Base Hospital, Sale Street, Orange

Date: Thursday, 24 October 2013

RSVP: Friday, 18 October 2013

Who Should Attend?

All Environmental Health Officers and Health and Building Surveyors, Trainees and other associated officers involved with the Public Health Act 2010 (inspection/approvals of on-site waste water management systems).

For a registration form please visit the EDAP website www.edap.org.au or for further information please contact Jeff Bryom via Jeff.Byrom@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Expression of Interest for Development Control Plan Workshop

EDAP would like to seek **Expressions of Interest** for Council staff to attend a FREE workshop on preparation of a Development Control Plan ('DCP').

Who is the workshop for?

The workshop is targeted at staff that are likely to be involved in the preparation, review, or use of DCPs for development assessment.

What is the workshop format?

It is a one (1) day workshop commencing ~10am and finishing ~4pm. A light lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided FREE OF CHARGE by EDAP.

It will be an INTERACTIVE forum where every attendee will be asked to participate, raise their concerns and engage in round-table discussion. This is NOT a series of presentations.

When and where?

We are thinking of running the workshop on a **Monday or Tuesday** in the last week of October (**28th or 29th Oct**) or 1st week of November (**4th or 5th November**). Please provide your preferred date and we will confirm once we have numbers.

The workshop is likely to be held in Cabonne Shire at either the Cabonne Council offices in Molong or at Black Sheep Inn at Borenore. We will confirm closer to the date.

What now?

If you wish to attend the workshop, please reply to CJohnstone@blayney.nsw.gov.au and answer the following questions:

1. **Name, Position & Council you represent**
2. **Preferred date for workshop (28/29 Oct or 4/5 Nov)**
4. **Your 3-4 (or more) questions you would like to see discussed**

We look forward to hearing from you by no later than **Friday, 4 October 2013**.

‘NSW Pool Rules’... new iPhone app!



Alan Stanger from Dubbo City Council has developed an iPhone app that explains swimming pool barrier rules for NSW pools and spas. As you would know, the rules and regulations regarding NSW swimming pools and spas are extremely complicated and there is widespread confusion about swimming pool barrier safety.

Alan developed the app for pool owners, pool inspectors, pool installers and for anyone in a similar profession that needs to know accurate and up-to-date pool rules, particularly the rules that apply to a pool based on the installation date of the pool.

The app is a great quick reference guide that can be used in the field. It is also very handy as an educational tool to help explain rules to pool owners as the app has hundreds of coloured isometric diagrams that are easy to understand. Information is quick and easy to find using the app's user friendly interface.

The app also clearly explains complex subjects such as doors and window requirements, what structures are permitted in pool enclosures and outlines anomalies that exist in pool legislation.

The information is date specific as the rules are different depending on the date the pool was installed. Another big advantage of this app is that it will be updated as changes occur to legislation.

The app is called 'NSW Pool Rules' and is now on the iTunes store. Click here to go the [iTunes Store](#). (or search 'NSW Pool rules' in the iTunes app on your iPhone or iPad).

More information about this app can be found on the website www.swimmingpoolregulations.com

Staff Movements throughout the Region

Andrew Ballard from Blayney Shire to Bathurst Regional as Health and Building Surveyor.

Bryanna Duffy has resigned from Parkes Shire Council for a working holiday in Canada for an unspecified time.

Ethan Davies from Cabonne Shire Wagga Wagga City as Health and Building Surveyor.

Andrew Johns from Parkes Shire to Lachlan Shire Council as the Director of Environmental Services.

Tim Stokes from Wingecrabbie and Shoalhaven Councils to Young Shire Council as a Health and Building Surveyor.

Francois VanderBerg from Lachlan Shire to Broken Hill as a Manager.

Tony Meppem from Warrumbungle Shire to Narrabri Council as a Manager.

Melissa Ross to Forbes Shire as Town Planner



Penrith City Council Mentoring Program

Melissa Aylward, Environmental Health and Building Surveyor from Orange City Council attended the Mentoring Program during September and was more than happy to share her experiences during the Program...

When did you attend the Mentoring Program:

I was in Penrith from Monday 2nd Sept to Friday 6th September 2013.

Who did you work with during the Program?

I worked mainly with Craig Squires who is the Supervisor Fire Safety. I also went on site visits with Colin Wood who is the Coordinator Fire Safety and Certification.

What did a typical day involve?

The days varied and were tailored to what I wanted to achieve out of the program. Craig was great and arranged a variety of inspections one of which was to the Centrebet Stadium (Home of the Penrith Panthers) to look at the accessibility and Colin took me on site visits for insights into Bushfire and subdivisions. The days were busy and interesting. We carried out a Fire Audit on a three storey walk up, I had to write the report! I also sat in on Development committees to observe staff dealing with applicants.

What did you learn during the Program

Too much to mention my mind was spinning at the end of each day. But just experiencing how other do the job on a day to day basis was great. I picked up snippets here and there to modify how we do things here in Orange – to not only improve my skills but to tweek processes.

I also learnt that we give out too much information for free! Mind you I cant see Orange residents paying for information from their Council when they pay their rates!

What did you gain most out of attending the Program?

I gained great experience in working in a larger Council, I participated and inspected properties that I would not get to do on the same scale in Orange.

I was amazed at how specialised the EH&BS are in the city. They are experts in their fields. However, I appreciate our (rural EH&BS) skills! To be a country EH&BS you must have varied and practical knowledge, and I see this as a skill that makes us very competent EH&BS.

Would you recommend the Program?

I would recommend the program. Especially if you have only worked in country Councils. It gives you great insights as to what we do really well out here in the bush and what we may need to improve on.

Any other comments?

I'd really like to thank Colin and Craig for letting me into their working lives and putting up with all my questions! And to EDAP for being involved in the program.

If you are interested in the program or require further information please contact Alan Lindsay via arlconsulting@bigpond.com



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