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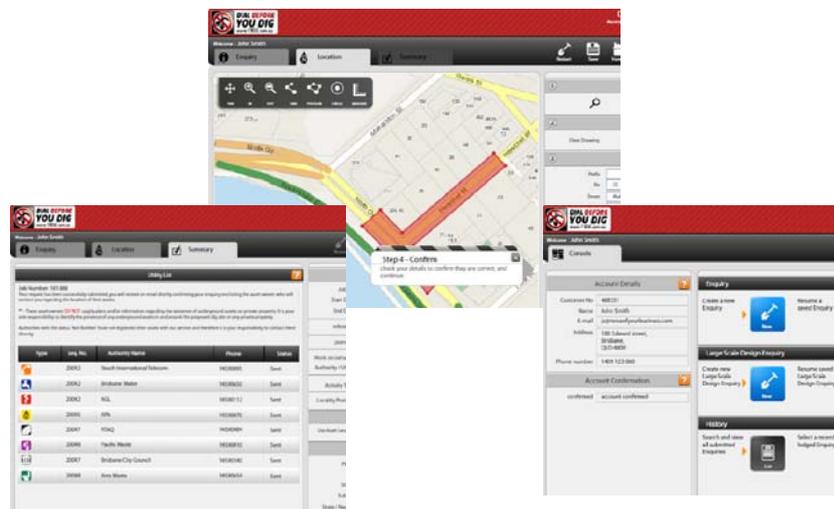
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New Online Service—Coming Soon

We've been talking about it for a while.....we can now give you a sneak preview of the new online service.



We have sent a release to our Members - it's important they are prepared for the changes as we want to move across to the service in the coming months. The aim is to have the new service available to you, our users in November. There are dramatic improvements to the online service in this upgrade - far more so than with any upgrade in the past.

There is a complete new look to all screens and completing your online enquiry will be so much easier. Mapping issues will be a thing of the past with no Java required in this upgrade. Within an enquiry you will find navigating around the maps and detailing your excavation area, using the mapping tools much quicker and simpler. You will be able to provide us with more relevant information about your excavation project but even so, the time taken to lodge an enquiry will be reduced.

There has been upgrades in the past, but this one is going to make a big difference. When asked to summarise the benefits of this upgrade, our service providers provided us with three key areas - better performance, better information security and better mapping technology. And following hot on the heels of this release will be the new iphone app. We look forward to getting our new service up and running.

DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG is a free referral service for information on underground pipes and cables anywhere in Australia.

For more information contact your local Dial Before You Dig State office. Details can be found online at www.1100.com.au.

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Damage Reporting Gathers Momentum

In continuing our push to develop and commence gathering data on damages to utilities underground infrastructure, an initiative to sponsor two key delegates from the USA was realized in late June this year. Bob Kipp (President of the Common Ground Alliance) and Rick Pevarski (CEO of Virginia Utility Protection Services) travelled out to Australia to speak at a number of forums to our members and other key stakeholder delegates. Both speakers gave an insight into how their 811 Service had developed and the success many of their states were experiencing as a result of the DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) program which has been collecting data on damage information since 2004.

It was great to see such good turnouts in Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney (sorry W.A. - strict time restraints prevented them from getting to Perth) and it emphasised the fact that many involved in underground infrastructure and excavation are interested in finding out more about asset protection.

Now we begin the task of gathering damage information here in Australia. The aim is to provide the first DIRT report for the 2011/2012 year.



Rick Pevarski

Follow Us!

You will now find us on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube. Make sure you follow us. And no, we are not just looking to jump on board the social media trend for the sake of it—we are using these platforms as important educational tools. Through Facebook and Twitter we'll be updating you regularly on industry events, safe excavation practices, case studies from the field and other important Dial Before You Dig events and information. On our You Tube site, amongst other things, you'll find a range of training videos that are perfect for helping to promote safe excavation to those at your workplace. So it is definitely worth taking a look.



Survey

Did you receive a survey from us? If so and you completed it, then thanks. If you haven't as yet, there are a few more days to go before the link we sent you becomes redundant. We would love to get your thoughts about our service and how you think we are going and the more opinions we get then the more information we have to act on. The survey link expires at the end of August.

For any of our members who were unable to attend one of the forums a link has been put on our website which will allow members and users to view the Melbourne presentation.



Bob Kipp

Our intention is to over the next six months have a system in place to

commence gathering and storing data from our members on damages and near misses to their infrastructure assets.

DBYD is of the firm belief that the sooner we commence gathering this data our members will reap the benefits in damage reduction on their respective networks. All DBYD is asking for is a commitment from our members to commence providing damage incident data to DBYD.



Royal Flying Doctors Outback Trek

At times it seemed unlikely that the new entrant for the Outback Trek, the Dial Before You Dig 1100 Car, would make it to the start line, given the turmoil many of the cars sponsors were faced with as a result of the Queensland floods.

The car's owner Paul Horner has been involved with the Outback Trek for the past six years; however this was his first attempt as an owner driver and he believed the Ford F100 is the ideal vehicle to tackle the harsh conditions the Australian Outback is renowned for. An opportunity was presented to the Queensland Board to be the principal sponsor of the 1100 Car. The Board could certainly see the benefits associated with spreading our important message out into many of the regional areas of Australia and saw this as a great opportunity.



Of course at the same time we were supporting an iconic charity that has come to the aid of thousands of Australians in its eighty odd year history.

In this year's Trek the cars travelled some 3,800 kilometers kicking off at Dubbo and finishing at Uluru. Below are the towns the Trek passed through during the running of the event in June this year.

- Tilpa
- Cameron's Corner
- Blinman

Link Us and Co-branding

Want to use the Dial Before You Dig logo? It is now a lot easier with our "New Logo" page which has been set up online to stream line the process of getting approval to use our logo. Just complete the simple online form and we'll send you our trademark agreement. Return that and our logo will be on its way to you. We can also set you up with a special Dial Before You Dig branded link to our site for your website. Show that your organisation is committed to the protection of infrastructure by using the Dial Before You Dig logo on your brochures, plans, merchandise and website.



- Woomera
- Coober Pedy
- Mount Dare



It was a wonderful event with all those competing enjoying a great adventure and doing great work for a great cause. Along the way, Paul & his crew took the opportunity to stop at numerous roadwork's sites during the Trek & handed out promotional material supporting our service. Good work guys.

NEW MERCHANDISE

Our major order of merchandise for 2011 has just arrived and in it are a number of new items. If you or your team require any products to help reinforce the Dial Before You Dig message please contact your State Manager.



All The State News

QLD

New Members

Since the last edition we have had six new members register their assets in our service and two new associate members join.

- North Qld Airports
- Minerals & Metals Group
- Gold Coast Light Rail
- Qld Gas (Condamine Power Station)
- Shell Australia (Townsville Terminal)
- Westside Corporation
- Australian Concrete X-Ray
- All Cable Locations

Many of our members regularly update their coverage as their assets ultimately continue to expand to meet the demand on their services. Please ensure you all take the time to review your coverage to ascertain if your profile is compatible with your actual asset data information.

NSW/ACT

Ocean Thunder is back in 2011

After a break in 2010 the Ocean Thunder surfboat series is preparing for 2011. Ocean Thunder is a professional surfboat competition held at Dee Why in Sydney and the four rounds are shown on Fox Sports and free to air TV.

In 2011 the Dial Before You Dig team includes Moruya and Mona Vale male crews. Cooks Hill in Newcastle will have a female crew. Mona Vale are the reigning Australian champions in open male surfboat competition. The Mona Vale and Cooks Hill crews will appear in Dial Before You Dig boats for the first time.

GITA comes to Sydney

Congratulations to APA Group, winners of the Dial Before You Dig trophy at the recent GITA conference in Sydney. GITA is the industry body for Geospatial Information Technology professionals.

The Dial Before You Dig trophy is awarded to the organisation that scores best for speed and quality as judged by an independent panel. Congratulations to APA Group.

WA

Awareness sessions continue to be in demand as well as visits to existing and potential members (both in the metropolitan and regional areas) to discuss the system and service. The success of this can be seen with the continuing growth of new members fulfilling our aim to give our customers the most complete service possible.

Coming Events

These are quite varied and include the Dowerin Field Days, Golf Days with the CCF (WA) and Master Plumber's Assoc, Expo's with the Master Plumbers Association and the Local Government Supervisors Assoc and awards nights with the CCF (Earth Awards) and the National Electrical and Communications Association.

New Members Since April 2011

Esperance Ports Sea and Land, Onslow Salt P/L, West Coast Engineering (WA) P/L and Reilly Contractors P/L.

SA/NT

In May, for the first time ever, the National Board held one of its quarterly meetings in Darwin. The Board made the most of the trip to the Top End holding a successful function with Members and industry representatives the day before the meeting and also visiting one of Darwin's most significant infrastructure projects—PowerWater's under city tunneling project.

It was a great opportunity to meet with our NT stakeholders and gather feedback on our service and other Member issues.



Vic/Tas

New Members -

Dulverton Waste Management - was established for the management and disposal of waste.

Alcoa - Alcoa's Australian operations represent the world's largest integrated bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium smelting and rolling system.

Ballarat and Hobart City Councils

Central Coast Council - is a local government Area in regional Tasmania.

Ben Lomond Water - was formed when the Tasmanian state government established the organisation as one of three new water corporations.

RMIT University - RMIT is a global university of technology and design.

Epworth Healthcare - a not for profit hospital in Richmond

Tasmanian Irrigation Pty.Ltd. - a State-owned company that was created to merge the former Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the RWSC's two subsidiaries.

Hepburn Community Wind Farm - Australia's first community owned wind farm.

7 Eleven - a franchise stand alone store.