

# Queensland - News

## New Members

Dial Before You Dig Qld welcomes the new Members who have recently registered their assets with our service. It is great to see that we are now experiencing a good number of regional councils understanding the importance of registering their assets with our service. Our goal is to have all utilities registered with us.

### New Asset Owning Members:

- Whitsunday Regional Council
- FKG Group C/- Whitmark Industrial

### New Associates:

- JJ Richards

## Dial Before You Dig Locator Certification

We are fast approaching our two year anniversary since launching the certification program in Queensland. Since introducing the program, we have continually worked on improving all facets of the three stage certification process and we have not wavered in our commitment to improving the locating industry across Australia.

We have recently taken on two new assessors, which will allow us to continue to meet the demands we are facing in assessing locators.

We have also launched a Dial Before You Dig Certified Locator Facebook page and LinkedIn page and encourage people to like and follow these pages.

We are now putting a concerted effort into marketing the certification program nationally and targeting the excavation industry to ensure the excavation community only engage certified locators.

To date, we have over 400 certified locators across Australia, with several hundred enrolled yet to undertake the certification process.

For more information on the certification go to [www.dbydlocator.com](http://www.dbydlocator.com).



## Awareness Presentations

Dial Before You Dig Qld have continued spreading the safe excavation message delivering Awareness Sessions to various contractors, council work crews and to new member workforces. We began the year with Awareness Sessions to RoadTek Townsville and Cloncurry during their Information Days, which refreshed their construction and maintenance crews with vital information before commencing their 2017 program of works. We worked together with Ergon Energy and Telstra for a combined group session to Townsville City Council to over 100 council field workers. These sessions were well received with excellent feedback from the participants.



Awareness Session to RoadTek Townsville

## Trade Shows and Conferences

Continuing our sponsorship with IPWEAQ and LGAQ, we have developed a program of events that we will be attending this year. These sponsorships allow us to promote our message of safe excavation practices and the benefits of membership to local government authorities across Queensland. Similarly, sponsorship with other organisations including the Civil Construction Federation Qld, Master Plumbers Association of Qld, Landscape Qld and others allow us to deliver our message across a number of industries involved with excavation activities. This will highlight the importance of safe excavation practices to increase safety awareness and reduce damage to the assets of our Members.