

# New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory

## Finding Common Ground

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is the equivalent peak body in the United States for the Dial Before You Dig service and this year at their annual CGA811 Excavation Safety Expo, there was an Australian invasion. Over 800 delegates attended the conference from across the USA and Canada.

The Australians had a mission in Phoenix to promote the first Oceania Damage Prevention Conference on the Gold Coast in August. In order to introduce US and Canadian delegates to a taste of Australian culture, attendees were invited to try their hand at a game of mini cricket. To ensure the game went smoothly, cricket bats, stumps and a bowling machine were taken to the Safety Expo.

This was the first taste of cricket for most delegates with many including exhibitors taking the opportunity to have a shot at hitting the ball. By the end of the three days delegates were aware of the inaugural Oceania Damage Prevention Conference on the Gold Coast. However, they were still in disbelief that bowlers were allowed to hit batsmen with the cricket ball.

Registrations are now open if you are interested in attending Oceania's first ever conference dedicated to damage prevention, visit <http://oceaniadpc.com/> to find out more.



Representatives from WA, NSW/ACT and Queensland at the CGA conference in Phoenix

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NSW/ACT Chair Paul Bernays gives Scott Landes from Infrastructure Resources LLC tips on the finer points of cricket.

