

# Queensland

## DBYD Qld celebrates 20 Years of Service

Dial Before You Dig Qld celebrated 20 years of service with an evening function held at the new Murrarie premises on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.

Over 100 guests attended, including former Board Directors and founding Dial Before You Dig Qld General Manager Brian Zeller. The new premises were officially opened by local State Member, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Hon Di Farmer. In her speech, the Hon Di Farmer praised organisations such as Dial Before You Dig for lifting the standards of the community.



*Pictured left to right is Brian Zeller - founding General Manager, Neil Weatherly - Chairman DBYD Qld Board Qld, Hon Di Farmer, Paul Newman - General Manager DBYD Qld*

## Memorandum of Understanding Signed with TAFE Qld

Dial Before You Dig Qld has joined TAFE Qld Skills Tech to jointly promote and educate site workers at construction sites, trainees and apprentices undertaking TAFE courses. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) includes the sponsoring of a coffee trailer and BBQ, which are taken to many construction sites and events throughout South East Qld. The MoU also facilitates the inclusion of Dial Before You Dig information into enrolment packs for new trainees and apprentices.

This initiative is seen as a great opportunity to engage first hand with the construction workers, promote Dial Before You Dig and to educate those entering the industry via TAFE courses.

## New Members

Dial Before You Dig Qld welcomes two new Members from north Queensland; Richmond Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council.

## DBYD Certified Locator Update

As of February 2018, there are currently 602 Certified Locators across Australia and a further 146 candidates currently enrolled in the program.

## Certificate Renewals

The DBYD Locator Certificate Renewals are well underway. The [renewal page](#) has been live on the website since mid-December and we have already seen over 30 Certified Locators renew their certificate. Certified Locators will be reminded of their need to renew by email at least four weeks before the date of expiry.

To renew the certificate, locators will need to provide a statutory declaration to verify that they have done a minimum number of 100 hours of locating in the last 12 months and confirm that they use the required equipment.

NULCA members or associate members are eligible for a \$100 discount. Locators can contact NULCA for the current NULCA member discount code.

## Toowoomba Regional Council endorsing the DBYD Locator Certification

Toowoomba Regional Council is the first council in Queensland to endorse Certified Locators and require the use of Certified Locators in any council projects.

