



# THE ASSOCIATION OF WALL AND CEILING INDUSTRIES NSW

16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007

## **APEC Public Holiday**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

This holiday has been granted by the NSW Government, with the concurrence of the Australian Government, with the intention of stopping work in most of the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area on 6 September 2007. This paid holiday will apply to all employees under State awards and pre reform Federal Awards and agreements, who are **working** in the gazetted areas when the APEC holiday occurs. However, the legislation does not appear to apply to employees who are working under industrial instruments (AWAs or collective agreements) made after the WorkChoices reform commenced. Please check these or call the office for advice. The local government areas included are

Ashfield Auburn Bankstown Baulkham Hills Blacktown Botany Bay Burwood Camden

Campbelltown Canada Bay Canterbury Fairfield Holroyd Hornsby Hunters Hill Hurstville

Kogarah Ku-ring-gai Lane Cove Leichhardt Liverpool Manly Marrickville Mosman North

Sydney Parramatta Penrith Pittwater Randwick Rockdale Ryde Strathfield Sydney Sutherland

Warringah Waverley Willoughby Woollahra

**The AWCI office will be closed on this day.**

## **Passive Fire Course**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Sylvania Bowling Club**

The next Passive Fire course is being held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 9am – 4pm at Sylvania Bowling Club. Any member attending the course will receive a **FREE** copy of 'It's Not A Board Game' OH&S training package. If you would like to register for the course please contact the office asap as numbers are limited.

## **Misinformation**

**Accident Insurance Obligations**

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (ABCC) has become aware that some NSW contractors and subcontractors have been incorrectly advised about their accident insurance obligations. The CFMEU has sent letters to contractors and subcontractors informing them that they are not complying with "industry standards" by not paying for Top-Up 24-hour accident insurance. The letter is headed "Compliance with your Enterprise Bargaining Agreement".

It appears this letter has been sent to some contractors and subcontractors who are under no obligation to make Top-Up payments. Some building industry participants may be required to pay Top-Up insurance under a certified or CFMEU collective agreement or as a condition of contract. However, contractors or subcontractors not bound by such an agreement are under no obligation to make Top-Up payments. Any legal obligation must be complied with. You should exercise care when assessing whether You may request assistance or advice about this matter from AWCI NSW or from the ABCC on 1800 003 338.

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