Asbestos Management

Winner in Division A

Walgett Shire Council
Asbestos Site Management

When the only local supermarket burnt to the ground, its close proximity to a public school increased the urgency for Walgett Shire Council to act due to the unknown possible quantity of asbestos in the building materials. Council played an important role in keeping the public safe and informed until the building has been secured, made safe, demolished and decontaminated.

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Winner in Division B

Ballina Shire Council
Asbestos Management in Ballina Shire Council

Ballina Shire Council are taking a multi-pronged approach to assist their staff, developers, fire fighters and the wider community to manage potential exposure and disposal of asbestos. Council constructed a purpose built trailer for responding to non-friable asbestos incidents. It is set up for immediate deployment for illegal dumping incidents or routine replacement of asbestos water mains.

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Winner in Division C and Overall Category Winner

Holroyd City Council
Asbestos Collection and Education Program

In June 2013, Holroyd City Council trialled a free asbestos collection, the first of its kind in NSW for small amounts of non-friable asbestos lying dormant on residential properties in the local government area. The success of this trial, coupled with intense community interest resulted in the expansion of this service in 2014/15.
The program has removed 11.42 tonnes of non-friable asbestos containing products from 180 properties. Council held three asbestos information nights for residents and have been collaborating with other councils in their region, sharing the success of their program with other councils and playing a leadership role in NSW and arguably in Australia.

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