

Who is the AWCI?

The Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries (AWCI) is a trade association providing members with industry information, contact and leadership. The AWCI is the peak industry association representing the wall and ceiling contracting and allied Industries.

AWCI Members include:

- Residential and Commercial Contractors and Individuals skilled in construction of interiors and facades
- Manufacturers and Suppliers to the industry.

AWCI Members work with:

- Plasterboard
- Fibre Cement and Compressed Fibre Cement Sheet
- Timber and Steel Framing
- Insulation

AWCI members specialize in some or all of the following:

- Design and Construct complete Fitouts and Refurbishments
- Fix, Set and Cornice Plasterboard
- Install Wet Areas
- Erect Stud and Track systems
- Install Suspended Ceilings
- Construct Facades
- Install and Certify Passive Fire systems

Members of the AWCI are leaders in the provision of quality services to commercial and residential markets and agree to abide by a Code of Ethics as a condition of membership.

Please call 02 9891 6188 or email awci_nsw@bigpond.net.au

For more information on membership and all other enquiries, please contact the AWCI NSW office directly at

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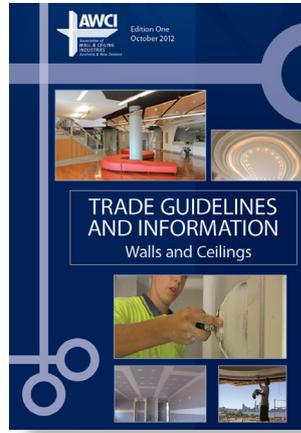
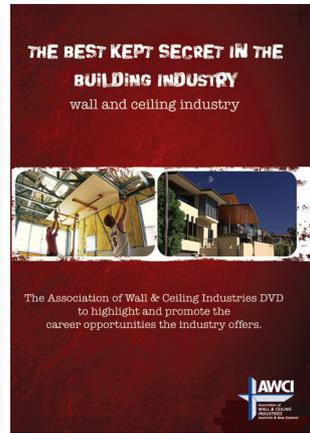
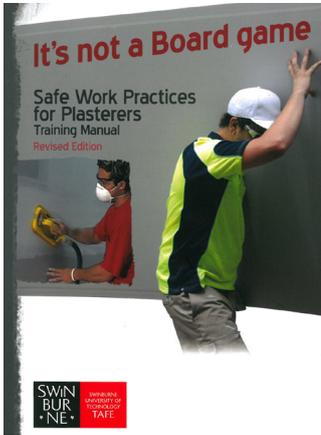
The AWCI Provides the following Services to Members

- **Business Management** – The AWCI provides assistance to members in areas such as contracts, seeking payments, dispute resolution, safety training and documentation, and has access to mediation and legal services to aid resolution.
- **Contact** – The AWCI connects the industry by linking apprentices, customers, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and service providers.
- **Training** – The AWCI coordinates various training programs relevant to wall and ceiling contractors including passive fire training and recognition of prior learning for upgrading essential skills.
- **Lobbying** – The AWCI is the voice of the industry to the Building Authorities, Local, State and Federal Governments, the Standards Association and all other bodies affecting the wall and ceiling and allied industries.
- **Staying up to date** – The AWCI provides information and advice on changes to building practices, awards, legislation and technical standards affecting the industry, and forums in which technical experts from member companies meet to discuss and provide input on relevant industry issues.
- **Technical Support** – The AWCI will help you with technical representations' viewing installations to help resolve disputes with members, builders and users. This service can be region specific (check with local office for more details).
- **Website** – The AWCI website provides a calendar of events, technical information, magazines and newsletters, projects being undertaken by subcommittees and useful industry information.
- **National Magazine** – The AWCI publishes a quarterly magazine *On The Surface* which has been specifically produced to keep the wall and ceiling and allied industries up to date with comprehensive information regarding the industry. This magazine is a must read.
- **Networking and Social Days** – The AWCI has an active social program where members are able to enjoy the fellowship the Association offers, including awards evenings, contractors' luncheons, golf days, trade nights and a Trans-Tasman Annual Conference.
- **Our Future** – The AWCI is actively involved in school pre-vocational promotion and education as well as apprentice training programs to improve skills and attract quality tradespeople to the industry.

Going Forward

A Message From the President

It is very rewarding to be a Wall and Ceiling Professional. The Excellence in Plastering Awards hosted by the AWCI always highlights outstanding achievements by the industry.



Today, the majority of the overall contribution to the appearance and integrity of a building is completed solely by the wall and ceiling contractors. Working in this industry can be difficult and everyone is faced with their fair share of challenges. Some of these include:

- Poor historical image of the wall and ceiling trade
- Customers that won't pay
- Glancing light and decoration impacting on the perception of the finished surface
- Numerous standards and building requirements

Contractors need a strong industry body behind them to help out on these issues. It is our goal at the AWCI is to support our members through:

- Provision of training and education programs to help you run your business
- Providing tools and programs for streamlining payment and sign off of work
- Provide information and education about the standards for our industry
- Setting the standards for our industry
- Lobbying of government on matters that affect our members e.g. licensing
- Promoting our members as preferred contractors

As an active member of the Association over the years, you may have taken a genuine interest in many of the issues that have been resolved for the wall and ceiling industry through the efforts of the AWCI and a handful of dedicated people. If the Association had not been able to step in, some of these issues would not have been resolved in your favour and the benefits would have been lost.

In the past, many of these achievements have not been well communicated to the trade – something AWCI is addressing through our national magazine and extensive database of contacts.

The Association of Wall & Ceiling Industries is dedicated to improving the profile and credibility of wall and ceiling contractors and is striving towards continuous improvement. The AWCI has a focussed national approach on key topics, a strong local presence, and is well positioned to achieve a lot more beneficial changes to industry practice and conditions than ever before - but it can only happen with your support.

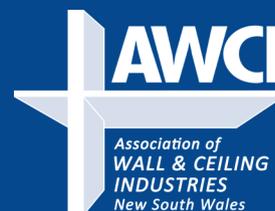
If the AWCI is not yet working on any of your particular issues, we want you to give us a call and get involved. Have a say in industry matters – your support can help improve the future of the trade and make us all proud for generations to come.

To become a member or for more information, contact the AWCI NSW on 02 9891 6188 or send an email to awci_nsw@bigpond.net.au

Membership Application Form

Post this form to: PO Box 450, PARRAMATTA, NSW 2150
or fax to: 02 9891 6452

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Full Trading Name:

Applicant's Name:

Postal Address:

Postcode:

Street Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Mobile Number:

Email:

Licence Class (if applicable):

Licence No (if applicable):

Business Operation

Total Years in Wall & Ceiling Industry:

Do you have a trade qualification? Yes No (please circle applicable)

Current Number of Employees:

Do you wish to be placed on a list for work referrals? Yes No (please circle applicable)

I / We apply for membership of the Association of Wall & Ceiling Industries and if accepted will undertake to abide by the Rules and By-Laws of the Association and undertake to pay all Fees and Dues as may be determined whilst a member of the Association.

I / We hereby tender subscription for 12 months. Being for the amount of \$ _____ (see below)

Signed

Date

Payment Method (please tick one) Mastercard Visa Cheque Amex

Card Number

Cardholder's Name

Expiry Date

Cardholder's Signature

Date

(Please note credit card charges apply)

Member Type (please tick)

Metro/ surrounding (all rates include GST)

Manufacturer

\$ 605 p.a.

Supplier

\$ 605 p.a.

Contractor 5 or more staff & subbies

\$ 605 p.a.

Contractor 4 and less staff & subbies

\$ 302.50 p.a.

A joining fee of \$25.00 also applies