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# **SRIA WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT & RESOURCES UPDATE**

This year the SRIA has embarked on a major redevelopment of its website and database to focus on industry specific technical developments, research, presentations, seminars, support materials and publications, providing a valuable source of information on steel reinforcement.

The SRIA is Australia's lead non-profit institute for reinforcing steel, providing the hub for knowledge, industry linkage and support. Would you like to be kept up-to-date through this new on-line resource? Registration is free using the SRIA registration form over page.

## SRIA's Core objectives:

- Member services
- Marketing & promotion
- Market defence & development
- Education
- Codes, Standards & regulations

#### SRIA Processor members service Australian industry with:

- a nation-wide footprint and distribution network
- reinforcement products manufactured to the highest standards
- a reliable and efficient just-in-time supply chain
- efficient control and management of risk
- complete packaged solutions
- very short lead times measured in hours to days
- confidence, reliability & responsibility

#### **Benefits of steel reinforced concrete:**

- simplicity of design & installation
- speed of construction
- substantial economy
- excellent inbuilt fire resistance
- built to last with minimum maintenance
- flexibility in design and construction
- broad national network of subcontractors
- low risk proven solution

#### **About Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia**

The Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia (SRIA) is the lead non-profit national organisation providing high quality technical support and information service to the Australian building industry on the use of reinforcing steel in concrete, primarily reinforcing bar and reinforcing mesh. The organisation actively supports and encourages the use of Australian capability and quality in the processing and use of reinforcing steel in concrete in an increasingly competitive global market. The SRIA evolved from the Steel Reinforcement Promotion Group and was founded in 1988 reflecting the growing demand for technical assistance. SRIA is funded and supported by the vast majority of the manufacturers and suppliers of steel reinforcing used in Australian construction. The SRIA Board sets the charter, strategy and governance through the representation and leadership of all processor member companies. The Boards objectives are developed and delivered through special committees and expert panels. The SRIA offers practical solutions to meet the diverse and ever changing needs of the Australian building industry.

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## **SRIA Aims:**

- Encourage and develop excellence in the manufacture and supply of quality steel reinforcement for the efficient design and construction of reinforced concrete structures by highlighting and promoting innovations.
- Remain the contact point for specialist reinforcement knowledge, technical enquiries, addressing the needs of the construction industry and provide a hub of sound technical data.
- Educate industry and disseminate steel reinforcement knowledge via regular publications, lectures, seminars, research programs and tours.

### **SRIA Processor Members**

SRIA Processor Members are established Australian companies responsible for subsequent processing of reinforcing steel supplied by a steel producer in Australia or from overseas which significantly changes the shape and properties of the steel. They are processors of steel reinforcement in Australia, meet recognised technical and quality standards and keep production and financial records. Processors act as the main link between major steel manufacturers and the end user of reinforcing materials. They provide the market with a one-stop processing shop for fabrication of steel reinforcement to AS 3600, AS 5100 and AS 2870 in compliance with the relevant Australian Standard AS/NZS 4671:2001 Steel reinforcing materials. Steel reinforcing is often packaged with a range of complementary products supplied by SRIA Associate Members.

#### **SRIA Associate Members**

SRIA Associate Members (Accessories Suppliers, Machinery Suppliers & Steel Mills) are established Australian and International companies who have aims and objectives similar to those of SRIA. They strive for quality and compliance with the relevant standards, maintain quality assurance and implement workplace health and safety. They service Processor Members through supply of ancillary products providing the end user with a complete solution, supply of steel reinforcing feed materials to processors or processing equipment. SRIA Processor Members commonly package in-house a range of Associate Member complementary products for delivery of a complete steel reinforcing solution.



## **SERVICES SRIA PROVIDES**

**Publications:** Written by experts in design, specification and construction SRIA publications are designed specifically for use by practicing engineers, architects, builders and government. Most are provided free of charge and can be downloaded from the website.

**Technical support:** A comprehensive technical advice service is available to the construction industry on the design and use of reinforcing steel in concrete. Activities are coordinated from the National Office in Sydney where professional staff respond to technical enquiries. Further specialised support is accessible through a broad network of experts.

**Office seminars:** SRIA staff regularly visit consulting engineers, specifiers and builders to discuss industry issues, projects and to further develop knowledge on the use of steel reinforcement and construction methods. Free in-house lectures are available on request.

**Special research:** Recent SRIA research projects include reinforcement bond tests and an extensive testing program for Class L mesh slabs. This important research is bringing the latest information and design guidance to practitioners.

**Industry leadership:** SRIA staff present technical papers at major national and international conferences on the latest advances in the use of steel-reinforced concrete. Copies of SRIA papers are available free of charge from the website.

**Professional development:** As part of its commitment to the future of Australia's building industry, the SRIA lectures at universities and provides up-to-date design and specification materials free of charge to over 2,500 students every year.

**Awarding excellence:** The SRIA presents an annual Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Reinforced Concrete Design. This is a cash prize for the student who gains the highest mark in the subject of the SRIA lecture.

**Industry linkage:** The SRIA works collaboratively with like associations to develop areas supporting design, education and market development.

**Australian Standards:** The SRIA is committed to modern easy-to-use design standards for steel-reinforced concrete construction in Australia. The SRIA contributes to all related Australian Standards Code committees. SRIA staff will assist with queries regarding the interpretation of these codes.

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# **SRIA REGISTRATION FORM**

To keep informed of the most recent industry developments, releases and presentations on steel reinforcement and to maintain your professional development register now for the new SRIA website database. Your details will remain highly confidential and we will ensure your reinforcement knowledge remains up-to-date.

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