



WEIGHING IN

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- Following on from points raised at the AGM, WIAA Committee Meetings as well as CILC (Consumer Industry Liaison Committee) Meetings; we continue to pursue pathways to explore the potential of enhancing Apprentice Training in the field of Weighing. Members expressed a lack of focused Study in the area of Weighing and we are looking for pathways to further qualifications in Weighing or Licencing Modules to form options in Apprentice qualification.
- Regarding NAWI (Non Automatic Weighing Instruments) 6.1 - 6.3 Training also raised at the AGM; we await response from NMI in a Partnership suggestion whereby the WIAA would coordinate groups in regions to attend NMI Training session at their locations. We will advise further; please see below for expressions of interest here so we may gauge numbers.
- Beyond NMI provided Training some Members have suggested the WIAA look to inhouse training in this area and some have offered to help implement this, we will explore this further and thank the gracious offers here. Further to this we will also explore the potential of the WIAA becoming an RTO to provide these services if at all possible.

As we continue through uncertain times globally, let's continue to support each other locally where possible.

Darren Putland
President, WIAA

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

[Bennett Scales](#)



Bennett Scales sell, service and repair all types of weighing equipment, from lab balances, platform scale, heavy industrial, retail, right through to weighbridges.

Travelling the entire state of Tasmania, we cover everything. With a combined 60 years experience in the industry no job is too big.

[GoWeigh](#)



GoWeigh is a network of public weighbridges located throughout Australia. The service can be used by almost any road user, ranging from b-double trucks through to recreational vehicles.

[WISE Weigh – Weighing Integrated Solutions & Equipment](#)



40 Years experience in Sales, Service and Support of integrated weighing solutions to Industry and End-Users.

Measurement Law Review (MLR) Update

There are still no further updates regarding the MLR which seems to be in holding pattern until it is reviewed by the 'new' Government. Officially the response from NMI is still, "Due to the federal election we're still awaiting consideration by government of the reform options as presented in the RIS."



Registrations are closing soon for the International Conference of Weighing (ICW) in Hamburg Germany, to be held from 24th to 26th April 2023.
Registrations Close: 14th April 2023

[Register now](#)

NMI New Pitted Weighbridge Interpretation

One of our WIAA members brought to our attention that NMI has changed their interpretation of "Pitted weighbridges".

The WIAA reached out to NMI for confirmation regarding the changes and an NMI official has verbally confirmed the following:

*Where a full load cell weighbridge is constructed without access to a load cell from the external edge(s) of the platform **and the load cell can be accessed***

from above, the installation is considered to be a weighbridge without a pit and comply with regulation 3.7.

The NMI website has been updated to reflect the changes to pitted weighbridge interpretation.

The new content is under the heading 'Weighbridge Construction' near the bottom of the following page: <https://www.industry.gov.au/national-measurement-institute/trade-measurement/weighbridges-used-trade>

Extract from NMI website below.

Weighbridge construction

Weighbridges with a pit

Weighbridges with a pit must be constructed to comply with **regulation 3.6 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009**.

For the purposes of regulation 3.6, a weighbridge with a pit also includes a full load cell weighbridge constructed without access to the load cells from the external edge(s) of the platform and the load cell(s) cannot be accessed from above.

Weighbridges without a pit

Weighbridges without a pit must be constructed to comply with **regulation 3.7 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009**.

For the purposes of regulation 3.7, a weighbridge without a pit also includes a weighbridge constructed without access to the load cell(s) from the external edge(s) of the platform, but with suitable access to load cells from above to:

- provide access for servicing and maintenance
- view the information on the load cell data plate
- maintain the weighbridge floor so it is clear of obstructions.

This is considered to comply with the requirements of regulation 3.7(1)(c)(i).

Verifier Training Courses

The WIAA Board has reached out to NMI to see if they would be willing to conduct Face to Face Group Verifier training courses to help expedite completion of the verifier recognition kits and to help fill staff shortages in the industry.

NMI is considering this and has asked for some more information.

If your company is interested in sending staff to one of the courses, please email wiaa@theassociationspecialists.com.au.

NMI Concentrated Audit

Michael Bryan (NMI - Assistant Manager, Program Coordination & Monitoring) has provided the following notification relating to NMI's Concentrated Audit of Meat, Fish and Poultry Retailers 20-24 March 2023:

As detailed in the NMI's National Compliance Plan, NMI will undertake a National concentrated audit of Meat, Fish, and Poultry retailers from 20 - 24 March 2023. The program aims to ensure that consumers get what they pay for and a fair and level playing field for business.

Throughout the week-long program, Inspectors will complete mystery shopper visits and check compliance of scales, trading practices, and pre-packaged goods.

Any issues identified will be actioned in accordance with NMI's National Compliance Policy.

It will be most interesting to see the results of this Concentrated Audit when

complete and the results will be advised when known.

See links below:

Website: <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/trade-measurement-inspectors-visit-meat-poultry-and-seafood-retailers-across-australia>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NMIAustralia/status/1637580225214296066?s=20>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NMIAustralia/posts/pfbid02XEGYeLCX8nMmsQbrDM3mqhtV3XCDFgD3JbdAGnTbTc38iccpDzuSWxux7doTbg3ol>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7043348193576710144>