Mt Waverley Building Practitioners to Face Disciplinary Action

Following an extensive investigation, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) has referred four practitioners involved in the excavation work that collapsed at 170-174 Highbury Road, Mt Waverley (site) to the Building Practitioners Board (BPB) for an inquiry.

In July 2015, excavation work carried out at the site partially collapsed threatening adjoining properties and disrupting local traffic. The VBA investigated the conduct of each registered building practitioner involved in the excavations. The registered building practitioners who were involved in the excavation work were:

- Anastasios Galanos; the relevant building surveyor,
- Aldo Ditonto; the civil engineer who designed the basement carpark excavation work at the Site;
- Thewarathanthrige Fernando; the civil engineer who certified Aldo Ditonto’s engineering design; and
- Dimitrios Nicolaou; the builder who carried out, or arranged for the building work to be carried out.

The VBA’s investigation found evidence to support multiple allegations against each of the four practitioners involved in the excavation work at the site, including that each committed multiple breaches of the Act and the Building Regulations 2006 and failed to perform his duties as a registered building practitioner in a competent manner and to a professional standard.

For information about the BPB go to http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/building-practitioners-board

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