

SMIC NSW Launches New Website

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When was the last time you looked at the SMIC Website? After many hours reviewing and updating content I am pleased to announce that the SMIC website has undergone a much needed face lift.

Please take the time to check it out - we would love your feedback. If you have any suggestions on content or links you would like to see added to the site please let me know!



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147th General Meeting

The 147th General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 17th October 2014 at the RMS offices at Parramatta.

The Chair introduced David Magee, Deputy CEO Construction & Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC). CPSISC is one of eleven national industry skills councils and develops nationally recognised Training Packages and associated training and assessment materials

David briefed delegates on the project to redevelop the Surveying and Spatial Information Services qualifications within the CPP07 Property Services Training Package and outlined the twelve standards for training packages and changes necessary to meet the current standards for Training Packages.

The project will ensure that the redeveloped qualifications, units, assessment requirements and Implementation Guide will meet the national standards for Training Packages. David advised that BMA Consulting have been contracted to undertake the project and that a Project Reference Group consisting of industry, government and regulator representatives has been established to provide governance and access to industry networks. Further information can be found on their website at https://www.cpsisc.com.au/projects/Prop_Projects/RedesignSurveyandSpatialInfoServicesQuals

Veronica Bondarew provided SMIC with an update from the NSW Taskforce who has signed a contract with Michelle Brookes and her marketing company, Cookie Dough Marketing and Research to undertake the marketing of the surveying profession within NSW.

The Taskforce has prepared a presentation package for surveyors which are being distributed to ISNSW Study Group Chairs. The Taskforce has requested that BOSSI allow CPD points be awarded to presenters to encourage surveyors to promote their profession. BOSSI's CPD Committee is currently considering the request.

The deputy Chair, Paul Harcombe updated delegates on the development of the resource package to support the Australian Standard AS5488. The resource package will contain:

- Best Practice Guidelines
- Marketing Strategy
- Strategy & Operational Plan

First drafts of the 'Strategy & Operational Plan' and the 'Best Practice Guidelines' have been developed and are currently being reviewed by the SUI Steering Committee and relevant stakeholders.



Thank You and Farewell

RMS Principal Surveyor, Mark Gordon has attended his last SMIC Meeting. Mark held the role of Chair 1999-2013 and Deputy Chair 2013-2014.

Members thanked Mark for his tireless efforts and while it is impossible to recount all that Mark has achieved during his 15 years on the Council some of the highlights include; revitalizing SMIC from its status as a dead duck, involvement in the TAFE training packages, the SMIC training scholarship for TAE40110, participation in the FIG2010 Congress and the development and publication of *AS5488 Classification of Subsurface Utility Information*.

We wish Mark and his wife Jenny all the best for their retirement!



Industry Reports

The following information may be of interest to members of our constituent organisations and the general public.

Full reports by the representatives on SMIC can be obtained on request by emailing smic@smicnsw.org.au

AHS - Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 14th November 2014 in the Macquarie Room, NSW State Library at 6.00pm.

BOSSI - The Board has suspended Anthony Damien Todarello from the Register of Land Surveyors for at least 3 years after findings under Sections 12 and 13 of the Surveying & Spatial Information Act 2002.

- Exams were held on 13-14 October with 6 land surveying candidates and 1 mining candidate to receive their certificates of competency on Friday 28 November 2014.
- Peter Sippel, Chair of the Queensland Surveyors Board, addressed the Board on application for a "Chartered Surveyor" trademark by RICS and the experience of the SB of Qld with corporate registration.
- The Board is currently investigating 11 reported occurrences of companies that advertise the ability to undertake land surveys, allegedly without having a registered land surveyor on staff.

ISNSW - As a result of the recent Strategic Plan, Anthony Wallace has joined ISNSW as their Communications Officer. Anthony holds a surveying degree and marketing degree. Anthony has already made a great impact on the profession and associated organisations. ISNSW now have a Strategic Plan which is being monitored for the performance of those nominated to provide input and outcomes.

SSSI - At the recent AGM SSSI has announced its new board of Directors.

- The SSSI NSW Regional Operations Manager, Kelly Rischmiller, is currently on maternity leave. Please continue to use the reo.nsw@sssi.org.au email address as a contact.
- The SSSI NSW/ISNSW Regional conference is being held 14-15 November at Peppers Craigieburn Bowral.

Surveyor General - The 2014 winners of the Surveyor General's Fellowship are: Mr Adrian White; "*Taking the NSW Cadastre to the next dimension*" and Mr Thomas Grinter; "*The future expansion and applications of Precise Point Positioning technology, including the utilisation of the Japanese QZSS constellation within Australia*".

- Currently there are 157 active stations forming CORSnet-NSW. To support LPI's Surface Model Enhancement Project additional CORs will be built at: Louth, Wilcannia, Menindee and Pooncarie.
- The Real Property Regulation 2014 commenced on 1 September 2014; replacing the Real Property Regulation 2008.
- LPI is currently undergoing a 'Governance Review' which includes looking at:
 - The regulatory structure of LPI, including service level agreements, memorandums of understanding and contractual arrangements.
 - LPI's legal framework to ensure existing legislation provides for the regulatory structure.
 - LPI's cost base to account for commercial and non-commercial titling, spatial and valuations products and services.
 - LPI's ageing workforce and succession planning.

The Committee will also explore the potential models to enhance the governance arrangements of LPI; the most likely models at this stage are a State Owned Corporation (SOC) or a Public Trading Enterprise (PTE). The review is expected to be completed before the end of the year and will bring LPI in line with best governance and operating practice of the government.



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Industry Reports Continued

TAFE - Each Institute is preparing for the introduction of 'Smart and Skilled' in January 2015.

- Each RTO was required to submit an application, through the State Training Services, for every qualification they intend to run in 2015.
- The Hunter Institute for 2015 will run the Diploma of Surveying as a commercial course.
- The Illawarra Institute has enrolled two students under Traineeships.

University of Newcastle - The Annual Surveying Seminars were held on Friday 31 October 2014.

- A meeting of the Surveying Programme and Industry Advisory Committee was also held on Friday 31 October
- The 47th Annual Discipline Dinner which incorporates the presentation of all student prizes within the Discipline of Civil, Surveying and Environmental Engineering was held on Friday 24 October 2014 at 'Noah's on the Beach'
- The new Professor in surveying is expected to arrive in January 2015.

UNSW - This year's 'Thesis Conference' was held on Monday 3 November 2014.

- On Wednesday 8 October a meeting with the School of CVEN Industry Advisory council sought to find ways to raise the profile of surveying and geospatial engineering for prospective and current students. The largest target market identified was our own current CVEN UGs (~400/yr) who have already been accepted. There were many other ideas and the committee was alerted to the efforts of the NSW Taskforce. Some streamlining of the existing program offerings was also suggested. An energetic first meeting offering great promise to increase student numbers in the near term.

Thank You and Farewell

It appears that 2014 is the year for retirements. Kevin Volk, our Executive Officer attended his last SMIC meeting in October ahead of his November retirement from his position as the Manager Office of Surveyor General.

Members thanked Kevin for his tireless work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of the Council. His dedication and contribution to the Council and the surveying profession has been truly exemplary.

We wish Kevin all the best for his retirement!



ROs and the RMS Traffic Control at Worksites Manual

During the recent Surveying and Mapping Managers Forum (SMMF) a question was raised about the WHS requirements for working on or near roads. RMS Principal Surveyor, Mark Gordon provided the following advice:

The RMS Road Occupancy Manual states that "A road occupancy consists of any activity likely to impact on the operational efficiency of the road network, in other words, an activity that requires the road to be used in such a way as to affect traffic flow, or an off road activity that affects traffic flow. A road occupancy may involve the closure of traffic lane/s. If this is not applicable to your work, you don't need a Road Occupancy Licence.

The RMS Traffic Control at Worksites Manual must be used on all RMS road and bridge sites for work being undertaken by RMS's own work force, RMS contractors or local government and public utility bodies undertaking work on behalf of RMS. Use of the manual, however, is commended to all practitioners who are responsible for the control of traffic at work sites, on non-RMS sites. It does not apply for activities within the road reserve for which traffic control is not an issue.

When working on or near a road, a surveyor must comply with the WHS Act 2011 and Regulation. The paramount concerns are protection of self, workers and the general public. Undertake a site assessment, assess the risks, fill in and comply with your SWMS. This may involve the erection of warning signs, particularly if the work involves crossing the road with equipment, which necessitates some degree of traffic control training.



Available Traineeships

- Cert III Surveying & Spatial Information Services
- Cert IV Surveying
- Cert IV Spatial Information Services
- Diploma Surveying
- Diploma Spatial Information Services

How to Establish a Surveying & Spatial Information Services Traineeship in YOUR workplace

- **Employer selects a candidate for Traineeship.**
The traineeship must be established within 3 months of an employee starting employment with your company.
- **Employer selects an Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC).**
Contact State Training Services (STS)
Anita Von Drude (02) 9204 7425
Anita.vondrude2@det.nsw.gov.au
- **Employer selects a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).**
Contact State Training Services or TAFE NSW.
- **AAC consultant assists employer to complete required paperwork.**
- **RTO in consultation with employer develops a Training Plan.**
- **Training Plan delivery commences.**
- **AAC.**
Tracks trainee progress
Actions payments to employer
- **RTO and employer assess trainee as competent.**
- **Traineeship Completed.**

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The next general meeting of the NSW Surveying & Mapping Industry Council will be held at the office of Roads & Maritime Services in Parramatta on Friday 13th February 2015.

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