

28th AGM

The 28th Annual General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 22nd July 2016 at the RMS Offices in George St Parramatta.

The Annual Report outlined the activities and achievements of the Council over the past 12 months. Highlights included:

- Support of the NSW Surveying Taskforce
- Presentations at careers events
- Increase in the number of trainees
- Representation on the University of Newcastle Liaison and Program Advisory Committee
- Representation on the UNSW School of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CVEN) Industry Advisory Committee.

A copy of the full Annual Report is available on the SMIC Website.

Following elections the executive committee for 2016/2017 is:

Chair – Narelle Underwood

Deputy – Venessa O'Connell

Secretary/Treasurer– Peta Cox



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154th General Meeting

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NSW Surveying Taskforce is continuing with the plans and activities as presented at last meeting. The stand at the Western Sydney Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park in June was organised by the Taskforce together with volunteer surveying professionals. Over 22,000 visitors attended this Expo, and a number of career advisors and teachers registered for school resources and ongoing support regarding careers as surveyors during the four-day event.

The Council took some time during the meeting to review the role and purpose of SMIC. Some of the questions posed by the Chair were; Do the organisations through their delegates see value in SMIC? What does SMIC want to achieve?, and Are changes needed? Discussion ensued and all agreed that SMIC provides an excellent forum for all the disparate groups within the surveying and spatial professions to get together, share information, and collaborate on projects. There is strong belief that SMIC is very worthwhile to continue for these reasons and alternate delegates from the member organisations are encouraged to attend meetings when nominated representatives are not able to attend. Future aspects suggested for SMIC to consider included technical registration, review of legislation, LPI changes, and SIBA representation on SMIC.

The next general meeting of the NSW Surveying & Mapping Industry Council will be held at the RMS Offices in George Street Parramatta on Friday 28th October 2016.

Retirement of Paul Harcombe

After 42 years of service Paul Harcombe retired on 22nd July. Paul has been on SMIC since the early 1990's and for most of that time held a role on the executive as the Secretary/Treasurer and more recently Deputy Chair.

Paul has been instrumental in many of the achievements that the Council has made during that time. SMIC thanks Paul for his contributions not only to the activities of the Council but also to the whole surveying profession. We wish you all the best for your 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



ACS – Annual State Conference is to be held on Wednesday 24 August at Parliament House. It will include speakers such as Stephen Halmarick (Colonial First State Global Asset Management), Craig Griffin (Macquarie Banking and Finance Services Group), Hon. Rob Stokes MP (NSW Minister for Planning), and Hon. John Barilaro MP (Minister for Regional Development, Skills, and Small Business) as dinner speaker.

- ACS NSW is holding a cocktail party on Tuesday 23 August to celebrate the opening of their new office.
- A large amount of feedback has been received due to changes in March to Telstra provisioning in new estates. The change requires developers to fund the NBN ready pit and pipe and also the copper cable which is to be located within the pit and pipe. This infrastructure is dedicated to Telstra once construction is completed and the pit and pipe is inspected and signed off by Telstra. Delays are occurring to developments due to the need for copper cable to be installed before provisioning letters are provided. Telstra also insists that notification of development be submitted six months prior to construction which is causing a backlog of applications. To resolve these issues, ACS NSW has been in discussion with Telstra via state and national government channels regarding this matter. ACS NSW members have also been provided tips for overcoming potential problems resulting from these changes.
- ACS NSW has become a Jobs of Tomorrow Scheme Industry Partner to help promote the scheme where subsidised training in high-level STEM qualifications is provided to students through Smart and Skilled. Representatives of ACS NSW recently attended an announcement by Hon. John Barilaro (NSW Minister for Skills) on Wednesday 15 June at Maitland regarding this scheme.

AHS – AHS EAR organised a WHD event in Canberra which included sessions on Antarctic Geoscience, Hydrographic to the rescue in the 19th Century and the ongoing search for MH370. Dinner was held at the Commonwealth Club where 25 attendees heard Grant Rawlinson discuss his trip up Mount Everest.

- SSSI & AHS WAR organised a WHD event in Adelaide where 40 people attended and heard presentations on regional work in Samoa, monitoring tide infrastructure and local survey projects.
- ANS Pacific organised an information evening in Suva Fiji, to introduce the concepts of Hydrographic Surveying and how it affects port development, law of the sea, CZM, resource surveys (exploration), environmental studies and cartography.
- Caris 2016 World Tour – New Zealand Workshop is to be held on 26 July 2016 at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor in Wellington, New Zealand.
- AHSCP held a teleconference in June 2016. 4 applicants were successful in their certification in June 2016 with 1 NZ applicant still pending. There are currently 104 Australian and 10 NZ certified CAT A and CAT B hydrographic surveyors.

ISNSW – The 125th Anniversary evening function at the Sheraton and the afternoon history seminar at the Institution office went well with about 75 people attending the evening function and 35 attending the seminar.

- Judging for the EISSI awards night in September has been completed. An array of projects has been submitted in the various categories.
- A group of members from ISNSW attended the ISVIC Survey Industry Awards night and Surveying Expo which was held at St Kilda on Friday 15 July 2016.
- ISNSW held its July board meeting in Albury with the Murray Group. Murray group also staged an all-day event which was attended by NSW and Victorian surveyors.
- ISNSW is considering employing one or two people to address the marketing of the Institution and communications.
- ISNSW Board is currently considering a number of changes and amendments to the Constitution which if accepted by the board will go to the next AGM for final approval.
- ISNSW is holding a further meeting with Treasury Officials next week regarding the split up of LPI and the proposed transaction in the concession of an area within the former LPI. At this meeting it is also likely to be discussed the involvement of ISNSW in the forming of new legislation and the replacement for Des Mooney as Surveyor General.
- Members have attended various workshops and discussion groups to consider changes to the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2012 and the draft Strata Schemes Development Regulation 2016.
- Sitesuite has completed the conversion of Hallmann to an e-version and ISNSW is now looking to commence updating the current version.
- Paul Davis-Raiss is currently in the role of editor of Azimuth until a replacement is found.

SMMF – Meeting held on 20 July at Sydney Town Hall with 10 attendees from various government organisations.

- An undergraduate student has recently approached BOSSI/SMMF regarding a thesis topic around preservation of survey marks. This was discussed at the meeting and decided that this student be approached to assist in the development of a state wide resource package for local government in the preservation of survey marks. Sydney City Council is to take the lead on this with assistance from the other members.

Industry Reports Continued

SSSI – Liz Fulton has been named as the new SSSI representative for BOSSI.

- EISSI/APSEA award submissions have now closed. Winners of the EISSI awards in the categories of Professional of the Year and Young Professional of the Year will go through as joint ISNSW and SSSI NSW winners to the National APSEA Awards.
- The other SSSI Awards including the Service to the NSW Surveying and Spatial Sciences Community Award, SSSI NSW Education Development Award, SSSI NSW Undergraduate Student Award, SSSI NSW Postgraduate Student Award, and SSSI NSW Special Achievement Award will close on 21 October 2016, and winners will be announced on 24 November 2016 at the SSSI NSW Conference Dinner.
- SSSI has sort input from members to from their submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Data Availability and Use.
- SSSI has been encouraging the surveying and spatial information industry to comment on the Productivity Commission's research paper on Digital Disruption: What do governments need to do? (released on 15 June 2016)
- Gaby Van Wyk is coming to the end of his term as NSW SSSI Chair, and SSSI will be starting the process of electing a new chair.
- Joint YP Seminar to be held with ISNSW on Friday 19 August.
- An Engineering Surveying Seminar incorporating GNSS is to be held on Thursday 29 September 2016.
- SSSI NSW and SSSI ACT will be holding a joint regional conference on Thursday 24 to Friday 25 November 2016 at the Mercure Canberra, Braddon ACT. The theme of this year's conference is "Geo-Enabling our Community – taking Surveying and Spatial to the people".

Surveyor General – The new structure of LPI which took place on 1 July was outlined, where LPI has been separated into five individual organisations being Titling and Registry Services, the Office of the Registrar General, Valuation Services, the Office of the Valuer General, and Spatial Services. All five organisations will sit within the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation but will have different reporting lines to the head of the Department and the Ministers.

- Titling and Registry Services is the organisation which is currently being considered for privatisation. It covers all the titling and registration services which are currently undertaken at Queens Square, Sydney. This organisation is headed by Des Mooney.
- The Office of the Registrar General will be headed by the new Registrar General Jeremy Cox. The Office of the Registrar General's main function is the regulation of the private operator who takes on the Titling and Registry Services organisation.
- Spatial Services will incorporate the remaining services which are delivered from Bathurst and include the Office of the Surveyor General, which includes the two boards – BOSSI and GNB. New executive director appointed to Spatial Services is Bruce Thompson.

Surveying Education Reports

TAFE – Enrolments remain strong in Surveying and SIS programs across the state with strong continuing enrolments from Semester 1 intake and Sydney TAFE commencing two new groups as mid-year intakes.

- Riverina and Sydney Institutes have commenced delivery of the newly endorsed programs and other Institutes undertaking preparations to commence enrolments in the new qualifications in Semester 1 2017.
- On 16 June Minister the Hon John Barillaro announced that the student management system which has been so problematic for TAFE is to be replaced. The new replacement is to be cloud-based and is expected to be in place in time for 2018 enrolments. In meantime TAFE will continue with the ebs student management system and will run this in parallel with the new system until the new system has been bedded in.
- On 4 July, the Managing Director of TAFE NSW, Mr Jon Black, announced that TAFE NSW had separated from the Department of Education. Separation from the department means that TAFE NSW has more autonomy in its decision making processes. TAFE NSW will separate its corporate structures from the department on an ongoing basis and has launched its new separate TAFE NSW Intranet.
- On 13 July Minister Barillaro announced the biggest reform to TAFE in more than 20 years with a plan to bring ten TAFE institutes under a single structure, renegotiate industrial agreements and dispose of assets. This will create a single, multi-campus TAFE NSW.
- The NSW Government is also planning to open 12 brand new Connected Learning Centres each month from 2017 onwards to give students access to TAFE training and teaching across the network, create a new TAFE Digital Education headquarters in regional NSW, and reinvest any money from land or asset sales back into TAFE NSW.

UNSW – The University's Survey Store has been moved back to its original 1950's home in the Civil Engineering building.

- The University will again showcase our programs on Campus on September 3. The SAGE program will present two lectures to students and promote the Surveying, Geospatial Engineering, and new Dual program Surveying/Civil Engineering.
- UNSW will support the Maths in Surveying day on August 12 with equipment, some student volunteers and a guest appearance from Craig Roberts.
- Following a thesis project from 2015, the Cataract Scout Park have now officially updated their webpage to use the new map which features a larger scale, MGA coordinates, mag dec, PDF functionality and cartographically much easier to use. The UNSW logo appears on the map so hopefully this will assist with future marketing efforts for the many scouts who use this property for camping and activities.
- International Global Navigation Satellite System (IGNSS) conference to be held at UNSW Kensington Campus on 6 to 8 December. IGNSS 2016 will showcase a number of contemporary topics including the role of PNT in automated land and aerial vehicles, the growing range of commercial precise positioning services, hard infrastructure issues such as space based augmentation systems, and soft infrastructure issues such as datum modernization and mitigation of system vulnerabilities. These hot topics will be discussed in the context of the latest system developments fuelling the multi-GNSS era.



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

1. **Employer selects Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC)**
Contact Australian Business Apprenticeships Centre (ABAC)
Bree Milburn ABAC Account Manager 1300 652 236
bree.milburn@australianbusiness.com.au
2. **Recruitment process to select suitable candidate**
The traineeship must be established within 3 months of an employee starting employment with your company.
3. **Employer selects a Registered Training Organisation (RTO)**
Contact Australian Business Apprenticeship Centre or TAFE NSW
4. **AAC consultant assists employer to complete required paperwork**
5. **RTO in consultation with employer develops a Training Plan**
6. **Training Plan delivery commences**
7. **Apprenticeship Centre**
Tracks trainee progress
Actions payments to employer
8. **RTO and employer assess trainee as competent**
9. **Traineeship Completed**

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