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180th General Meeting

The 180th General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 10th of February at the McKell Building Sydney and via videoconference.

Upcoming Events

The following CPD and general interest events may be of interest to our readers. For more information, or details on recorded webinars, please contact the organisers or visit their websites.

- **22 February 2023** – ISNSW - Maths in Surveying Day – Lambton Park, Newcastle
- **6 March 2023** – ACS – Practice Management Forum – ACS NSW
- **10 March 2023** – AIMS – Mudgee 2023 Seminar – Parklands Resort and Conference Centre Mudgee
- **10 March 2023** – ACS – Webinar Series – Online
- **16 March 2023** – SSSI – GIS for Surveyors Webinar Series – Part 3: Converting to/from GIS and CAD - Online
- **24 March 2023** – SSSI – 2023 Tasmania State of GIS Seminar
- **13 April 2023** – SSSI – GIS for Surveyors Webinar Series – Part 4: Geospatial data management and automation - Online
- **14 April 2023** – ACS – Webinar Series – Online
- **1-2 May 2023** – ACS – Business Academy Session 2
- **4 May 2023** – SSSI – GIS for Surveyors Webinar Series – Part 5: Data exchange
- **9 May 2023** – ISNSW – Seniors Group Parliamentary Luncheon 2023 – Preston Stanley Room, State Parliament House
- **12 May 2023** – AIMS – Newcastle Seminar – Noah's on the beach hotel
- **12 May 2023** – ISNSW – North Coast Regional Group Event

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Calling all qualified technical and graduate/registered surveyors and spatial information professionals

If you have:

- The Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116) or capacity to complete this with the support of TAFE NSW
- A qualification in either; the Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information Services *or* Certificate IV in Spatial Information Services *or* Certificate IV in Surveying *or* Diploma of Spatial Information Services *or* Diploma of Surveying
- A minimum 5 years current relevant industrial experience, after completion of a Certificate III qualification/s

Join a dynamic training environment in Newcastle, Riverina, Ultimo or Wollongong. Email your resume and qualifications to Sam Ebert, Team Leader Infrastructure, Civil Mining and Surveying at Samuel.Ebert@tafensw.edu.au

Industry Reports

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

Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW & Consulting Surveyors National (ACS)

- Media campaign continues to achieve good results – one article every month published across the state and in some cases nationally.
- 40 candidates attended the Summer 2022 candidate workshops, with the intention of sitting the March 23 BOSSI exams. Applications are now open for the BOSSI candidate land examinations and will be held between 13-17 March in Sydney at the McKell Building.
- The Practice Managers Forum is scheduled to be held on Monday 6 March at the ACS NSW office.
- In 2022 the Business Academy had 17 graduates. This year's program is being offered again and receiving strong support from surveying firms and registrations are almost full.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.acsnsw.com.au/events/upcoming-events/>

Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW)

- The ISNSW Board welcomes two new members – Mick Brown and Peter Freeman.
- 3 out of 4 Cadastral Workshops are complete with most workshops reaching maximum capacity.
- The Annual Conference is being held in Newcastle on 23 & 24 February with 500 attendees.
- ISNSW is assisting Country Surveyors Association NSW with conference administration.
- Sydney North Regional Group was recently held on 8 February.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.surveyors.org.au/events/events-calendar/>

NSW Surveying Taskforce

- Planning has commenced for 2023, with activities to include special events, work experience placements, career expos and school presentations.
- The Diversity in Surveying Day event will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney. Date is still to be confirmed.
- Invitations have been received to attend 26 career expos and events across the state.
- Following a delay in the rollout of the new surveying curriculum, in the iSTEM course, the new surveying modules will be available for the start of the school year.

Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)

- SSSI and SIBA/GITA are merging on 27 March 2023 to become Geospatial Council of Australia (GCA). The new organisation will be a continuation of operations with a slight streamlining of structure.
- SSSI are presenting a six-part series 'GIS for Surveyors' webinars with a focus on providing background information, hints, tips and more on using GIS in surveying. The series was hosted by our NSW Committee but is open to professionals across Australia.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://sssi.org.au/events-awards/events>

Surveyor General (SG)

- Full launch of NSW LRS Connect release 3 is scheduled for late April/May 2023, at which stage the online plan lodgement portal will move from ePlan to NSW LRS Connect. NSW LRS will continue to accept over-the-counter lodgements of paper plans for around 12 months, while industry consultation continues.
- Capture for the NSW Gravity Model is currently at 50% of the State. Completion of the project, including capture and delivery via NSW government portals is due to be completed in December 2023.
- Work is continuing on the update of SGD6 *Water as a Boundary*. SGD11 *Preservation of Survey Infrastructure* and SGD8 *Mining Tenure Surveys* are currently under final stages of review process.
- Geographical Names Board (GNB): The GNB is in the process of creating a dual names web map. Currently there are 44 dual names assigned in NSW, with four currently under consideration. The GNB is in the process of updating the Place Naming Policy which is due for completion by July 2023.
- Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI): Land examinations will be held 13-17 March 2023, following on from the Mining examinations held in February. The BOSSI presentation ceremony for 2022 recipients will be held 6 April 2023 in Sydney, whilst the new BOSSI Strategic Plan 2023-2026+ has now been finalised.

Surveying Education Reports

TAFE NSW

- Enrolments for Surveying and Spatial Information Services are closing for semester 1 2023, with intakes capped at most campuses and a waiting list developed.
- All campuses cater for learners currently in the industry promote learners finding employment as a surveyor before commencing Certificate IV.
- New part-time staff have been onboarded, and there are several candidates close to finishing their TAE.
- New commercial contracts have been negotiated with Transport for NSW, Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation and VERIS.



University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- 12 intakes have been received so far in 2023, which is similar to 2022. These include 4 students into the Bachelor of Surveying and 8 students into the Bachelor of Surveying/Bachelor of Civil Engineering.
- Two ARC grants have been submitted and are under assessment. The first application is on automatic Scan to BIM with Larki Pty Ltd and the second application is on back capturing 3D cadastral with Australian Spatial Data Analytics.
- Ongoing research is being conducted on Permanent Survey Marks and UNSW is seeking a participant in a PhD study on Cadastral Survey Marks.



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**

Available Traineeships

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

Smart and Skilled funded Surveying and Spatial Information Commencements

Commencements	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cert III in Surveying & Spatial	163	150	143	TBA
Cert IV in Surveying	3	4	15	TBA
Cert IV in Spatial	3	2	0	TBA
Diploma of Surveying	2	1	1	TBA
Diploma of Spatial	0	0	1	TBA
Total	171	157	160	TBA

Note: The data above recognises only Smart and Skilled supported training.

If your company is looking to hire new staff, please investigate how a trainee may benefit your business.

SMIC Training Scholarship Program

SMIC in conjunction with TAFE NSW offer a scholarship program for potential part-time teachers in Surveying and Spatial Information who are studying towards their TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training & Assessment. This qualification is a pre-requisite for teaching at TAFE. The scholarships are to a value of up to one thousand five hundred dollars.

Eligibility Criteria

- a) Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- b) Made an application for or is enrolled in TAE40116
- c) Haven't received the scholarship previously
- d) Hold a recognised surveying qualification

Selection Criteria

- a) Meet eligibility criteria
- b) Academic merit
- c) Reasons for undertaking TAE40116
- d) Demonstrated teaching ability and aptitude
- e) Career direction, aspirations and goals
- f) Teaching qualities
- g) Motivation and attitude

Applications for the next round close **Friday 10 March 2023**.

For further information and application forms please refer to the Education Options tab under Services on our website www.smicnsw.org.au or email us at smic@smicnsw.org.au



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