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176th General Meeting

The 176th General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 11th of February 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.

- **3 March 2022** – ISNSW Webinar – Town Planning for Surveyors in the 2020s
- **7 March 2022** – ACS – Practice Management Forum – ACS offices
- **11 March 2022** – ACS Webinar – Introducing the Surveyors Academy
- **16 March 2022** – ACS – How to Win Big at High-Stake Negotiations with Victoria Medvec – online
- **18 March** – AIMS – Mudgee Regional Seminar – Parklands Resort and Conference Centre
- **21 March 2022** – SSSI Webinar – Land Surveying: Did you know? Part 3
- **22 March 2022** – ACS – State Conference – NSW Parliament House
- **4 April 2022** – NSW Surveying Taskforce – Diversity in Surveying Day – Pier One Sydney
- **8 April 2022** – ACS Webinar – Implementing Effective Solutions for Management Projects
- **8 April 2022** – ISNSW 130th Anniversary Dinner – The Fullerton Hotel, Sydney
- **22-23 April 2022** – ACS – Country Surveyors Easter Conference – The Remington Hotel Orange
- **28 April 2022** – SSSI Webinar – Land Surveying: Did you know? Part 4
- **4 May 2022** – ACS Seminar – Strata Laws: Return of the Planner – Waterview Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park
- **13 May 2022** – ACS Webinar – Digital Plans Update – online
- **24-26 May 2022** – SSSI – Locate22 – National Convention Centre Canberra
- **25-27 May 2022** – AIMS – National Conference – RACV Royal Pines Resort Gold Coast
- **27 May 2022** – ISNSW – Maths in Surveying Day – Bicentennial Park at Sydney Olympic Park

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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)

- New offices and training rooms have welcomed many BOSSI candidates undertaking mid-term assessment in January preparing for March BOSSI exams.
- The recent ACS Business Academy sold out.
- Monthly webinar series as well a new Business Online Masterclass started in February.
- The National Hourly Rates Survey has been released and CSN are planning to renew the Demand Study for Surveying skills.
- Cathy Moses will be joining ACS in a part-time capacity as Membership Manager.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.acsnsw.com.au/events/upcoming-events/>



Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW)

- New President, William Hamer commenced his two-year term following the AGM on 30 November 2021. Leigh Finlay was thanked for his strong leadership over the previous two years. New Directors include Peter Baxter, Mitch Hanlon, Michael Spiteri and Aaron Fleury. They join existing Directors Bob van de Zypen, Jason Terry and Tom McDonald.
- The ISNSW Annual Conference was successfully held in a hybrid format on 27 and 28 January 2022. There was a record number of delegates, totalling just under 600.
- ISNSW Connect was officially launched at the conference. It is a community-based platform designed to provide another avenue for member engagement.
- Successful online discussion groups have started covering various segments of the membership.
- The 130th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Friday 8 April at the Fullerton Hotel Sydney.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.surveyors.org.au/events/events-calendar/>

NSW Surveying Taskforce

- New website, www.surveyingcareers.com.au went live and re-branding of event collateral implemented.
- The new course material for iSTEM is now being trialled and delivered across NSW schools for Years 9 and 10.
- Diversity in Surveying is scheduled for 4 April and is receiving strong interest from schools to attend.
- A strong programming and communications plan is in place for the year ahead.

Surveyor General (SG)

- The Office of the Surveyor General (OSG) is progressing with updating the *Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation*. Changes have gone to the parliamentary council for preparation of the draft.
- The Customer Hub is being well received with enhancements and new application types currently being developed, including for AUSPOS, Survey Mark Status, Locality Sketch Plans, Norfolk Island and State Border surveys.
- CORSnet-NSW will be building a new CORS station at the Western Sydney Airport.
- The GNB is currently reviewing its Place Name Policy and will be seeking feedback from key stakeholders.
- **GDA2020:** New GDA2020-aligned web services were released by Spatial Services in early in November 2021. Refer to https://www.spatial.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/229733/GDA2020_Webservices_InfoSheet.pdf. Older GDA94-aligned services are expected to be discontinued from July 2022.
- **Digital Survey Plans:** Industry support has been received for the first stage for transitioning to digital survey plans. This includes moving to 100% online lodgment and no longer accepting paper plans in 2023.
- **Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI):** Candidate mining oral and candidate land assessments are to be held on the 9th and 14-18th of March 2022 respectively.

Surveying Education Reports

TAFE NSW

- All our current surveying and spatial intakes at Wollongong, Newcastle, National Environment Centre (Albury) and Ultimo are full. We are investigating efficiencies to increase these numbers in the future.
- The unit [CPPSSI5061 Survey subsurface utility information](#) has been successfully developed and connected delivery has commenced across multiple campuses. This is the result of effective collaboration with industry, TAFE NSW, and equipment vendors.
- TAFE NSW is currently procuring more equipment to keep it as the leading edge of industry.
- TAFE NSW is progressing with the work involved with updating all surveying qualification units required for the new training package.
- We continue our efforts to recruit full and part-time teachers and appreciate the role SMIC plays with its TAE scholarship.

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- Encouraging a return to campus, with most classes to resume as normal according to all NSW Health guidelines.
- Succession planning is underway with work being done in conjunction with ACS, ISNSW, BOSSI and SMIC to persuade UNSW toward a sustainable succession plan for academic staff teaching surveying.
- An internal UNSW committee will be running a pilot this year to prescribe entry requirements for a few programs, including surveying. This will enable TAFE diploma graduates to articulate to UNSW directly, even in an environment of competency-based assessment.
- Staff will undertake a Program Review for the surveying program but more widely for the Civil and Enviro programs also offered in the school.
- Year 3 survey camp will be held at Cataract Scout Park from 28 Feb – 3 Mar.

University of Newcastle (UoN)

- Dr Lloyd Pilgrim has been appointed Head of the Discipline of Civil Engineering, Surveying and Environmental Engineering.
- Associate Professor Xiaoli Deng has been awarded over \$500,000 for research into “Enhancing marine bathymetry using new generation satellite sensors”.
- Across the engineering sector at Australian universities, new student enrolments in 2022 appear to be down about 10%.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

- The Health, Engineering & Science Faculty have completed their restructure for the start of 2022, with Glenn Campbell currently acting as the Head of the School of Surveying and the Built Environment.
- Students are back on campus with classes commencing in February.





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

Surveying & Spatial Information Services Traineeship Numbers

Commencements	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cert III in Surveying & Spatial	188	246	163	149
Cert IV in Surveying	5	4	3	4
Cert IV in Spatial	7	0	3	2
Diploma of Surveying	0	3	2	1
Diploma of Spatial	1	1	0	0
Total	201	254	171	156

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 11 March 2022**.

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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