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177th General Meeting

The 177th General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 29th of April 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.

- **13 May 2022** – ACS Webinar – Digital Plans Update – online
- **13 May 2022** – SSSI Webinar – Subsurface Utilities and Digital Twins - online
- **14 May 2022** – SSSI – NSW-YP Geocache Tour – Circular Quay Station
- **18 May 2022** – ISNSW – Sydney North Group May Mega Meeting 2022 – Roseville Golf Club
- **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
- **27 May 2022** – ISNSW – North Coast Group Seminar – Sawtell RSL Club
- **10 June 2022** – ACS Webinar – Financial Changes for a New Financial Year – online
- **8 July 2022** – ACS Webinar – Legal Changes for 2022-2023 - online

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TAFE NSW

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)

- Practice Managers Forum held with 25 attending at the new training rooms and 25 online in the first truly hybrid delivered event.
- The 10th Annual State Conference was held at Parliament House where 70 people were in attendance and 60 online. The event was a huge success with a full program and the opportunity to connect with one another after 18 months apart.
- Business Masterclasses, held the last Friday of each month, continue to be well attended and the Business Academy was sold out in this first half of the year.
- The Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.acsnsw.com.au/events/upcoming-events/>

Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW)

- ISNSW 130th Anniversary Gala Dinner was held on Friday 8th of April. Approximately 80 members and guests joined to celebrate this important milestone at the historic Heritage Room at The Fullerton Hotel Sydney. Mr John Minehan and Mr Bob Harrison were officially honoured as the two newest Honorary Fellows for their outstanding contributions to the profession.
- The ISNSW Annual Conference 2023 will be held in Newcastle. The decision has been made to move the conference out of January, so it will be held mid to late February moving forward.
- New Events and Training Officer, Alana Bond, commenced on 2nd of May. Also, Rachel Greenwood will be joining as Membership and Communications Officer at the end of May.
- 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 is live and re-branding of event collateral has been completed.
- Diversity in Surveying Day was held on Monday 4th of April with 60 students, teachers and 60 surveyors attending. 27 students expressed interest in seeking further information or work experience.
- School expos and activities have been booked from May to July with an anticipated 25,000 students to attend the events during this time.
- NSW Minerals Council partnership will have us presenting at 6 regional expos and dinners with students and parents.

Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)

- Australia's premier surveying and spatial conference Locate22 will be held 24-26 May 2022 at the National Canberra Convention Centre. For all the details visit: <https://locateconference.com/>
- SSSI Disaster Management & Recovery Special Interest Group is about to launch its Surveying and Spatial Volunteering Strategy document which will be out for public consultation until end of August 2022.
- SSSI YP National Mentoring Program (celebrating its 5th year!) will be launched on Thursday 12 May 2022 – those interested in participating as a mentor or mentee are encouraged to apply now. All the details can be found: <https://sssi.org.au/sssi-community/special-interest-groups/young-professionals/yp-mentoring-program>
- SSSI has launched the Student Networking Program aimed at assisting students as they navigate their way through their studies and entry in to the workforce. All the details can be found: <https://sssi.org.au/sssi-community/special-interest-groups/young-professionals/student-networking-program>
- The Surveyors Trust commissioned the report: The Australian Surveying and Spatial Workforce: A National Roadmap. Authored by Danika Bakalich, this report highlights the workforces challenges facing the surveying and spatial workforces and the need for change. To view the full report, visit: <https://sssi.org.au/knowledge-hub/news/peak-bodieswelcome-vision-for-future-geospatial-w>
- For a full list of upcoming SSSI events visit: <https://sssi.org.au/events-awards/events>

Surveyor General (SG)

- A 12-month extension has been approved for the remake of the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation.
- Over 700 requests have been received via the Customer Hub over the last year in relation to survey mark removal, project data submission, trig station applications, exemption applications and regulation approvals. Additional services will be progressively made available via the Customer Hub.
- CORSnet-NSW is now entirely cloud-based, with Wodonga CORS recently added to the network.
- The GNB is currently reviewing its Place Name Policy, with the response from stakeholders being that the policy be rewritten to reduce ambiguity.
- Work is continuing on updating SGD6 *Water as a Boundary*, SGD8 *Mining Tenure Surveys*. SGD11 *Preservation of Survey Infrastructure* is currently under review by nominated industry representatives.
- Digital Survey Plans: The end-to-end digital survey plans process was showcased at the recent Association of Public Authority Surveyors conference in Leura and the NSW Country Surveyors Easter Conference in Orange.

Surveying Education Reports

TAFE NSW

- TAFE NSW is currently procuring more equipment to keep it at 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.
- Efforts are continuing to recruit full and part-time teachers and appreciate the role SMIC plays with its TAE scholarship.

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- UNSW were well represented at the APAS2022 Conference. Craig Roberts was the invited dinner speaker and 12 of the 20 speakers were UNSW graduates.
- Due to personal circumstances, Professor Nancy Glenn has resigned from UNSW and is now back in the US. A/Prof Mohsen Kalantari (from Melb Uni) has been employed in the School to teach Construction management courses, but his research relates to land administration systems.
- An internal UNSW committee is 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.
- The Australian Graduate School of Engineering was established by the UNSW Faculty of Engineering to redefine the future of postgraduate education and lifelong learning for engineers.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

- The Health, Engineering & Science Faculty have completed their restructure for the start of 2022 and are currently recruiting for the Head of the School of Surveying and the Built Environment.
- Enrolment numbers have been up early in 2022.
- Planning is currently underway for an on-campus Honours event.





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	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cert III in Surveying & Spatial	246	163	149	99
Cert IV in Surveying	4	3	4	0
Cert IV in Spatial	0	3	2	0
Cert IV in Surveying & Spatial	0	0	0	4
Diploma of Surveying	3	2	1	0
Diploma of Spatial	1	0	0	0
Total	254	271	156	103

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 12 August 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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