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171st General Meeting

The 171st General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 27th of November 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.

- **15 December 2020 – 29 January 2021** – ACS Candidate Workshop Summer 2020, Strata and Community Title Schemes
- **17 December 2020** – AIMS Webinar – S&DD 2020 & GDA2020 Changes
- **21-22 January 2021** – ISNSW Annual Conference, Sofitel Darling Harbour, Sydney or Virtual Attendance
- **4 February 2021** – APSEA-NSW 2020
- **9 February 2021** – Parliamentary Luncheon
- **16 February 2021** – SSSI Webinar – NSW Land Administration
- **12 February 2021** – ACS Webinar – Using LinkedIn for Your Business
- **4 March 2021** – SSSI Webinar – Women in Surveying
- **12 March 2021** – ACS Webinar – Subdivision Certifiers
- **23 March 2021** – SSSI Webinar – Celebrating Local Surveyors
- **9 April 2021** – ACS Webinar – The Team Advantage
- **14 May 2021** – ACS Webinar – Preparing for Succession
- **17 June 2021 – 18 June 2021** – ACS National Surveying Congress, The Westin, Perth

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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 & Consulting Surveyors National (ACS)

- Annual conference held LIVE at Kingscliff in October. Combining with the Country Surveyors Association, the event had almost 100 people attend with a further 120 joining online.
- The Annual State Conference was successfully held on the 17th of November at Parliament House.
- The first cohort from the ACS Business Academy graduated on the 26th of November, with the next group set to start in December.
- The 2021 Calendar of Events can be found here - <https://www.acsnsw.com.au/events/upcoming-events/>

Australian Institute of Mine Surveyors (AIMS)

- Review of part 5 of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 has been completed.
- AIMS is currently reviewing NSW Survey and Drafting Directions to incorporate GDA2020 for mine surveyors.
- Preparations are underway to restart in-person seminars in 2021 with small regional meetings.

Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW)

- The new Constitution has been voted in by members at the October AGM. The new Constitution allows for more flexibility in the running of the organisation.
- The Australia Day Seminar has been renamed the ISNSW Annual Conference and will take place on 21/22 January 2021 as a hybrid event due to continued restrictions.
- Advertising for a Membership and Communications Officer position will commence after being put on hold due to COVID.

NSW Surveying Taskforce

- Ongoing discussions are being held with other jurisdictions to ensure collaboration.
- Meeting held in December to plan approach to branding and promotion for 2021.

Surveying and Mapping Managers Forum (SMMF)

- Most recent meeting held on the 2nd of November and was well attended.
- The two-year term as SMMF Chair for 2019-2020 has drawn to a close for Ryan Fifield and Jarad Cannings was elected as SMMF Chair for 2021-2022.
- SMMF representatives to SMIC are now:
 - Venessa O'Connell (Port Authority of NSW)
 - Don Urquhart (City of Sydney)
 - Jarad Cannings (Public Works Advisory)
- The next meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Managers Forum will occur in conjunction with the 2021 APAS Conference planned for March 2021.

Surveyor General (SG)

- GDA2020: Additional support for GDA94, GDA2020 (and WGS 84) across more/most Spatial Services delivery channels is under development, with expected release by 30th of June 2021. There also has also been significant recent collaborations between ANZLIC, Geoscience Australia and ESRI.
- SCIMS: A biannual State Adjustment program has been implemented, with street corner HAVOC traversing data introduced for the first time.
- BOSSI: 12 Land Candidates recently received their Certificates of Competency following the October exams.
- Digital Survey Plans: A revised approach for transitioning from paper to digital survey plans has been developed through extensive stakeholder engagement and collaboration between the Department of Customer Services, NSW Land Registry Services (NSW LRS) and industry.
- Geographical Names Board (GNB): The GNB has been working closely with the media team to provide advice on naming policy and procedures relating to offensive place names and geographical features.

Survey Spatial Science Institute (SSSI)

- SSSI President position has recently been handed over from Dr Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse to Mr Paul Digney.
- There are a number of upcoming webinars which can be accessed here - <https://sssi.org.au/events-awards/events>
- The Asia -Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) will be held on the 4th of February 2021, with some great nominations received for the awards - <https://sssi.org.au/events-awards/awards>.
- Locate Conference was postponed and rescheduled for 29th of March – 1st of April 2021. Registration for Locate is now on, with early bird registration ending on the 22nd of January 2021. See here - <https://www.locateconference.com/2021/>

Surveying Education Reports

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- The workplace changes are being finalised within the School. New Professor Nancy Glenn has returned to the US due to some personal issues and has taken 18 months leave without pay. We look forward to her return. Succession planning for a junior position is still underway. Professor Travis Waller has taken over as the new Head of School and is implementing some positive structural changes.
- In term 3 students were allowed to participate in practical field activities.
- High precision vertical control network for Thirlmere Lakes has been provided by students. Bruce Harvey also did a challenging urban cadastral project in Hurstville.

University of Newcastle (UoN)

- Most surveying courses have been able to be delivered face-to-face this semester, with all practical classes being completed. Semester 1, 2021 will see the delivery of the first-year course again being a remote delivery – due to the number of students involved (approx. 200).
- 11 final year students recently presented their projects, however unfortunately they were held online.
- The University is in the process of restructuring from 5 Faculties to 3 Colleges, with Surveying to be part of the College of Engineering, Science and Environment.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

- General easing of on COVID restrictions has allowed catch up sessions to be completed for Semester 1 & 2 residential schools, whilst higher level courses that focus on the processing and interpretation of data rather than field acquisition have been modified to run online.
- There has been an institutional push for an increased focus on employability skills and work integrated (WIL) as well as modified first year experience.
- 52 students presented their final year results online.
- Billy Steer from Canberra has won the APAS prize and John Zafiroopoulos received the Most Innovative Project Award.
- Currently seeking a new surveying lecturer on a twelve-month contract for next year. Given this is a short-term appointment it should be possible, for the right appointee, to fulfil the duties without relocating to Brisbane or Toowoomba.





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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (as at 31st Oct)
Cert III in Surveying & Spatial	8	11	9	9	10
Cert IV in Spatial	6	1	7	0	3
Cert IV in Surveying	3	2	6	3	3
Diploma in Spatial	1	0	1	1	0
Diploma in Surveying	0	0	0	1	2
Total:	18	14	23	14	18

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 TAE40110 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 dollars.

Eligibility Criteria

- a) Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- b) Made an application for or is enrolled in TAE40110
- 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 TAE40110
- 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 March 2021**.

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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