



Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW 2013/2014 Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2013/2014 and I thank NSW Roads & Maritime Services for hosting our meetings during the last 12 months.

The Council held four meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 15 July, 24 October 2013, 14 February and 23 May 2014.

After 14 years at the helm Mark Gordon stood down from the position Chair, but he did not escape all responsibility as he was elected to the position of Deputy Chair. Sincere thanks to Mark for his ongoing and dedicated work for the Council. On a personal note, It has been a mammoth task to step into the role of Chair, following in the (very large) footsteps of an industry immortal such as Mark and I thank him for all of his help and support over the past 12 months.

Highlights for the Council in the past 12 months include:

- AS5488 SUI launch function
- Creation of SMIC LinkedIn and Facebook social media sites

Other activities of the Council have included the regular publication of 'SMIC News' throughout the year in various industry newsletters and on our website at www.smicnsw.org.au

During the year, SMIC was represented at the following events

- UNSW School of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CVEN) Industry Advisory Committee – Mark Gordon
- UNSW Surveying and Geospatial Engineering (SAGE) academic group Industry Advisory Committee – Narelle Underwood and Mark Gordon
- University of Newcastle Surveying Liaison and Program Advisory Committee - Mark Gordon and David Job
- NSW Surveying Taskforce – Narelle Underwood and Mark Gordon

Andrew Bryson, Executive Officer from the NSW Construction and Select Property Services Industry Training Advisory Body (CSPSITAB) has become a regular visitor to our meetings and SMIC is working with him to promote and encourage the use of the available surveying and spatial information traineeships.

I would like to extend a special note of thanks from SMIC to Doug Kinlyside who attended our May meeting representing the Surveyor General. Doug has been an important member of the Council since its inception 26 years ago, serving as our first executive officer. The Council thanks Doug for his service to SMIC and the surveying profession. We hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement!

David Job (S-G), Nick Bailleau (AIMS), Kerry Jess (TAFE) and Grant Kilpatrick (SMMF) attended Council meetings as alternate delegates and made valuable contributions. I appreciate the continued support and dedicated commitment of these representatives and our regular delegates over the past 12 months: Veronica Bondarew (ACS), Karl Bretreger (Uni Newcastle), Peta Cox (TAFE), Allan Gordon (SMMF), Mark, Gordon (SMMF), Paul Harcombe (S-G), Bess Moylan

(SSSI), Venessa O'Connell (AHS), Craig Roberts (UNSW), Stephen Saunders (SMMF), Graeme Smith (TAFE), Hank Staal (MSIA) and Tom Williams (AIMS). I hope that our constituent organisations are pleased with the Council's achievements over the past year and the contribution and commitment that their representatives have made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank LPI and the Surveyor-General Des Mooney for the provision of the services of our Executive Officer. Kevin Volk works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of the Council, and I thank him very much for that. Kevin's continuing dedicated contribution to the Council and to the profession is truly exemplary.

The Executive of SMIC has worked together well this year. As you can imagine it has taken some time to adjust to having a new chair leading the Council and I again thank Mark for his support, especially while I was on maternity leave. Mark will not be standing for the role of Deputy Chair this year in advance of his retirement from RMS and therefore SMMF at the end of this year. It is impossible to recount all that Mark has achieved during his 15 years on the Council but some of the highlights include; involvement in the TAFE training packages, the SMIC training scholarship for TAE40110, participation in the FIG2010 Congress and the development and publication of *AS5488 Classification of Subsurface Utility Information*. He has revitalised SMIC from its status as 'dead duck' 15 years ago and I only hope that I and the other Council members can build upon the solid foundation that he has created.

I have also appreciated the work of Paul Harcombe and Secretary/Treasurer and his continuing dedication to Council Activities.

2014/2015 is looking to be a big year for SMIC. Development of a new website is currently underway and will hopefully be launched in the next few months.

SMIC has been in discussions with ICSM to develop a promotional plan and best practice guide for the understanding and implementation of the Australian Standard *AS5488 Classification of Subsurface Utility Information*. Bruce Douglas has been engaged to develop the SUI resource package and will be attending our July meeting to give us an update on the current approach and issues. SMIC has also helped to sponsor Dave Bain, Utilities Coordinator for the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team to fly out to Sydney this month and give a presentation on their best practice and minimum standards that have resulted in a more consistent and cost effective approach to working with utilities in the road corridor.

Also the development of the NSW Surveying Taskforce business and marketing plan should provide SMIC (and the industry) with opportunities to promote our profession to students and the general public.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead the Council over the past 12 months; it has been an interesting challenge that I hope to continue.

Narelle Underwood
Chair
Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW
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