



Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW 2019/2020 Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2019/2020. The Council held four meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 26 July, 29 November 2019, 7 February and 2 April 2020.

During the year, the Chair represented SMIC at the following events:

- NSW Surveying Taskforce committee meetings
- UNSW School of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CVEN) Industry Advisory Committee
- University of Newcastle Surveying Liaison and Program Advisory Committee

This year BOSSI representative attended 2 SMIC meetings. This format continues to be successful and provides an excellent opportunity for engagement and collaboration between industry, education and BOSSI as the regulator.

SMIC also held discussions with Engineers Australia to better understand how we can work together and also continue to raise the profile of surveying.

To help address the shortage of surveying/spatial TAFE teachers in NSW SMIC awarded 3 training scholarships this year. Recipients were;

- Aaron Lidbury
- Evan Akar
- Rion Graham-Emmerson

The scholarship helps to cover course fees to complete a TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, a requirement for those wishing to teach part-time at TAFE.

SMIC contributed financially to the NSW Surveying Taskforce.

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

Andrew Bryson, Executive Officer from the Apprenticeship Engagement Forum Industry Training Advisory Body (AEF ITAB) is a regular visitor to our meetings and SMIC is continuing to work with him to promote and encourage the use of the available surveying and spatial information traineeships.

I appreciate the continued support and dedicated commitment of all our delegates over the past 12 months:

- ACS – Michael Lamont (1), Michelle Blicavs (3)
- AEF ITAB – Andrew Bryson (2)
- AIMS – Adrian Wall (2)
- APAS - Thomas Grinter (4)
- ISNSW – Amy Lowe (2), Leigh Finlay (1)
- ISNSW YS – Amanda Khoury (1), Tom McDonald (1)
- OSG – Daniel Sanese (4), Narelle Underwood (4)
- SMMF – Don Urquhart (4), Ryan Fifield (4), Venessa O'Connell (3)
- SSSI – Megan Lavender (3), Robert Campbell (1)
- TAFE NSW – Peta Cox (4), John Tannous (2), Tom Hore (1)
- UNSW – Bruce Harvey (2), Craig Roberts (2)
- UoN – Lloyd Pilgrim (1)
- USQ – Chris McAlister (2)

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.

The executive of SMIC has worked together well this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Chair Michelle Blicavs, Secretary/Treasurer Peta Cox and Executive Officer Daniel Sanese for their support and continuing dedication to Council Activities.

I attended my first SMIC meeting in 2012, and have been on SMIC since (wearing a few different hats; INSW YS, ISNSW, SMMF, SG).

After 7 years as the chair of SMIC I have decided that it is time for me to step down. I no longer have the capacity required to dedicate sufficient time to progress SMIC activities. I have enjoyed the experience and particularly appreciate the opportunity that SMIC provides to communicate and collaborate with all areas of our industry.

During my time as Chair we have contributed significantly to the Surveying Taskforce and awarded over 10 scholarships for part-time TAFE teachers. We have campaigned for resources and staffing at academic institutions. I designed and implemented a new website and revamped SMIC News.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead the Council and I look forward to continued engagement with SMIC.

Narelle Underwood
Chair - Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW
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