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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 via videoconference due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The Annual Report outlined the activities and achievements of the Council over the past 12 months and can be accessed from the SMIC [website](#)

All elected positions were declared vacant and new members were elected. Congratulations and thanks go out to:

- **Chair:** Thomas Grinter (Deputy Surveyor General)
- **Deputy Chair:** Amy Lowe (ISNSW)
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Narelle Underwood (NSW Surveyor General)

## 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.

- **Ongoing from August-November** – ISNSW Dial Before You Dig & DBYD Plan Awareness Online Sessions
- **14 August 2020** – ACS Webinar – Digital Marketing for Surveyors
- **29-30 August 2020** – ISNSW Cadastral Workshops for Candidates with BOSSI, Days 1 & 2
- **11 September 2020** – ACS Webinar – Risk Management and the Professional Standards Scheme
- **19 September 2020** – ISNSW Cadastral Workshops for Candidates with BOSSI, Day 3
- **8-10 October 2020** – Country Surveyors October Conference
- **9 October 2020** – ACS Webinar – Update from the NSW Surveyor General
- **11-12 November 2020** – AIMS National Conference
- **13 November 2020** – ACS Webinar – Legal Update
- **17 November 2020** – ACS State Conference

## BE A TAFE NSW TEACHER



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 Chhavi Shaw, Skills Point Industrial Relations Lead at [chhavi.shaw2@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:chhavi.shaw2@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)

- Regular webinar series operating and continuing to run until the end of the year. Highlight of the quarter was the Strata Laws Online Seminar.
- Supported Consulting Surveyors National for their "June Online Series", with 4 hours of webinars each Friday in June.
- Software updated in preparation for the end of the CPD year.
- Candidate workshops were held face-to-face in early July with the lifting of restrictions.

## Australian Institute of Mine Surveyors (AIMS)

- The Survey and Drafting Directions for Mine Surveyors were gazetted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The new directions now include the adoption of GDA2020.
- AIMS has collaborated with Glencore to create a gender diversity scholarship in 2020 called the "Glencore-Tim Underhill Gender Diversity Scholarship in Mine Surveying". Both Glencore and AIMS recognise the benefits of increasing representation and retention of women in non-traditional roles in the mining and resource sector.
- Stewart Stevenson will be replacing Adrian Wall as the AIMS representative to SMIC. Stewart is the Senior Mine Surveyor for Glencore's CSA mine in Cobar.

## Association of Public Authority Surveyors (APAS)

- The new APAS President is Jarad Cannings.
- The online webinars replaced the Annual Conference this year and have been popular, with the excellent USQ platform being used.

## Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW)

- New Constitution process is underway with members being consulted through online forums ahead of publication and distribution.
- ISNSW has launched a new website and membership renewals have been sent out via the new system.
- All ISNSW meetings continue to be held online and the webinar library has continued to grow.

## NSW Surveying Taskforce

- The focus of campaigns moving forward will be digital.
- Goals for the upcoming FY20-21 include;
  - Work with other state-based surveying taskforces in a National Alliance
  - Vox Pops Videos for YouTube channel and other locations
  - Develop a whiteboard explainer or doodle video (based on CMS Surveyors)
  - Deliver online to school career events and webinars
  - Explore options to expand Social Media presence

## Surveying and Mapping Managers Forum (SMMF)

- Next meeting to occur in October 2020.
- SMMF representatives to SMIC remain:
  - Venessa O'Connell (Port Authority of NSW)
  - Don Urquhart (City of Sydney)
  - Ryan Fifield (TfNSW – Maritime)

## Surveyor General (SG)

- Geographical Names Board (GNB): There has been a growing public interest around renaming perceived offensive place names and geographical features in Australia.
- GDA2020: From 01 July 2020, GDA94 and GDA2020 data are both available for download from the [Spatial Collaboration Portal](#), in line with the [ANZLIC GDA2020 adoption date](#). A comprehensive list of GDA2020 products is available via our [Spatial Data webpage](#).
- NSW Survey Mark Mobile App: The updated DCS Spatial Services NSW Survey Marks App has now been released. The updated app provides customers with survey mark information on the go - in the office, on a building site or even in rural areas. The NSW Survey Mark App is available on both iOS and Android platforms. For more information, see <https://six.nsw.gov.au/content/mobile>
- Digital Survey Plans: NSW Land Registry Services and the NSW Department of Customer Service are continuing stakeholder engagement with industry, with an online survey and round of virtual interviews with surveying firms now completed. The project will now transition to testing potential solutions with a range of survey firms, as well as broadening engagement to all users of plans to better understand how survey and strata plans could better meet their needs.

# Surveying Education Reports

## University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- There have been media reports about 500 potential jobs losses at UNSW. For now, staff in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering look secure due to ongoing good school management.
- The Faculty of Engineering experimented with a High School info day online. UNSW attracted 176 school students and provided pre-recorded videos with questions thereafter.
- Articulation from TAFE continues to be a problem.
- Graduation ceremonies have been cancelled. All conferences and travel have been cancelled.

## University of Newcastle (UoN)

- The University of Newcastle is currently still open and operating, with all staff back on campus.
- Semester examinations have recently been finalised, ending a semester of mostly online delivery of course material. In terms of the surveying Program, the main impact has been the difficulties in delivering the field work elements of the course.
- Dr Mehdi Khaki, recently appointed as a Lecturer at The University of Newcastle, was awarded the APSEA Post Graduate Student Award for his doctoral research. He received his PhD from Curtin University in 2018.

## University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

- Semester 1 final assessments were completed without the aid of invigilated exams. That involved converting the standard exam into either an assignment, an online exam or take-home exam depending on which was most suitable for the course.
- USQ has adopted a new academic plan which all programs will be required to adhere to. It has a focus on the first-year experience, standard program structures and employability skills. This will have consequential effects of the Surveying and GIS programs and it will result in a substantially new program for delivery starting 2022.
- A substantial extension to the engineering labs is underway at the Springfield Campus. For surveying it will mean an expanded store with better facilities for equipment exchange and a nearby room suitable for briefing.





## 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](mailto: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 30 <sup>th</sup> June)
Cert III in Surveying & Spatial	6	9	7	7	6
Cert IV in Spatial	6	1	6	0	2
Cert IV in Surveying	0	2	3	3	2
Diploma in Spatial	0	0	1	1	0
Diploma in Surveying	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

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](http://www.smicnsw.org.au) or email us at [smic@smicnsw.org.au](mailto:smic@smicnsw.org.au)



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