



Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW 2015/2016 Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2015/2016 and I thank NSW Roads & Maritime Services and the Institution of Surveyors NSW for hosting our meetings during the last 12 months.

The Council held four meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 17 July, 16 October 2015, 19 February and 20 May 2015.

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

- NSW Surveying Taskforce committee meetings
- Presentations at career events
- Project Reference Group member for the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC) Redevelopment of CPP07 Surveying & Spatial Information Services Qualifications (National VET qualifications)
- University of Newcastle Surveying Liaison and Program Advisory Committee
- Working with the University of NSW for the development and promotion of their new dual degree; Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Bachelor of Surveying

SMIC was also represented by Deputy Chair Paul Harcombe on the UNSW School of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CVEN) Industry Advisory Committee.

Paul Harcombe and Veronica Bondarew have also worked behind the scenes to facilitate discussions between the organisers of the state (EISSI) and national (APSEA) awards to align the current award categories and selection criteria to facilitate the promotion of state winners to the national awards.

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 NSW Construction and Select Property Services Industry Training Advisory Body (CSPSITAB) has become 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.

Dr Zaffar Mohamed Ghouse attended our October meeting and made a presentation to the members about his role at the CRC for Spatial Information (CRCSI), the role that the CRCSI undertakes, its structure and funding, the projects it is undertaking, and the future strategic direction for the CRCSI.

Adrian White was also a guest at the October meeting and presented LPI's vision and strategic plan for the cadastre in NSW. The main emphasis of the Cadastre 2020 project is to transform the LPI's cadastre into a service which is the single source of truth for NSW.

The sudden passing of Grant Kilpatrick was a shock and significant loss for his family, friends colleagues and the whole surveying profession. SMIC acknowledges the contribution that Grant made to the activities of the Council during his term as a representative of SMMF.

After 42 years of service Paul Harcombe retires today. Paul has been on SMIC since the early 1990's and for most of that time held a role on the executive as the Secretary/Treasurer and more recently Deputy Chair. Paul has been instrumental in many of the achievements that the Council has made during that time. SMIC thanks Paul for his contributions not only to the activities of the Council but also to the whole surveying profession. We wish you all the best for your retirement.

2015/16 has seen some changes in representation on the Council; Chris Hogan (GITA), Phil Hayward (ISNSW) and Veronica Bondarew (ACS) have all stood down from their positions during the year and I thank them for their dedication and support of Council activities over the years. Don Urquhart has joined the Council as a representative for SMMF and Rebecca Nichols for ACS.

David Job (S-G), Graeme Smith (TAFE) and Paul Swan (TAFE) 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: Karl Bretreger (Uni Newcastle), Peta Cox (TAFE), Sue Gibbens (TAFE), Michael Green (ISNSW), Paul Harcombe (S-G), Bess Moylan (SSSI), Venessa O'Connell (AHS/SMMF), Craig Roberts (UNSW), Stephen Saunders (SMMF) and Adrian Wall (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, Michael Spiteri. I thank him not only for his behind the scenes work that allows the Council to run smoothly but also his ongoing dedication to the profession which was recognised earlier this year when he was given the honour of becoming an ISNSW Fellow.

The Executive of SMIC has worked together well this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Chair Paul Harcombe and Secretary/Treasurer Peta Cox for their support and continuing dedication to Council Activities.

With the split of LPI, the creation of DSFI Spatial Services and a soon to be announced new Surveyor General I'm not yet sure what the 2016/17 will hold for SMIC but I look forward to seeing what it offers.

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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