



Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW 2014/2015 Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2014/2015 and I thank NSW Roads & Maritime Services and Land & Property Information for hosting our meetings during the last 12 months.

The Council held four meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 25 July, 17 October 2013, 20 February and 15 May 2015.

Highlights for the Council in the past 12 months include:

- Development and launch of the new SMIC website www.smicnsw.org.au
- New formatting for 'SMIC News' to give it a modern professional look
- Awarding of a SMIC Scholarship in Certificate IV Training & Assessment
- Working with LPI and ICSM to engage Corporate GIS to develop a promotional plan and best practice guide for the understanding and implementation of the Australian Standard *AS5488 Classification of Subsurface Utility Information*.

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

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 Bachelor of Engineering (Surveying) and Bachelor of Engineering (Geospatial) degrees. Also support of the proposed new surveying/civil double degree

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.

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.

Bruce Douglas, Director of Corporate GIS attended the July meeting to discuss the development of the SUI Resources Package to support the Australian Standard AS5488. SMIC also helped to sponsor Dave Bain, Utilities Coordinator for the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team

to fly out to Sydney in July 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.

David Magee, Deputy CEO Construction & Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC), attended our October meeting to brief delegates on the project to redevelop the qualifications, units and assessment requirements for the Surveying and Spatial Information Services qualifications.

SMIC in conjunction with the Main Roads Surveyors Association (MRSA) held a very successful social function in November to celebrate the career and retirement of previous Chair, Mark Gordon.

2014/2105 has seen some changes in representation on the Council; Allan Gordon (SMMF), Mark Gordon (SMMF) and Tom Williams (AIMS) 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.

Geoff Lenton (SMMF) and Allan Turner (ACS) attended Council meetings as alternate delegates and made valuable contributions. Sue Gibbens (TAFE ISU) is filling in for Graeme Smith while he is seconded to another role within TAFE NSW. 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), Paul Harcombe (S-G), Phil Hayward (ISNSW), Chris Hogan (GITA), Grant Kilpatrick (SMMF), 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. After many years of dedicated service, Kevin Volk retired and Maria Jansen took over the role as Executive Officer. I thank them for their behind the scenes work that allows the Council to run smoothly.

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.

I'm not yet sure what the 2015/2016 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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