

## SMIC NEWS

The 138th General Meeting of the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW was held on Friday 14 September 2012 at the RMS office at Parramatta.

The Chair reminded delegates that 2012 is SMIC's Silver Anniversary, having been founded on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1987.

The proposed name change and review of the Bachelor of Surveying Degree at the University of Newcastle was discussed. The proposed program name is; Bachelor of Engineering (Surveying). To meet new AQF qualifications the full title will be the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) as it consists of a four year degree and includes a thesis and research training. It was agreed that SMIC would send a letter to the university supporting the name change.

The Chairman, Mark Gordon, presented the Draft Subsurface Utility Information (SUI) Australian Standard (AS 5488) and reminded delegates that this most important initiative originated from SMMF through SMIC. Public comments are invited on the technical content, wording and general arrangement of the draft by 22 October 2012. To respond, members of the public will need to register on the Standards Australia HUB in order to make comment. A PDF step-by-step guide on how to do this is provided at the following link:

[http://www.hub.standards.org.au/hub/help\\_materials/tutorials.html#fragment-5](http://www.hub.standards.org.au/hub/help_materials/tutorials.html#fragment-5)

Comment must be via Hub, any emails or forms sent to Standards Australia by fax or mail will not be considered by the Committee when it reviews the Public Comment received.

The Surveying and Mapping Industry Day was discussed following feedback received from Dr Craig Roberts from UNSW. The general opinion from the SMIC delegates was that it wasn't perfect but it was a good learning experience for future years. The Council congratulated ACS NSW on its initiative and thanked member organisations and sponsors for their support. Each constituent organisation has been asked to supply feedback both positive and negative to the organising committee.

The following information should be of interest to members of our constituent organisations and the general public. Full reports by the representatives on SMIC can be obtained on request by e-mailing [smic@smicnsw.org.au](mailto:smic@smicnsw.org.au) or by contacting the SMIC Chairman, Mark Gordon. Acronyms are explained on the SMIC website at [www.smicnsw.org.au](http://www.smicnsw.org.au). Links to our member organisations are on the SMIC website.

**ACS:** The Country Surveyors Conference is scheduled for 12-13 October 2012 at the Brassey of Canberra. BIS Shrapnel (Business Research and Forecasting) have been engaged to undertake a Surveying Skills Demand Study and will present its report at the 2013 Australia Day Seminar.

**AHS:** The AHS/EAR 2012 AGM was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The National Tidal Centre is running a tides workshop at the Bureau of Meteorology in Adelaide on the 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October. The SSSI Hydrography commission will be holding a seminar *Hydrography 2012: Future outlook of the profession* in Adelaide on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Sydney Ports have finally received their purpose built Hydrographic Survey vessel – *Port Explorer*.

**AIMS:** The 2012 National Conference was held in Cairns from 8-10 August 2012 with over 200 delegates attending.

**GITA:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Geospatial Solutions Conference was held in Melbourne on 6-8 August 2012.

**ISNSW:** The Institution is contributing funds for the NSW component of the Surveying Skills Demand Study. EISSI Awards will be held on Saturday 22 September 2012 at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth. Keynote speakers for the 2013 Australia Day Seminar are James Castrission and Justin Jones (Crossing the Ditch and Crossing the Ice). The Institution is seeking volunteers to participate in a working group for the next edition of Hallman. The

Young Surveyors Group and SSSI Young Professionals are holding a joint CPD event on Friday 9 November 2012 at the ISNSW offices.

**MSIA:** The Mapping Sciences Institute's Annual Seminar will again be held at the Aspire Hotel in Bulwarra St, Ultimo on 25 October, 2012.

**SMMF:** LPI will be hosting a next generation datum workshop in Bathurst, 23-24 October 2012. Representatives to SMIC for 2012 are Mark Gordon, Allan Gordon and Stephen Saunders.

**SSSI:** The NSW Council last met on 13 September 2012. Kate Fairlie is the new Young Professionals representative. SSSI was represented on the Think Tank Workshop for the Location Leadership Group on 9 August: about 40 spatial industry representatives and 40 government representatives attended. SSSI is planning another 'Speed Networking' event towards the end of November. Nationally, a MOU with SOBA has been finalised. The ISPRS Conference was held in Melbourne on 25 August, with over 1600 registrants. SSSI2013 will be held in Canberra on 15-19 April 2013.

**Surveyor General:** There are now 108 stations forming CORSnet NSW. The SG has approved SG Direction No 12 – Control Survey and SCIMS. A new page has been added to the 'Surveying' section of the LPI website, titled 'Surveying Publications'. It contains many historical surveying documents as text or the original graphic version. Documents include

- 1872, 1886 and 1914 Regulations for Licensed Surveyors
- 1963 and 1981 NSW Crown Lands Office Survey Directions
- 1984 Specifications for Primary and Secondary Control Surveys
- 1984 Specification for Second Order Levelling
- 1988 Specifications for Third Order Levelling
- 1967 Some Aspects of Title Boundary Locations in NSW
- NSW-Qld and NSW-Vic Border Guidelines
- Marking the landscape

**TAFE:** The Sydney Institute has seen a reduction in fulltime student numbers for Semester 2. All Institutes have had a reduction in their budgets. The Sydney Institute's Open Day and the Industry Day generated a great deal of interest in TAFE's surveying and spatial programs. The 'Smart and Skilled' Report has yet to be released.

**University of Newcastle:** The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 15 September. The Annual Surveying Seminar is scheduled for 26 October 2012. Documentation for the name change of the surveying degree to Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) has been submitted.

**University of New South Wales:** The new name of the School, "Surveying and Geospatial Engineering (SAGE), was launched on Friday 3 August 2012. The formation of the new SAGE Alumni Group was announced at the launch of the School's new name. There was a lot of public interest in the School at the University's Open Day on 1 September 2012. A radar remote sensing short course was held on 3-7 September 2012. The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN) will take place on 13-15 November 2012 at the University. More information on the conference can be found at; <http://www.surveying.unsw.edu.au/ipin2012/>.

The next meeting of the NSW Surveying & Mapping Industry Council will be our 25 year anniversary meeting and is being held at the offices of Roads & Maritime Services in Parramatta on Friday 16 November 2012.

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Chairman