



Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW 2016/2017 Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2016/2017 and I thank NSW Roads & Maritime Services and Spatial Services for hosting our meetings during the last 12 months.

The Council held four meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 22 July, 28 October 2016, 17 February and 12 May 2017.

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

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), now known as 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.

Jeremy Cox, the Registrar General was a guest at the October 2016 meeting and provided the Council with an update on the creation of the Office of the Registrar General (ORG) and its role to oversee and regulate Land & Property Information – Titling & Registry Services (LPI-TRS). ORG is the regulator, policy advisor and litigator, working to ensure the security of NSW's land title system. The NSW Government recently awarded Australian Registry Investments (ARI) a 35 year concession model for LPI-TRS. Mr Cox was able to confirm that the State guarantee of title and the Title Assurance Fund will remain with the NSW Government. He outlined the four key roles of his office.

- Cadastral Integrity
- Oversee the operator's performance
- Provide policy and legal advice
- Drive e-conveyancing reforms

By delivering these the ORG will maintain the confidence of the NSW public in their property rights and ensure the integrity, security, performance and availability of the Registry.

2016/17 has seen some changes in representation on the Council; with the retirement of Sue Gibbens we have welcomed Greg Cheetham (TAFE-ILU) to the Council. We also said goodbye to Karl Bretreger after many years of service to the University of Newcastle and SMIC and he has been replaced by Llyod Pilgrim. We thank Sue and Karl for their dedication and support of Council activities over the years. Now that I have taken on the role of Surveyor General, Tom McDonald has been filling in for the ISNSW Young Surveyors Representative.

I appreciate the continued support and dedicated commitment of all our other delegates over the past 12 months: Peta Cox (TAFE), Michael Green (ISNSW), Bess Moylan (SSSI), Venessa O'Connell (AHS/SMMF), Craig Roberts (UNSW), Stephen Saunders (SMMF), Don Urquhart (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 our Executive Officer, Michael Spiteri for his 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 Venessa O'Connell and Secretary/Treasurer Peta Cox for their support and continuing dedication to Council Activities.

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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