



SURVEYING & MAPPING INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF NSW 2009/2010 ANNUAL REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC) Annual Report for 2009/2010 and I thank the Roads & Traffic Authority, LandPartners and the Association of Consulting Surveyors for hosting our meetings during the last 12 months.

The Council held five meetings during the year in addition to its Annual General Meeting: 10 July, 28 September, 26 November 2009, 12 February and 14 May 2010.

Highlights for the Council in the past 12 months include the implementation of cadetships to Diploma level at TAFE, involvement in the FIG2010 Congress, support for the e-learning program at Wollongong TAFE and the commencement of work which will hopefully lead to the development of an Australian Standard for Subsurface Utility Engineering.

Other activities of the Council have included the regular publication of 'SMIC NEWS' throughout the year in various industry newsletters and on our website at www.smicnsw.org.au.

During the year, the Chairman represented the Council:

- On the UNSW School of Surveying & Spatial Information Systems Industry Advisory Board;
- On the University of Newcastle Surveying Program Advisory Committee and Industry Liaison Committee;
- At the CITAB AGM on 22 October 2009;
- At the UNSW 48th Annual Awards Dinner on 3 May 2010.

The Deputy Chair Veronica Bondarew and ISNSW delegate Rick Bartholomew represented the Council at a CPSISC breakfast meeting at Darling Harbour on 27 March 2010.

The composition of the Council itself has not changed substantially over the past twelve months. Stewart Hay resigned as SSI representative and was replaced by Peter Shoemark as the SSSI representative. Glenn Williamson (TAFE NSW) was replaced by Graeme Smith. Ron Lister and Robert Wadlow attended some meetings as delegates from GITA, before being replaced in that capacity by Peter Shoemark.

Hank Staal (MSIA), Tony Baker (MSIA), Doug Kinlyside (S-G), and Michael Green (UNSW) attended Council meetings as alternate delegates and made valuable contributions. I have appreciated the continuing support, counsel, valued input and attendance of these representatives and all our other delegates over the past 12 months: Rick Bartholomew (IEMS and later ISNSW), Veronica Bondarew (ACS NSW), Karl Bretreger (Uni Newcastle), Paul Harcombe (representing the Surveyor-General), Greg Livingstone (SMMF), Roy Lowe (IS NSW), Bill Miller (SMMF), Venessa O'Connell (AHS), and Craig Roberts (UNSW). Their work on the Council involves decisions made for the benefit of the surveying & spatial information sector as a whole and your organisations

should be well pleased with the Council's achievements this past year and the contribution and commitment that their representatives have made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank LPMA for the provision of the services of our Executive Officer and to once again acknowledge the continuing and dedicated contribution of Kevin Volk in this capacity. Kevin attends to SMIC matters so diligently that it is easy to forget that he has a "day job" as Manager of the Office of the Surveyor-General. Kevin's work both between and during Council Meetings has always been sincerely appreciated by me and his excellent support in financial matters is well reflected in the reports from the Secretary/Treasurer. In this capacity, I have also appreciated the assistance of Paul Harcombe, particularly in view of his other onerous responsibilities as Chief Surveyor of LPMA and Congress Director of the FIG2010 Congress.

The Council's exhibition booth at the FIG2010 Congress was well positioned at the entry to the exhibition hall and well attended by the Congress delegates. It gave an opportunity to our constituent organisations to have a presence at the Congress. In particular Veronica Bondarew, Laura Honeysett, Rick Bartholomew, Libby Dallimore and the LPMA Graphics Section deserve our thanks and appreciation for their support for SMIC at the Congress. Our UNSW delegate Craig Roberts is also to be congratulated on taking the opportunity to arrange a contingent of School Careers Advisors to visit the SMIC booth and attend relevant technical sessions.

The other major investment for the Council in the FIG2010 Congress was the opportunity to sponsor 5 university students to the Congress: Peter Larsen (TAFE Wollongong) Nilofer Tambuwala (Melbourne), Ben Tarlington (TAFE Sydney), James Wards (UNSW), Gavin Watson (UNSW). It was great to have the opportunity to ensure that young students from a number of institutions were able to see their profession at its finest.

As we move into our next year of existence, we have a number of major projects "on the boil": e-learning at TAFE, the development of a IHO Cat B Hydrographic course at TAFE, active participation in the NSW Surveying Taskforce and work towards an Australian Standard for Subsurface Utility Engineering. Meetings are planned with Bluefrog Marketing, the Presidents of the Local Government and Shires Associations and the Minister for Education. It promises to be a busy year ahead. In all this, the work of the Council has been reaffirmed and its 'niche market' activities of bringing together our industry's public, private, business and tertiary education sectors for the mutual benefit of everyone associated with the spatial information sector, is increasing in importance and recognition.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Council for permitting me to serve the Surveying & Spatial Information Sector as Chairman for the past eleven years. The continuing support of the organisations you represent is the cornerstone to industry unity and development both now and in the future. I am sure that your organisations recognise this Council not as a peak industry body, which we do not have in NSW, but as a useful resource for communication and decision making. Through your efforts, the Council continues to work quietly, efficiently and, most importantly, effectively for the benefit of the Surveying and Spatial Information sector, providing a constructive & practical forum for debate as well as a valuable & unique channel for consolidated action.

Mark T Gordon
Chairman
Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW
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