



Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive season!

National Office will be closed from Friday 21 December opening again in the new year on 7 January 2019. We hope everyone has a restful and safe time over the holiday break and thank you for all your support, assistance and hard work throughout 2018.

SURVEY AND SPATIAL NZ NEWS

2018 AWARDS

This year, four well-deserving members, Vicki Nalder, Bruce McFadgen, Michael Morris and Mark Allan were successfully voted as Fellows of S+SNZ by their peers. Four young professionals Sarah Duggan, David Shearer, Ella Dangerfield and Campbell Hills were also recipients of awards at the AGM function in November. [Read more](#)



NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Daniel Williams was welcomed as the new chair of Survey and Spatial NZ's Board following 5 years as board member. He has been participating in the board since its establishment in 2013 and takes over from long-term Chair, Andrew Stirling. [Read more.](#)



Mike Benning is our newest Board member. He is a well-known and respected face in the survey profession and brings a wealth of experience and passion to the S+SNZ Board.

[Read more.](#)



MEVO IS COMING!



S+SNZ has recently partnered with the **electric car sharing company Mevo** allowing us to offer an exclusive deal to members.

As sustainability is one of S+SNZ's goals we would like to do our part and lead by example, making a positive contribution to the environment by decreasing our carbon footprint. For this reason, we have partnered with Mevo, Australasia's first climate positive, free-floating and on-demand car-share company to help us toward this goal.

Watch out for the email to members coming soon which will include more information about Mevo and instructions on how to redeem the exclusive offer.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Webinar: 14 December, LINZ Exception Process - Session 1

The first in a series of webinars regarding the Exception Process. The LINZ Spatial and Requests Team will facilitate information sharing and discussion relating to the use of the Landonline Exception Process ('the process') which has been in operation for over 10 years. [Book your place now](#).

Professional Examinations Key Dates for 2019

- 7 December - Closing date to request exemptions
- **10 December - Registration opens**
- **11 February** - Registration closes
- **15 February** - Closing date for submission of projects to the S+SNZ Examinations Office
- **11 March** - Timetables sent to eligible candidates to sit the Professional Entrance Examinations
- 8 April - Professional Entrance Examinations
- 9 April - Professional Entrance Examinations.

For more details see the [Professional Entrance Exams page](#).

NZVD2016 Napier Presentations Now Available

The presentations of the NZVD2016 workshops, held in October for Hawkes Bay local and regional councils and S+SNZ members, are now available on the [LINZ website](#).

See more on the [workshops](#).



2019 CONFERENCE UPDATE

We have two fantastic keynote speakers now confirmed - [Ed Parsons](#) from Google and motivational speaker [Rob Edwards](#). Submissions for papers has closed, however there are still trade stand packages available - see the [prospectus](#).

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- [Surveyor](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auckland, Rodney, North Shore.

CASE NOTES

Summaries of cases from Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment".

This month we report on eight court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country;

- A summary of the environment court's decision on the application by Don McKay for a declaration to assist in the (desirable) conversion of cross leases to fee simple titles;
- An unsuccessful appeal to the Court of Appeal against lower court decisions relating to establishment of a mussel farm in the Marlborough Sounds;
- An application for judicial review of a decision by Hastings District Council not to require limited notification of an application for rural-residential subdivision;

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- A High Court decision on an application for summary judgement by a quarry operator against Whangarei District Council which had issued infringement notices and lodged an application for an enforcement order although a consent had been previously granted for the activity;
 - An unsuccessful application to the High Court for judicial review of a decision of Far North District Council which had granted consent to construction of two large sheds within the Te Waimate Heritage Precinct;
 - An unsuccessful application for judicial review of a decision of the independent hearings panel for the Auckland Unitary Plan relating to zoning of two adjoining properties at Albany;
 - An application by Tasman District Council to make certain rules in a Variation effective from the date of notification. The variation was introduced to correct an error in a plan change affecting subdivision and development of rural land;
 - The final decision of the Court on an appeal against refusal of consent by Auckland Council to an application for subdivision of a property near Warkworth.

[Read the full summaries and previous notes.](#)

ADVOCACY

Proposed Resource Management Amendment Bill

The Minister for the Environment has released a Cabinet paper and regulatory impact statement, outlining the Government's proposed Resource Management Amendment Bill. This bill, to be introduced to Parliament early in 2019, will form the first stage of a two-stage programme to reform the resource management system. The objectives of this bill are to reduce complexity, increase certainty and improve public participation. It will include proposals to address particular issues with resource consenting, enforcement and Environment Court provisions within the Resource Management Act.

Read the documents: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/improving-our-resource-management-system>.



Andrew Crisp Appointed as CEO For Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Mr Crisp has been acting in this role and has now been permanently appointed. Lisa Barrett will remain as the Acting CEO for LINZ. Read the full [media release](#).

Geodetic Coordinate Update – Cadastral Surveyors working in the affected areas

Geodetic coordinates (including heights and orders) were updated in Landonline and the Geodetic Database over the weekend of 1-2 December. This update primarily incorporated improved modelling of the Kaikoura earthquake, but also included additional data from geodetic surveys throughout New Zealand.

For cadastral surveyors, especially those working in the Kaikoura earthquake affected area, this will have an impact on geodetic marks and therefore may impact on survey compliance with rule 4.2 (Horizontal datum – connection) rule 4.3 (Vertical datum) Rules for Cadastral Survey 2010.

More information about the update and rule compliance is available on the [LINZ website](#).

Opportunity - GETS

There is an opportunity currently on the GETS Website for Data Collection for Tidal Model.

For details see <https://www.gets.govt.nz/LINZ/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=20418883>.

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