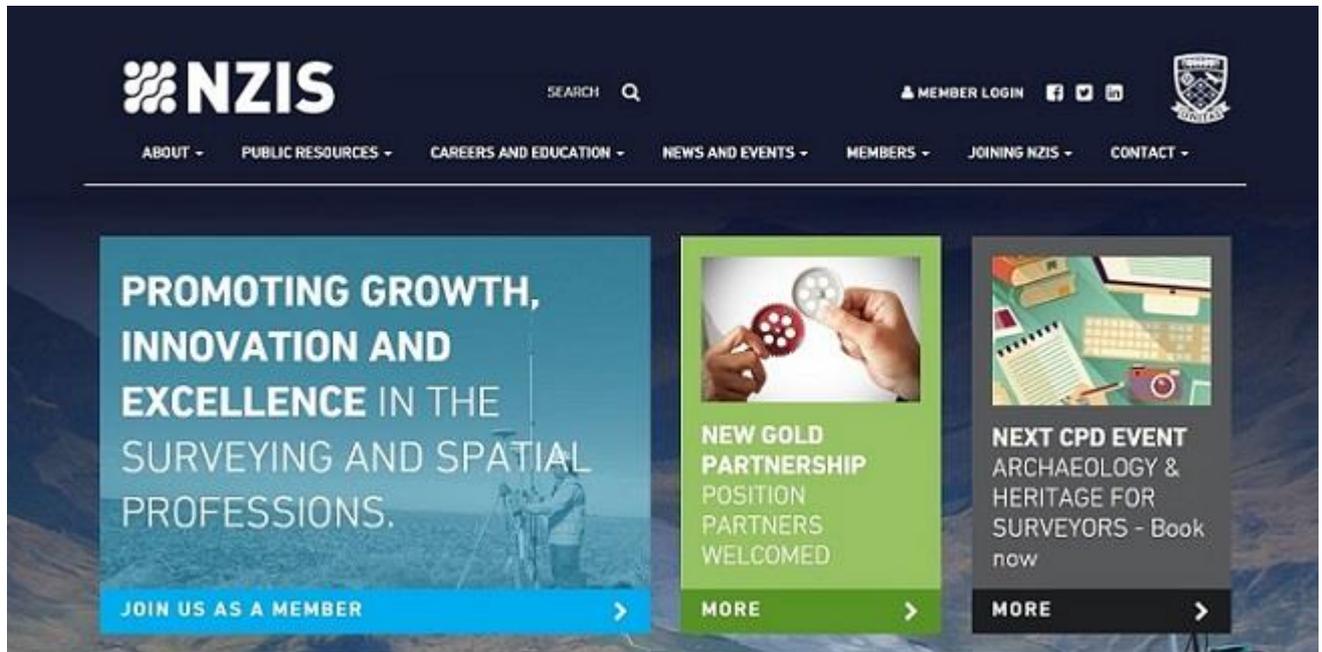


NEW NZIS WEBSITE- LAUNCHING SOON!!



Now is a good time to check your settings

External testing is underway for the new website. Depending on the testing results, go-live is expected to be in late February. Members will be able to log-in with their current password.

Member Directories - Can others find your details?

New value-add features will include a *Member directory* and a new *Find a Registered Professional Surveyor* directory. Now is a good time to check if your contact details are discoverable. Log-in to your *Dashboard* and click on *Privacy* to change your settings on who can see what.

Technical focus for NZIS Conference

Members attending the NZIS Stakeholder Workshop late last year demanded a reinvigorated members conference with an enhanced focus on Surveying and Spatial technical skills, professional support and technology. It was also suggested that the AGM be held separately and that a national technical committee be used to ensure the best possible focus from a value add perspective. That thinking was supported and the new look 2017 NZIS Conference will take place as follows:

Venue: Napier [War Memorial Conference Centre]

Date: Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 24th June 2017

Action from here:

Bookmark the date – this is the start of something new and we want all members at all levels to get value from attending

Forming of the National Technical Committee (NTC) – the NTC will be formed in the coming weeks and will contain representation from all streams, key partners and experts with support from staff and a professional conference organiser. If you have something to offer (ideas or technical expertise) in this space, contact NZIS staff or your stream chair by email.

The AGM will still be held later in the year in October or November with the final venue to be confirmed. At this stage it is likely to be in Wellington.

Makeover for NZIS Awards

Feedback from members suggests the celebration of excellence remains important and awards such as new Fellows, State Sector, Percy Dyett and Young Professionals of the Year will still be announced and given at the AGM. However, new awards around environmental projects or similar are being contemplated by a new Awards Committee and will be part of any new focus. More details next month.



SSSI and NZIS Hydrographic Surveying Seminar- 17th March Wellington

Being held conveniently right beside the Wellington Airport, this seminar will comprise of eight 20-minute presentations from government, academia and the profession. Presented by The NZIS Hydrographic Stream and (SSSI) Hydrography Commission.

[Book your place now!!](#)



NZIS Welcomes New Partnership –Position Partners

Position Partners, representing Sokkia and other brands throughout New Zealand, is the latest company to come on-board as a Gold Partner.

“We are excited with the growth in partners with a genuine interest in the profession” says Hadyn Smith, NZIS CEO. “When looking for a fit, the value of the benefits that the partner can offer our members is key criteria. We believe that Position Partners is an excellent fit and ideally suited to enhance our value proposition” says Hadyn.

NZIS has enjoyed the support of Position Partners for many years at conferences and this signing allows us to acknowledge this support. The relationship will grow through initiatives and activities including representation at the 2017 NZIS Annual Conference being held in Napier in June.

Read more [here](#)

NZIS Leader’s Guide for Branch, Stream, Division and SIG’s

NZIS Leader’s Guide is a complete overview of material that will assist all NZIS leaders of branches, streams, special interest groups (SIG) or division levels. The information assembled is based on past experience and new thinking and has been developed along with templates to be used for the tasks and actions we believe are most commonly required by our leaders. The guide is currently being reviewed and tested prior to being distributed to NZIS group leaders.

Launch date: Early April 2017

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The three seminars, Archaeology and Heritage for Surveyors, that were postponed in February are now confirmed for March. To get a better understanding of archaeology and heritage within your workplace book your spot here:

[Auckland - 1 March](#)

[Wellington - 2 March](#)

[Christchurch - 3 March](#)

Professional Entrance Examinations 2017

Applications are open for the April 2017 Professional Entrance Examinations.

[Apply here](#)

Practice Guidelines for Cadastral Surveying in Areas Affected by ground Movement caused by Earthquakes in Canterbury

Find the resource [here](#)

REGULAR FEATURES

Recent Legislative Case-Note Summaries

From Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment" and "Alert24 –Land".

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

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

- *An appeal relating to properties in the Queenstown basin upon retrospective application for variation of earthworks conditions and the relevance of varied consent notices on an adjacent subdivided property;*
- *An appeal at Hamilton where consideration of provisions in a proposed district plan included assessment of the status of a "comprehensive development plan" resulted in amended provisions to provide clarity to the situation;*
- *An appeal against charges levied by Porirua City Council which included additional traffic impact assessments for an application to expand a café at Pauatahanui;*
- *The decision of the Environment Court on an appeal by an environmental group on the grounds of hazard and risk of collapse of a consented irrigation dam in North Canterbury;*
- *An unsuccessful appeal to the Court of Appeal relating to evidence obtained by Auckland Council under an apparently faulty search warrant relating to alleged breaches of an abatement notice at a multi-unit residential property;*
- *An enforcement order and costs decision involving a Mr Lau and others who had undertaken illegal development and building work on several properties at Auckland.*

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- [Surveyor](#), Whanganui - Harrison & O'Sullivan
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor, Graduate or Experienced technician](#), Kerikeri - Thomson Survey
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor and/or Graduate Intermediate Surveyor](#), Taupo & Rotorua - Cheal
- [Registered Professional Surveyor and/ or Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Kerikeri - Williams & King.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we announce the death of Ian McKinlay, Pleasant Point, South Canterbury

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