

NOVEMBER PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMS

If you are sitting the exams in November a key date is **29 September 2017**. All applications for eligibility to sit the exam and forms must be received by the NZIS Admissions Panel by this date. Check out the details and download the forms from the website. The actual exam dates are 13-14 November.

- [Register here](#)
- [Professional Entrance Exam](#) web page.

SPATIAL & SURVEY CAREER INFORMATION

Future inTech

Promoting surveying and spatial careers to students, schools and industry, Future in Tech do a great job in profiling people and their career paths to promote surveying and spatial careers. Check out the website for a selection of useful resources:

<https://www.futureintech.org.nz/182/jobroles/surveyor-survey-technician>

Are your studies getting you to the right place? Add the location factor to your qualification!

Brochures can be downloaded at - <http://www.linz.govt.nz/about-linz/our-location-strategy/growing-new-zealands-geospatial-industry/studying-gis>

School Leavers - If you know a school leaver, get them to look at "[Leaving School-Issue 9](#)" that features Young Professional, Claire Buxton.

Geospatial Virtual Field Trip For Schools - 29-31 August

The 2017 geospatial virtual field trip is being held in the greater Wellington area 29-31 August with the theme "Finding Resilience – the technology behind locating and responding to natural hazards". It will have input from subject matter experts from LINZ, GNS, Wellington Regional and City Councils and Eagle Technology. It is free for schools to register and more information for teachers and schools is at <http://rata.learnz.org.nz/summary.php?vft=location173>

Victoria Research - Graduate pathways: Support for Young Geospatial Professionals in New Zealand

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sgees/about/staff/staff-publications/deRoisteGraduatePathwaysYGPsReport.pdf>

Review of 'Archie Bogle - A Short Biography'

Don McKay's mini-book was published on the website in November 2016. A review by Ross Miller has been added to the article. [Read both here.](#)

Identifying and Managing Earthquake Prone Buildings

Priority buildings are a new concept introduced in the national system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings that came into effect on 1 July. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has produced guidance to help territorial authorities and building owners.

Guidance: [Priority Buildings](#)

Resources and Tools: [Earthquake-prone buildings resources](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



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New career opportunities listed this month:

- [Land Surveyor](#), Inovo, Christchurch
- [Team Leader Survey](#), Opus International, Hamilton or Auckland
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyors](#) - 2 Roles, CKL, Hamilton and Te Awamutu
- [Land Development Engineering Surveyor](#), Paterson Pitts, Queenstown
- [Quality Assurance Assistant](#), Surveying Services, Hamilton.

See the [Jobs Board](#) for the full list of roles available.

REGULAR FEATURES

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

This month we report on six court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country; most result from decisions made in the district and unitary plans:

- A further decision of the Environment Court regarding a plan change to the Mackenzie District Plan to provide greater protection of the landscape values of the Mackenzie Basin from inappropriate subdivision, development and use. This has been a continuing debate about the conflicts between farm production and landscape values in an important tourist area;
- A somewhat similar debate about subdivision, development and landscape values for a plan change affecting Waiheke Island;
- The continuing saga of a Kauri tree at Titirangi as reported in the press and TV. The Council's consent to fell it and build on the site had been surrendered by the owners but the debate continues;
- Two unsuccessful appeals, one by Wellington City Council against the declaration by the Environment Court in *Aitchison v Wellington City Council*. *The Environment Court had declared* that the Council's interpretation of the district plan rules for recession planes and definition of ground level at the boundary, was incorrect in the context of the purpose for protecting residential environment; The other appeal was by the Aitchison's neighbour against the award of costs against him by the Environment Court; for protecting residential environment; The other appeal was by the Aitchison's neighbour against the award of costs against him by the Environment Court;
- A successful application for judicial review of a decision by Tasman District Council to further extend the lapse date of a consent to take and bottle water from a spring. Questions addressed included progress towards establishing the bottling plant, the effects on or consent of affected parties including iwi groups and changes in the environment or planning context.

[Read the full summaries and download the pdf.](#)

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Starting soon: Fire Setbacks

- 10 August - [Auckland Register here](#)
- 17 August - [Wellington Register here](#)
- 24 August - [Christchurch Register here.](#)

Coming in Late August

Managing Risk with Health & Safety - NZ Building Surveyors

[Register here](#) for Wellington, Christchurch, Auckland and Tauranga, 21 -25 August 2017.

Webinar - Dilapidations and making Good/Reinstatement

Presented by Gareth Christopher, Group manager, Building Surveying, Hampton Jones
[Register here](#) for 23 August 2017, 3.00 - 4.00pm.

Coming Soon - NZIS Conference Recordings

The recordings from the Napier conference will be loaded to the [Training on Demand](#) webpage shortly.



NZIS GOVERNANCE

Membership Invoices Are Due Now

The 2017-18 invoices were sent out Tuesday 4 July. If you didn't receive your emailed invoice check out your emails in Your Dashboard or contact National Office - nzis@surveyors.org.nz.

Fees can be paid directly online via your online *Dashboard* and this year we have introduced a new option of secure direct internet banking (called Account2Account) along with the existing credit card option.

How to pay online:

- In Your *Dashboard* click on *Account Balance/ Make Payment*
 - Enter the amount you are paying
 - When you click on *Make Payment* again, you will go into the secure payment portal
 - Click on either the *Visa/Mastercard* or for internet banking (the *Account2Account*) option.
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Find Out What's happening at NZIS

Recently added to the Member's Governance web page.

[CEO Update - Surveying the Scene](#)

[First Notice of the AGM](#) in Wellington, November 15.

Recent Forum Postings

[Log-in at Members/Member's Forum](#) to join the conversations.

- An online app for RTK GNSS observations (under development)
- Convert Company Lease to Unit Title
- Online App For Identifying Trig Beacons
- Access For NZ Fire Service Under SNZ PAS 4509:2008
- Downturn in Auckland Workload?
- Articles on Kaikoura Earthquake recovery featured in March Surveying+Spatial magazine.