

WE HAVE A NEW NAME AND BRAND!

Survey and Spatial New Zealand council have chosen a new logo they believe represents our future focus. The new branding reflects an important milestone in our history, building on our proud history and encouraging better collaboration, diversity and engagement in the future.

President, Rebecca Strang, believes that as an organisation we must acknowledge our heritage and our current strengths. We also need to consider how we move forward in an external environment that is rapidly evolving. We are serious about ensuring everyone – current members, potential members, central and local government, all arms of the sector and our communities – understand how we are positioning ourselves for the future. [Read the full news item.](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2018 NZSEA FINALISTS**

Well done to all New Zealand Spatial Excellence Awards finalists and a special mention for Survey and Spatial NZ members Claire Buxton, Kat Salm, Callum Smith, Julian Thom, Kurt Janssen, Robert Odolinski and Elaine McAlister. The announcements were made at a

breakfast in Wellington held 5 September.

[See the full list of finalists.](#)



Mark Nichols from Trimble accepting the 2017 Supreme Award for Catalyst.

The winners will be announced at the NZSEA Finalist's function that will include presentations from all finalists. This is being held from 4pm on 17 October at Te Papa, Wellington. Tickets are \$50+gst and available through our booking system, [book here](#).

Visit the NZSEA website, www.nzsea.org/

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CONFERENCE 2018 - CALL FOR PAPERS

Next year's conference is at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland, 9-11 May. The technical committee is now calling for papers. If you want to suggest a speaker or topic, you have until 30 November - [submit your proposal here](#).

S+SNZ members that have their proposals accepted, will receive a \$200 refund in their registration fee after the conference.

ADVOCACY

Draft National Planning Standards

A submission on MfE's *Draft National Planning Standards Consultation Document* has been completed. The *Draft National Planning Standards* focus on aligning the structure, form, e-delivery, some common content of RMA plans as well as standardising definitions.

S+SNZ's submission covers electronic accessibility and functionality, e-delivery, mapping and spatial planning tools, and definitions. Input was provided by the LD&UD and Spatial Professional Streams including our concern over the long implementation time which will mean delayed realisation of benefits.

It is expected that further planning standards will be developed over time; these are likely to be more content-based and will need specialist input from S+SNZ.

- [S+SNZ Submission](#)
- [Consultation Document](#)
- [Draft National Planning Standards.](#)

Rules for Cadastral Survey

The Cadastral Professional Stream has made a submission to LINZ in response to the second round of consultation on the Rules for Cadastral Survey. Read the submission [here](#). This and previous submissions, along with other key advocacy documents are available in the [Members/Governance/Advocacy](#) section on the website.

International Land Measurement Standards (ILMS) - Consultation Update

The ILMS consultation date on consistency in land and real property transaction reporting standards worldwide has been extended until 31 Dec 2018. A launch is proposed at the World Bank Land Conference March 2019 and FIG Hanoi, April 2019. Information on the ILMS consultation can be [viewed here](#).

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Events Coming Up September to October

A New Paradigm for Seabed Mapping: Ocean Exploration Using Multiple AUVs

Webinar, 21 September 2018

A free-of-charge presentation from the Australasian Hydrographic Society covering Swire Seabed's role and experiences from survey campaigns to date will be shared. [Book here](#)

New Zealand Vertical Datum 2016 Implementation Workshops - Hawkes Bay Pilot

Workshops, 2 & 3 October

These are pilot workshops being run prior to rolling them out to other centres in the country.

- **Napier, 2 October, 4-5pm: Understanding & Implementing NZVD2016 - Session for Local Government.** [Book here](#)
A joint presentation with LINZ introducing NZVD2016 and why it is important for councils to understand the benefits of a nationalised height system and the

potential consequences of incorrect height data. This session is for local and regional council staff, such as planners and engineers, who deal with spatial information, consenting and approval processes. The workshop will give an overview of NZVD2016, why it is important, examples from the Hawkes Bay area, and how to implement the datum.

- **Napier, 3 October 9-11.30am: Understanding & Implementing NZVD2016 - Workshop for the Survey and Spatial Industry.** [Book Here](#)

This session will be more technically focussed for council staff, private sector engineering, surveying and spatial professionals who would like more information on the practical application of the NZVD2016.

Positioning & Measurement and Engineering Surveying Streams

Seminar, 26 October, Novotel Auckland Airport.



This annual event is a joint stream initiative providing an opportunity for technical development and networking. The venue is the Novotel Hotel, Auckland Airport to make it easy for attendees living outside of Auckland to fly-in and fly-out on the same day. [Book here.](#)



PACIFIC ADVISORY GROUP FORMED

A Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) has been formed to lead the delivery of value under the MoU signed between S&SNZ and the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council (PGSC) in

April this year. The group aims to positively influence life in the Pacific through improved surveying and spatial outcomes. [Read more.](#)

CASE NOTES

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;

- Was the ownership arrangement established by Clearspan Property Assets Ltd a subdivision as defined in S218 RMA, or not? This was an unsuccessful appeal against High Court decisions that interpreted a property arrangement involving the company acquiring an interest in properties on which cell-phone towers have been erected as not being a subdivision.
- An unsuccessful appeal against the decision of Auckland Council to locate the Rural Urban Boundary in the unitary plan to exclude two areas of land near Auckland airport from urban zoning and development;
- Another unsuccessful appeal against decisions of the Auckland Council for refusing to extend the Rural-Urban Boundary to include additional land at Okura, south of Whangaparaoa;
- A partly successful appeal against refusal by Marlborough District Council of retrospective consent for foreshore structures in the coastal marine area of Queen Charlotte Sound;
- An unsuccessful appeal against conviction for illegally converting a residential property at Mt Roskill into multiple household units;
- The decision on costs incurred in the cases between Mr and Mrs Aitchison against decisions of Wellington City Council following its decision that allowed a neighbour to erect structures adjacent to a property boundary at Roseneath, Wellington.

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

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LAND TITLE SURVEYS IN NEW ZEALAND BOOK BACK ONLINE

An online version of the [Land Title Surveys in New Zealand](#) book has been published by the Cadastral Professional Stream.

The online version of this valuable resource has been developed in blog format on Wordpress and allows users to interact with the publication. Users can 'Follow' the book and post comments and suggestions for edits if they wish. All posts will be moderated by Cadastral stream editors Brian Curtis and Darren Hocken.

This is the 3rd version. It follows the 2nd edition published in 2012 that was a result of several years of intensive work and research by Don McKay, FNZIS and editorial team Andrew Blackman and Wayne Nichols. The original book, Version 1, was published by Max Watkins in 1987.

View the OLTSB: <https://landtitlesurveynz.org/>

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Check out the [S+SNZ calendar](#).

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