

## 2017 NZIS Conference - Mark Your Calendar for June

The conference this year is being held earlier in June over 3 days from Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 June. The venue is the newly renovated Napier Conference Centre on Napier's Marine Parade. If you haven't visited the art-deco capital for a while the conference is an excellent reason to do so.

The chosen theme is 'Frameworks for the Future' reflecting that the survey/spatial industry as a whole is changing and this theme captures that shift. It is about re-imagining how we go about our work as an industry and what fundamental frameworks need to be in place to support these changes. Presentations will challenge our 'future' thinking and further our understanding and connections across the spectrum of industry activity.

We have formed a National Technical Committee (NTC) to review the technical content for the conference to ensure it is relevancy for all levels of membership. This committee is made up of experienced individuals and stream and division representativess to ensure the theme, key issues and case studies are innovative and nationally focused. The NTC is searching for speakers to present on topics that can challenge our 'future' thinking and further our understanding and connections across the spectrum of industry activity. These frameworks may include:

- Understanding the fundamental information frameworks that will underpin the future direction of our industry
- Exploring the changing technology that is disrupting our industry
- Developing and supporting our industry capability framework, through our current and future industry professionals
- Understanding and harnessing innovation frameworks to support sustainability and resilience
- Collaborating and connecting across streams and branches for more integrated and holistic approaches to tackle future challenges.

The NTC is still exploring topics and already has some key threads within this theme, including:

- Kaikoura Earthquake – Innovation for response and recovery, - and lessons for future resilience
- Information Frameworks for the future: ASATs, 3D cadastre, Big data, etc.

To keep up with developments for the conference go to [www.nzisconference.org.nz](http://www.nzisconference.org.nz)

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## Welcome to New Relationship Manager , Craig Smith



Craig recently started at National Office taking over the Relationship Manager role. A life-long Wellingtonian, he comes to us after a career spent working in the public and private sectors both here and overseas. Most recently his focus has been on managing, monitoring and analysing regulatory systems for a wide range of organisations. These have included ACC, the Medical Council of NZ, the Qatar Council of Health Practitioners, the Oman Medical Specialty Board, NZ Petroleum and Minerals, and the Pharmacy Guild of NZ.

Craig is looking forward to contributing his knowledge and experience to NZIS and its members. After many of working in Government and with parliamentary select committees he comes with an appreciation of the valuable contribution organisations such as NZIS make in representing their members' views and contributing to the public policy debate. A life-long Wellingtonian, Craig lives in Karori with his wife Deanne and 7-year-old daughter Zahra. Between work and transporting Zahra to ballet, jazz dance, swimming, and violin lessons, Craig's interests include reading, travel, Classical History and craft beer.

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## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### SSSI and NZIS Hydrographic Surveying Seminar

Coming up Friday 17 March at Miramar Golf Links, Wellington Airport. [More details and to book your place](#)

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### CPD Survey Out Now!

[Click here](#) for this year's CPD survey where we seek to gain feedback and suggestions for training events and topics of interest for the coming year. All feedback is greatly appreciated.

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## PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMS

### 2017 FIG Working Week



Registrations are open for the 2017 working week being held in Helsinki. Visit the website [here](#).

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## REGULAR FEATURES

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

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

- A jurisdictional challenge associated with an enforcement order sought by Thames-Coromandel District Council. In this case, the recipients of the order had carried out unauthorised earthworks on their property but claimed that Maori land was not subject to the RMA or its processes;
- A case in Auckland that considered the question: "Is the holder of a current but unimplemented land use resource consent required to obtain a further resource consent for the already consented activity when a new or changed plan provision came into effect?"
- An unsuccessful appeal against the decision of Christchurch City Council to re-consent the existing wind turbine electricity generator, at Gebbies Pass on Banks Peninsula;
- A successful appeal by Southland Fish & Game NZ against consent granted by Southland District Council for development of a cycle trail adjoining the upper Oreti River, a world-famous trout fishing river;

Also in the other news, we have two important news items:

- one is a report of a decision on a major challenge to the Auckland Unitary Plan of particular interest to members operating in the Auckland area, and;
- the other is an announcement from Hon Dr Nick Smith about the establishment of an urban development authority.

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

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## OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we announce the death of Richard Bennick Hudson, Gisborne and Gregory D Smith, Christchurch.

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