

Conference 2018

Early-bird Registrations Finish Next Monday, 9 April

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We can think of many reasons to come to the conference this year, apart from the variety of great speakers to keep you up to date with the sector, Nelson is one of New Zealand's tourist hot-spots with something for everyone; wine and food, three national parks nearby, arts and culture and Hobbit and LOTR locations - not to mention it being a cyclists paradise! See the full programme and line-up of [expert speakers](#) and check out why [Nelson is such a great place to visit](#)

Survey Technicians, a Personal History

With the conference coming up, Steve Neal of Nelson/Marlborough branch has some memories of the first time Survey Technicians were welcomed into NZIS at the Centennial Conference in 1988 to share with other members. [Read Steve's personal story.](#)



Our conference is supported by [partners](#) Glenn Stone Insurance, Allterra, Global Survey, Eighty4 Recruitment, Accurate Instruments and WINC.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Important Information for Business Owners and Legislation Scan Updated

Four new Bills have been introduced in Parliament this year that will have wide-reaching implications for all business owners.

- *Domestic Violence – Victims’ Protection Bill (Member’s Bill)* – Domestic violence is defined as a hazard in Health & Safety legislation; employers will be required to respond effectively to victims of domestic violence
- *Privacy Act* – this bill is important for any organisation that collects and stores any personal information on individuals
- *Employment Relations Bill* – restores key minimum standards and protections for employees.

Link to the [Legislation Scan](#)

Link to pdf of [Business Owners](#) Scan

Link to [Territorial Authority Enviroscans](#).

April Update: Conversion of cross-lease titles to fee simple titles - Application to Environment Court

An update on whether conversion of cross-lease titles to fee simple titles constitute a subdivision in terms of s 218 of the Resource Management Act 1991 has been added to the [NZIS Member's Forum](#).



LANDONLINE RELEASE 3.17

This release is scheduled to go live Monday 16 April. See www.landonline.govt.nz for details and planned outages.

GeoSmart Asia - Locate 18

This major spatial conference takes place in Adelaide 9 -11 April. Registrations are open now at <http://geosmartasia.org/index.html>.

GLOBAL SURVEYORS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

The first Global Surveyors' Day was celebrated in different ways last week by NZIS, members and the Survey School.

Michelle Bain, NZIS Board member was interviewed on Wednesday morning's Radio Live show where she was able to set Mark Sainsbury straight on the critical work that survey and spatial people undertake. Read the NZIS [media release](#).

Several Rotorua and Bay of Plenty members celebrated in true Cranworx style by mountain biking in the redwood forest in Rotorua.



Rotorua/BOP branch members celebrating their efforts.

Students, staff and alumni of Otago Survey School got into demystifying what they do at the Octagon with theodolites and a total station.

- Read the [ODT Article](#).
- Otago Survey School [news item](#).

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Useful Geospatial Tools for Surveyors - Webinar Coming Up 20 April

Surveyors play a central role in a range of government agencies and private organisations, from planning and construction to engineering and land boundary determination. GIS is built on a database of individual project files, enables surveyors to easily manage, reuse,

share, and analyse data, saving time and reduce duplication. This is a practical demonstration that introduces geospatial concepts and a GIS tool selection to assist with your work. [Read more and Book your place.](#)



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CASE NOTES

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

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

- An appeal against refusal of consent by Auckland Council of an application to establish a rural “hamlet” between Whitford and Beachlands, east of Auckland;
- Conviction of several people for excavation of holes in a heritage listed stone wall at Epsom, Auckland;
- Two cases involving a developer who had been successfully prosecuted by Auckland Council seeking enforcement orders against the Council;
- An unsuccessful application for costs against Central Otago District Council;
- The decision of the Environment Court on an appeal against the proposed Airfield Height and Noise Overlay to the Thames-Coromandel District Plan applicable to the Airfield at Pauanui;
- Three decisions involving over rules for recession planes and definition of ground level between two residential properties in Wellington.

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

[Read previous Case Notes.](#)

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