

# Branch and Professional Stream Reports

## HYDROGRAPHY STREAM

Chair – Emily Tidey



The Hydrography Professional Stream (HPS) currently has 67 registered members (at Sept 2019). We need to expand our membership and CPD activities to other S+SNZ members who also undertake hydrographic work and will benefit from interaction with the professional hydrographers in our stream. The Australian charting market continues to develop and we anticipate certification requirements increasingly appearing in other aspects of hydrography.

Activities for the HPS this year have included:

- Stream news and feature articles for the NZIS S+S Magazine.
- Joining the S+SNZ conference in Auckland with a stream session on 10 May 2019.
- Continuing to contribute to the Maritime New Zealand review of the Guidelines of Good Practice for Hydrographic Surveys of NZ Ports and Harbours, with documentation for all members to review expected soon.
- Formalising representation on the Hydrographic Commission National Committee (HCNC) of the SSSI. Reviewed and approved reciprocal certification recognition for the new Canadian certification. Called for HPS members to stand on the Australasian Hydrographic Surveyors Certification Panel (AHSCP).
- Welcomed two new members to the HPS leadership team: Declan Stubbing (DML) and Andrew Price (iXblue).
- Updated our TOR to reflect the recent leadership team changes and highlight our ties with HCNC/SSSI and FIG (including a link with the YPs programme “Map the Plastic”).
- HPS representation on the LINZ instigated Marine Geospatial Information Working Group (NZMG-WG) and discussions with leaders of SW Pacific Seabed2030.

The HPS leadership team has been holding bimonthly teleconferences and posting the minutes on the S+SNZ website. We are working to develop succession plans and backup representation were possible amongst our leadership team, and welcome input from stream members. Emily

will remain the Chair until Nov 2020. Thank you to the leadership team who give a lot of their time to our Stream, we encourage more stream and S+SNZ members to engage with the HPS.

