



Hi S+SNZ

With the prospect of moving to Level 2 just around the corner, never has the sound of 'zero' been so important – but I'm sure that, like me, you're wrestling with how you transition to the new normal (whatever that term means).

Our conversations have been dominated by Covid for so long that the idea of talking about things that don't involve the virus almost seems disrespectful – and yet, at some point, we need to do exactly that if our country (and the world) is to recover.

We've appreciated the opportunity to bring these Covid updates to you, and will continue to do so for as long as is necessary – but we're also conscious that we need to start reintroducing other topics. For that reason, and starting next week, we'll be starting to talk about broader issues that affect you as a spatial and survey professional.

Meanwhile - here's some Covid information that is relevant to our sector.

COVID-19 and Spatial Information

We have been featuring the John Hopkin's Coronavirus Map (see below) showing the real-time pandemic spread in each newsletter. GIM-International have published an article, [COVID-19, the Land Administration Sector and Spatial Information](#) exploring the relevance of the land administration sector, disaster risk management and spatial information in the context of the coronavirus outbreak.



Shovel Ready Projects

In my update No2, sent 8 April, I included information on how the *Crown Infrastructure Project* reference group was seeking information on infrastructure projects/programmes. This project has progressed and in this [Beehive press release](#), the Hon. David Parker included cabinet approval of 'shovel ready projects'. RadioNZ also featured a news item on 3 May: [Cabinet approves fast-tracking of shovel ready projects](#).

Economic Analysis and Forecasts

Infometrics, a leading NZ economics consultancy, has made publicly available COVID-19 [updates](#). These webinars feature in-depth industry, regional, and general economic analysis and forecasts. In particular, the 22 April webinar focuses on building and construction.

Construction Sector Accord Updates

The Accord (part of MBIE) has been releasing regular [newsletter updates](#) and feature COVID-19 information on their website www.constructionaccord.nz.

I anticipate that the general health and personal safety rules will remain under Level 2 so I still encourage you to review the excellent [CSNZ COVID-19 Level 3 Protocol](#) as a starting point for your own Health and Safety work plans. The Construction Health and Safety (CHASNZ) group's new [Health and Safety Standards](#) will also be a very useful resource.

As always, your S+SNZ are on deck and ready to help – so please call on them to assist in any way.

I'm also available to any member who has concerns or ideas or would simply like to talk. Feel free to email me at any time, ashley@surveyspatialnz.org – or call me on 0274 861 770.

CPD and Events



We are continuing to find ways to provide a broader range of topics to members in the lock-down environment – coming up are the following events:

Coming up 15 May - Property Law Tools in Subdivisions - [Register here](#).

- 3 July - Speaking in Meetings - [Register here](#).
- 4 September – Networking - [Register here](#).

Did you miss a past event?

If you missed the following past webinars, they are available on YouTube:

- Developing Leadership Skills through Public Speaking - [View here](#)
- GNSS Control Surveys - Graduate Refresher for Licensing and beyond - [View here](#).

Please continue to keep a watch on the [Tickets and Events](#) web-page as events coming up can be booked here. Also, please send any ideas for future training and events topics to Jen Houdalakis our Events Coordinator - jen@surveyspatialnz.org.

Support for Surveyors and Spatial Professionals

We've received generous offers of help and support for members who may be struggling in this challenging environment. If it would help you to talk through your issues and challenges please get in touch with us directly, admin@surveyspatialnz.org and we'll put you in contact with a firm as near to you as possible.

Government Helpline for Business Support



The government COVID-19 website has a section to provide all NZ businesses with advice and to connect them with additional support. Details can be found on this [COVID_19 Page](#).

Keeping yourself and your family healthy



For those who may be still feeling anxious or isolated, there continues to be a wealth of good information about keeping healthy and safe during the lock-down.

Here are some useful links:

- [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) - Health and well-being page for individuals and households.
- [Mentemia](#) - Sir John Kirwan's mental health blog and downloadable app.
- [Why Working From Home Is So Exhausting - And How to Reinvigorate - Forbes Magazine.](#)
- The [Ministry of Health](#) provides advice on caring for yourself and others who have or may have, COVID-19.
- The [NZ Mental Health Foundation](#) and [Wellplace.nz](#) offer good resources on how to protect your mental health and well-being.
- [Health Anxiety Fact Sheet](#) (compiled by Benestar).

Local Government Information

Individual Territorial Authorities are regularly releasing information on COVID-19 so check out your local council website.

- Minister for the Environment's letter to all councils regarding resource management responsibilities during the COVID-19 response. [Read the letter here.](#)
- Ministry for the Environment - [Frequently asked questions on COVID-19 for local government.](#)

Business Travel Clarified

The Association of Consulting and Engineering (ACENZ) has sought clarification on what business travel is or isn't allowed under Alert Level 3.

[Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Health Act Order](#) is important for our members as it deals with inter-regional travel that can be undertaken. Generally, ACENZ advises this means travel can be:

- Within the same region for any business or service work;

- To and within an adjacent region for any business or service work; and
- To and within a non-adjacent region where doing so is necessary for providing a service to clients that are listed in [Part 3](#) of Schedule 2 of the Health Act Order

However, before you travel, you should:

- Check to see if your client organisation comes under the businesses or services listed
- Check directly with your client to confirm their interpretation.

Further details are available in the ACENZ [blog](#) on the topic.

The Science of Numbers

The [Financial Times](#) has been tracking the pandemic with graphs.

See the spread in this [Coronavirus Map](#) developed by John Hopkins Centre for Systems Science and Engineering.

Jobs Board

We currently have several positions advertised on the [website jobs board](#).

[S+SNZ COVID-19](#) information page.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

Regards

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