



WIS Report

March - October 2021

From: Charlotte Dawson, WIS Chair, Women in Spatial / Surveying Division

1/11/2021

Leadership

Committee names and year joined committee

Charlotte Dawson (2015) (Chair, Elected 2021)
Elaine McAlister (2011) (Vice Chair, 2021)
Tracey Mauchlen (2017)
Kathryn Salm (2012)
Louisa Bloomer (2019)
Emma Berryman (2020)
Lauren McArtney (2020)
Anna Meissner (2020)

Succession Planning:

- Our plans for refreshing committee membership by 2021 AGM are:
- Having our AGM at WIS Christmas party. Reaching out to the wider WIS community for new committee members to join.
- Reach out to others we know in the Young professional area, or Survey areas that might want to join.
- The committee needs fresh ideas and energy in the committee, as everyone seems a bit low energy after enduring Covid.

Our SUCCESSES since 1 March 2021:

- Breakfast event with Wendi from WCC – great speaker and host.
- Successful Lightning talk event July 2021 – multiple speakers from NZ (and one virtual from Canada) good feedback from attendees.
- Successful event at S+SNZ Conference with great sponsorship, relevant and interesting speaker.
- Due to COVID-19 we've been unable to hold all of our planned events this year so far. Hoping to host two more to end 2021.

We've assisted CPD (seminars, workshops, webinars and 2020 conference) by:

- CPD not relevant to the majority of our members
- Attended and hosted an event at S+SNZ Conference.

We've COMMUNICATED

- Directly with our stream/division members on:
Monthly NEWSLETTER – Can be accessed via our blog
<https://womeninspatial.wordpress.com/>
- more widely (including publications) on:
our blog <https://womeninspatial.wordpress.com/>
Linked In page: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4057396/>
Through GIS Facebook pages “Grow GIS NZ” and “NZ GIS Geeks”

We've contributed to LETTER OF EXPECTATION PRIORITIES by:

- Trying to promote the benefits of S&SNZ to the group so they will join
- Encouraging more diversity within S&SNZ

Our FOCUS AREAS for the next 6 months are:

- Encouraging networking, and connection for our members.
- Trying to involve members virtually to connect the regions.
- Promoting S&SNZ to the WIS members
- Encouraging S&SNZ to provide webinars/events that are suitable to WIS members, i.e. more soft skills and geospatial focused.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES for the next six months include:

- GIS Day Event – hosted in combination with NZ Esri Users Group, Emerging Spatial Professionals (ESP) a networking event in Wellington
- WIS Xmas event – networking event in Wellington
- WIS and ESP “Lightning Talks” event to kick off 2022 – short talks from the young professionals/summer interns
- Breakfast event aligned with ALGIM Conference

Our TOP ISSUES are:

List priority issues for Stream/Division

- WIS Summit – hope to host a one-day summit for our community – but uncertainty due to Covid restrictions has cancelled this so far.
- Improving our communication technology and attendance at presentations to allow live streaming for women in the regions. Hosted live event virtually and had only one virtual attendee.
- Getting back to some sort of normal, with more talks and networking events for members. Aligning with conferences when they resume.
- Having a solid “selling point” for WIS members to join S+SNZ

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Type of assistance needed with your activities (CPD, coms, issues etc)?

- Help with advertising / promoting WIS Events
- Help promoting to more Surveying professionals (have many spatial professionals would like more surveyors)
- Help with developing/promoting a solid “selling point” for WIS members to join S+SNZ

From whom?

- National Office

When?

- ASAP