

2022 Annual Report



Branch Reports

AUCKLAND

Firstly, I would like to thank our Executive Committee who have assisted over the last year in progressing the Branches activities:

- Michael Lister - Secretary
- Bruce Frith - Treasurer
- Kade Phillips - Young Professionals Rep
- Rebecca Sinclair – Digital Co-ordinator
- Andrew Blackman
- Ann-Maree Gladding
- Noel Armstrong
- Gareth Mitchell
- Amanda Crawford
- Albert Herron.
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And also, Katie Anson, who left us mid-year for more exciting adventures overseas.

The 2021/2022 has been a difficult one. With the latter half of 2021 seeing Auckland placed back into lockdown and 2022 being a scramble to complete the works of the previous 6-months. Our work, social activities and wellbeing has all suffered during this period. The Branch held its AGM online in 2021 which was no replacement for meeting in person, therefore Branch Activities were suspended until we could once again meet in person.

Study Sessions for Cadastral Law Exam:

From April to June 2022, the Branch's Young Professionals rep, Kade Phillips, facilitated online learning and the sharing of study tips for those sitting the Cadastral Law Exam.

Thank you to those that gave their time to support the group and assist them in understanding the practical application of the written legislation.

Recruitment to the Profession:

In June 2022, the Branch and National Office collaborated to attract secondary school students from the Auckland region, attending the Careers Expo for School Students at the Epsom Showgrounds.

Over the three days of the expo, various members, predominantly our young professionals engaged with school students, greatly increasing the visibility of the profession.

Thanks to Mick Lister and Rebecca Sinclair who took up the mantle this year on behalf of the Executive, and organised, decorated and manned the stand.

We have also facilitated more High School visits this year, thank you to all those members who continue to commit time to ensuring we have a pipeline of young people interested in our profession.

Looking Forward:

In the coming year we expect to see some changes in our Executive Committee. I will not be seeking re-election and cannot wait to see what the new chair will bring to this role and our Auckland Branch Members. Our recent Executive meeting has given me great hopes of what this group can achieve for our industry, and I look forward to contributing in different ways in the future.

The remainder of 2022 will bring two fantastic Auckland events, giving our members a chance to connect, learn and have a good time. We are looking forward to hearing an IPI Presentation from Auckland Council at our AGM and a Christmas social event to round out the year.



Kendall Reid, Auckland Branch Chair.

WELLINGTON

2022 has been a successful year for the Wellington Branch, with very strong member engagement and a variety of events throughout the year. This would not have been possible without the energy and commitment of our current and former Exec members. I would like to thank Sarah Duggan, Rowan Tailby, Glynn Hunt, David Gibson, Andrew Clouston and G  nevi  re Abrey for their efforts this year. Our bi-weekly meetings have been a great way to keep on top of things. Special mention must go to G  nevi  re for ensuring we are well organised, and that our members are kept well informed with the latest updates from the

Branch. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Andrew Fenney, Nicola Trott and Frances Stannard for their prior service to the Branch Exec.

Branch meetings this year were split between online lunch time sessions, and in-person evening events. This enabled us to reach more of our membership base, with some members noting it can be difficult to travel to the traditional in-person sessions. We even had Claire Buxton tuning in from Canada! To summarise our events (July 2021-June 2022):

July 2021 – Branch Meeting and Annual Sporting Competition (Bowling)

- “Inter-Consultantal Plate for Mediocrity in Sport” (Hubcap) won by Max Worden.

December 2021 – AGM and Christmas Function at the Basin Reserve

- Presentation by Lane Irwin from 12d.
- New Exec elected.

March 2022 – Branch Meeting and CSR 2021 Q & A Session (Online)

- Update and discussion with Lyndon Telfer & Mark Goodin from Toitū te Whenua Land Information New Zealand.
- Highest recorded attendance of a branch meeting (56 attendees).

May 2022 – Planning Session on Medium Density Residential Standards (Online)

- Presented by David Gibson.

June 2022 – Branch Meeting and Te Aranga Alliance Presentation (Online)

- Presentation on Eastern Porirua Regeneration by Dion Mead.

We look forward to continuing to work with our members to provide relevant and engaging content, and to advocate on their behalf.

Nick Taylor, Branch Chair

CANTERBURY

The AGM was held on the 3rd of November 2021 with Lyndon Telfer and Simon Ironside elected as Branch chairperson and secretary. Long term committee members Craig Hurford, Brent Toms, John Cochran, Ben Maynard and Riki Cambridge joined for another term. In June, Ben Maynard took on the vacant Young Profession role.

It has been another challenging year to connect with members due to lock downs and gathering limits. To keep connected we have moved committee meetings online along with 2 branch meetings covering traffic management and the Cadastral Survey Rules 2021.

With many learning opportunities for members now available through national office, the committee focus has been on maintaining social connections. Two successful social functions to mark Christmas and the middle of winter were held at Kaiser Brew Garden and were well attended, but we would still like to see more members attend future events.

The branch was asked for feedback on amendments to the building location certificate used by Christchurch City, Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui Councils. Thanks to branch members Warren Haynes, Chris Hawes and Todd Airey of the BLC working group for their pragmatic and on point

feedback. We are still waiting to hear back from Christchurch City on when the amended documentation will be implemented.

Another issue bubbling away is traffic management, associated corridor access requests and reinstatement of the carriageway after searching for old survey marks. It is anticipated a subcommittee with some members outside the branch executive will need to be established to consider and work with local Councils on these matters.

Housing intensification and associated plan changes are another area the branch executive is keeping a close eye on. We are working with the Law Society and Christchurch City to hold a workshop and networking event on this matter.

I am looking forward to the AGM being held on 29 September. We have secured Phil Mauger who is a successful businessman, Christchurch City Councillor and Mayoral candidate as our guest speaker.

Lyndon Telfer

Canterbury Branch Chair

COASTAL OTAGO

Like everyone else, The Coastal Otago Branch has had a very busy year.

For our local members, and their firms, there is a high demand for the services that we offer and future workloads are considerable. The amount of work is causing delays in completion times and some starting times are now having to be pushed out. However, this position is not unique to surveying and is a reflection of the disruption and delays that are occurring across the New Zealand economy and around the World. Given time, we will return to a more sustainable situation but the short-term view remains as being difficult to manage for businesses and individuals.

A significant concern for most firms is finding qualified employees at all levels within their businesses to employ. As the World opens back up for travel, I expect that this will become worse as some of our young professional look to start their OE which they have postponed for the last two years. For those of us that completed our own OEs years ago, we know that this is an important part of their professional development. However, that doesn't change the difficulties that employers will have to manage as fully qualified staff head off overseas. We can only hope that relaxing immigration restrictions and returning professionals will relieve some of these pressures.

At the Branch level, we have successfully progressed our program of encouraging and engaging with the Young Professionals that are in our region. The steering group has started networking in order to better understand the needs of wider group. The social connections that already exist will hopefully develop more interactions and it will be important for the Branch to continue to support this effort.

The School of Surveying continues to be an important aspect of membership within our branch. We are well served by the mixture of practicing consultants and academic knowledge that is available.

Looking forward, the limited space for new residential allotments continues to be an issue. We have seen the successful completion of the demolition phase on the site of the new Dunedin hospital and now look forward to seeing some activity as the construction phase begins. A major point of interest will be the hosting of the S+SNZ conference in Dunedin in 2023.

Overall, though there are major issues in our sphere of interest, the Branch is in good condition and looks forward to the coming year.

Fraser Jopson, Chair, Coastal Otago Branch.

GISBORNE

The Branch had a reasonably quiet year with one social get together in February. We are overdue for our AGM/GM again this year mostly due to high workloads of members. Firms in the region are finding it challenging to recruit new staff to deal with increasing workloads and our small stock of existing licensed cadastral surveyors are slowly retiring which has seen our membership numbers on the decline.

The region continues to see strong growth. Demand for residential and lifestyle sections has been steady although there have been challenges with the shortage of builders and materials for people getting started on new builds. Some multilevel developments have started to sprout up around the city which has provided a new challenge to members. There has been a steady stream of rural work as farmers restructure assets or convert to forestry and ongoing commercial/industrial projects have been ticking along.

It's been a very wet winter with the East Coast having some significant rain events during early winter that caused serious damage to roads and accesses in the region. These rains also put the stormwater design and infrastructure of some recent and not so recent subdivisions to the test.

Bring on Summer!

Tim Ronke, Branch Chair.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

This past year has seen the government roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine and the easing off of lockdowns and overall restrictions. Due to this, the number of COVID-19 cases in the community has followed the trend of other countries in the world. Over this time a number of branch members have dealt with cases of the virus at home. Coupling this with a continually increasing work load in the survey industry, the past year has been very busy.

Some members of the branch participated in an online Q + A session regarding the Cadastral Survey Rules 2021. Lyndon Telfer, Mark Goodin & G  nevi  ve Abrey from Toit   te Whenua LINZ were guest speakers. Due to the size of our branch, this session was held together with the Northland Branch. We all enjoyed seeing new faces and hearing about how the new rules have been implemented.

This has also provided us with useful contacts for all of our questions on the new rules! We thank the speakers and the Northland Branch for being able to accommodate us for this Q + A session.

All correspondence continues to be distributed to members via e-mail.

There have been no significant changes to our financial position. Our account balance has increased in line with membership fees received.

Morgan Bathgate, South Canterbury Branch Chair.

SOUTHLAND

It has been a relatively quiet year as far as Branch activity goes.

We met several times, principally in response to Local Government planning issues.

In August we met with relevant staff and elected representatives from the Southland District Council to express our members concerns in relation to various planning and processing issues. Regrettably the meeting seems to have achieved very little by way of improvement in Council's performance.

Work wise the year has been an extremely busy one with all firms stretched well beyond capacity and no doubt this has been reflected in the lack of Branch activities which is to be lamented.

As we emerge from the shadow of Covid it is to be hoped that a little normality will return to our daily lives. The local property market is also showing distinct signs of slowing down and perhaps the corresponding reduction in incoming work will allow for some normality in the workplace.

Invercargill is nearing the end of a major inner city re-build and it will be great in a few months-time to see streets that have been closed off for the past couple of years re-open and to enjoy the new facilities on offer.

Don Moir, Branch Chair

WAIKATO

This year the Waikato Branch has gone from quiet beginnings, gradually building momentum to what has been a relatively busy couple of months.

The effects of Covid-19 in the community were felt from August 2021 through to early 2022, rendering in-person meetings unviable and scuttling the social event planned for the start of 2022.

Branch events for the year launched with a site visit of the Peacockes Bridge and road links project. This was undertaken in May following a few false starts due to the weather and Covid. A big thank you to Colin Haa for facilitating this, and the several engineers on the project that generously gave up their time to share their work with us.

In June the Branch held a meeting hosted by HCC. This included an update from Mark Davey and Craig McKibbin on the status of Plan Change 12 together with an opportunity to discuss our questions around this. We also enjoyed an update from Debbie McKillop and Martyn Smith representing the Council development engineering team. Thanks for this also go to Rajiv Raman for helping organise this.

As a branch this year we have also sought to assert ourselves as a stakeholder advocating for change and improvement from WEL Networks and Hamilton City Council Waters delivery. In May we successfully arranged meetings between delegates of our members with senior management from these institutions. While the tangible outcomes of these meetings are rolling out slower than we would like, to have established these open lines of communication is considered a success and the Branch will continue to push for positive change as the year progresses. A big thanks to everyone who attended those stakeholder meetings, and especially to Taryn Martin for raising this as an area to focus on, together with his continued support through the process.

Advocacy will remain a focus for the remainder of the year, with a particular view toward being an active voice involved with the rollout of district plan changes facilitating Central Government's Housing Supply Bill. With 3x Tier 1 Council's in the Waikato region this will involve a big team effort, but hopefully with enough people willing to be involved the load can be spread accordingly.

The Branch Executive has several other events in the pipeline that we intend to deliver over the remaining months of 2022, and the support of the broader membership by attending is appreciated.

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Marcus Brown, Waikato Branch Chair