



Commemorating ANZAC Day, April 25 and remembering the Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Photo clip of Archie Bogle (right), soldier-surveyor with fellow officer in France, 1917 from Links in the Chain by A.H.Bogle.

FIG WORKING WEEK - JUST OVER 3 WEEKS TO GO!

The FIG working week is not far away - if you haven't registered yet, now is the time to do it to ensure you get to experience the most important event in the NZIS calendar this year. It is unlikely you will get the opportunity to hear international thought leaders and visionaries from the surveying and spatial industry in the Southern Hemisphere again for a long time. There are interesting local and global stories and lessons learnt to share. Watch what these exciting international, national and local executives have to say about different aspects of the overall theme "Recovery from Disaster".

Register for the Working Week at: <http://www.fig.net/fig2016/registration.htm>

Plenary and Keynote Speaker Highlights: <http://www.fig.net/fig2016/plenary.htm>

Technical Programme Details: http://www.fig.net/fig2016/technical_program.htm.

FIG History Symposium: Saturday 30 April - Sunday 1 May

People attending the FIG Working Week are being invited to make the most of their visit to Christchurch in May by attending the *International Institution of History for Surveying and*

Measurement (a permanent institution of FIG), which is hosting a two day symposium prior to the start of the Working Week.

Day one focuses on the boundaries of South Pacific and answers the question "Are the Islands Sinking?". The second day has the theme "From Mercator to Cook to Silent Cinema: Surveyors of the World".

For more details and to register for the History symposium see:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2016/history.htm>.



REGIONAL ROUND-UP: SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

2016 appears to have picked up right where 2015 left us here in South Canterbury. Although the agricultural community is feeling the pinch of the low dairy pay-out the commercial and industrial sectors have ensured a steady workload for the surveyors of South Canterbury.

2015 saw several commercial business developments begin construction in and around the Timaru CBD, with many having recently been or are very close to completion. As a result of this we are entering an interesting phase where we begin to see a bit of "out with the old, in with the new" in and around the township.

A \$50m construction of the Holcim Cement dome and development of the Port of Timaru and is now complete. The dome is capable of holding 30,000 tonnes of cement and is the first of its kind to be constructed in New Zealand. The cement dome is now fully operational receiving its first shipment of cement from Japan in December. The Port of Timaru will now act as Holcim's hub for importing and distributing to the South Island having a positive effect on the industrial sector and economy.



Image sourced from: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/timaru-herald/news>

Washdyke's Industrial Expansion Zone is in the beginning stages of rapid development. Timaru District Council have provided the planning framework to ensure suitable industrial land is available for future development. In the near future we expect to see the area to transform significantly from what was once farmland to a heavy industrial area facilitating the extra activity at the Port of Timaru.



Image sourced from: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/timaru-herald/news> .

The South Canterbury catchment covers a diverse area, therefore, our range of work is vast. This is something the members of our branch hold in high regard as no two days are the same. One thing we have noted however, is the struggle to entice new people of our profession to the area. People who have not experienced South Canterbury first hand are unaware of what the area has to offer. The central location is arguably the strongest asset the area possesses. Lakes, ski-fields, mountains and the South Islands main city are within 2 hours drive from Timaru, opening up endless opportunities for weekend and holiday activities.

As a smaller branch (only 10 members) and a larger workload, we do struggle to hold regular meetings and events. We tend to take a more social approach and aim to incorporate any branch meeting with a meal or presentation from an outside party. One focus we have looked to improve on in the South Canterbury branch is to broaden our membership-base to more than just strictly surveyors. We have discussed ways to achieve this, who may be interested in what we do and are working towards involving other parties in our activities.

Matthew Kerse, Branch Secretary, April 2016.

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NZIS GROUPS

Positioning & Measurement Stream

As discussed in recent months, the stream is compiling a discussion document about the current status of network RTK services and utilisation in New Zealand. The purpose of this is to provide a focus topic for our membership to engage with, but also to host a constructive discussion for wider participation. [Read the full article](#).





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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Cadastral Survey Act (CSA) 2002 Review - Working Group Update

Substantial research and analysis work has been undertaken by Working Group members in preparation for a group meeting to be held in April. This includes receipt of a report from the OSG on Section 52 statistics, information from the CSLB and case law and other information relating to s52. The Working Group consists of Chair, Colin McElwain, Cadastral Stream Rep,

Darren Hocken, CSNZ Rep, Geoff Bates, Bill Birch, Andrew Blackman, Chris Coll and Don McKay.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bookings are open now in the National Calendar for the following sessions.

COASTAL WATER SEMINARS - open for bookings

The first of this national series starting is in Wellington 12 April. Covering complex topics such as long term sea level rise data, coastal cadastral boundaries and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 considerations - it is being presented by Stacey Spooner, LINZ and Emeritus Professor John Hannah. (4 CPD points).

- **Wellington:** 12 April, 9 -12.30 pm - [Book here](#)
- **Napier:** 19 April, 9 -12.30 pm - [Book here](#)
- **Auckland:** 22 April, 11.00 - 2.30 pm - [Book here](#)
- **Nelson:** 27 April, 9-12.30 pm - [Book here](#)
- **Dunedin:** 28 April, 10.00 - 1.30 pm - [Book here](#)
- **Christchurch:** 29 April, 9-12.30 pm - [Book here](#).

BUILD YOUR MARKETING SKILLS - WEBINAR SERIES

We have already had *Essential Negotiation Skills* and *Customer Services Excellence* webinars. The third in the series is *Key Account Management* on the 13 May. These type of 'soft' skills are important for businesses in today's competitive market place so NZIS is subsidising the training.

To ensure they run smoothly the webinars are being presented through the THE Marketing Company's webinar system - Adobe Connect which is a professional service that is streamlined and very easy to use.

Book your webinar place for the next 2 sessions:

- **Key Account Management:** 13 May, 3.00 - 5.00pm - [Book here](#)

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- **Business Networking Skills:** 1 June, 3.00 - 5.00pm - [Book here](#).
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EVENTS

Women in Surveying/Spatial Event

Drew Stephens, Industry Manager, Science and Research, Esri Inc will be presenting on Women in Science in the USA, 18 April at the Mezzanine Room, Clark's café, Wellington Library. This is a 'bring your own breakfast' event starting at 7.30am until 8:45am.

Australasian Hydrographic Society Webinar - AUV's for Hydrography

18 April, 1pm - [For more details see brochure here](#).

2016 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - Reminder to Get Your Entry In Now



The entry deadline for the 2016 Award of Excellence is 1 May. Last year we trialled electronic receipt of project documents and images which was well received so we will repeat this process again this year. Contact: nzis@surveyors.org.nz

We will also be holding a special Awards event around the 27 October in Wellington to announce the winning projects. For entry information and see previous winning entries see the [Awards web page](#).

REGULAR FEATURES

Recent Case - Note Summaries

Summaries of cases from Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment" and "Alert24 – Land".

This month we report on seven court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country.

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