

### Well deserved Professional Excellence Honour for Simon Ironside

Five years ago Canterbury branch set up a 'Professional Excellence Award' for members who show

*'Outstanding performance and achievement exemplifying the highest standard of dedication, leadership, excellence and ethical conduct to the service of the community and the surveying profession'.*

Congratulations go to Simon Ironside who this year has the honour of receiving the award. He was presented with the 'Canterbury Peg' in August.

Simon has also been nominated to receive an NZIS Fellowship this year. A summary of his achievements can be found in page 45 of the [NZIS Year Book](#).

*The peg has been awarded seven times. Previous recipients include: Kevin Blue (2010), Warren Haynes (2011), Mark Smith (2012), Craig Thompson (2013), Adrian Cowie (2014) and Brent George (2015).*



*Simon being presented with the Canterbury peg by 2015 Branch president Shane Dixon.*

---

---

## NZIS GROUPS

### **NZIS Positioning & Measurement Stream**

This month's column features information about: RTCM3.2 implementation at PositioNZ-RT reference stations; and some additional NZVD2016 resources to supplement the material in our September piece.

We encourage stream members and other readers to submit anecdotes and photos of their work in this column. To submit material for inclusion in future Positioning & Measurement stream Newslink columns please contact us via the stream LinkedIn group (<http://tinyurl.com/njbpejn>), or post material directly there.

This month's photo is an old one but a good one from one of our readers. It shows a Kea checking out a GNSS antenna during a deformation survey being undertaken by Energy Surveys in the upper South Island. Credit: Marcel Abele, Oct 2006.

Read the full article [here](#)

Read September issue [here](#).



---

## **FIG WORKING WEEK 2017 - Call For Papers**

FIG are calling for papers for the event next year in Helsinki, Finland, May 29 – June 2, 2017. The overall theme is “Surveying the world of tomorrow - From digitalization to augmented reality”

Abstracts for non-peer-review paper are open till 15 November 2016.

[See more...](#)

---

## **REGULAR FEATURES**

### **Recent Case Note Summaries**

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

- An interim decision on a private plan change to re-zone former quarry land at Three Kings, Auckland for development for residential purposes;
- The decision of the Environment Court dismissing appeals by a group of associated land owners of several properties at Paremoremo, Mt Eden and Flat Bush, Auckland, against abatement notices issued for breaches of district plan rules and illegal building works;
- A case about interpretation of ownership of interests in land as distinct from ownership of land where land was being taken under the Public Works Act for Christchurch Southern Corridor roading project;
- A case in Marlborough involving lapse of a consent to take water from an aquifer in the Wairau Valley;
- A prosecution by Auckland Council of a developer of a property in Epsom for undertaking earthworks and excavations adjacent to the site of a heritage listed building. Various difficulties arose because of the changing status of district plan rules resulting from the progressive application of the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan;
- An appeal relating to the consent status of a dam constructed as a condition of a residential subdivision to control stormwater run-off from a residential development at Palmerston North, but without a consent from the regional council.

Download the pdf of the summaries [here](#):

---

---

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Licensed Surveyor  
Level of experience is flexible,  
Christchurch  
[Full Details](#)



Licensed Cadastral Surveyor  
Experienced Licensed Cadastral  
Surveyor, Timaru  
[Full Details](#)

---

## New Zealand Spatial Excellence Awards



The finalists from all 11 categories are being announced on Friday 7th October at the NZSEA breakfast in Wellington.

See more [here](#).

---

## UNDERWAY FOR MEMBERS

### 2016 Fellows Nominations

A link to the online ballot was emailed out to all Voting members on the 26th September. To access this email, login to [www.surveyors.org.nz](http://www.surveyors.org.nz) and click on 'Emails' in your Dashboard.

### Proposed Cadastral Rules Survey for Canterbury Branch Members

A short survey is underway by Canterbury Branch to seek member's views on the Proposed Cadastral Rules. The survey link was emailed 4 October to all Canterbury members.

### Reminder - 128th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors

The 2016 AGM will be held in Wellington on Thursday 20th October, 4:45pm.

For more information see the [final AGM notice](#) and the [2016 Year Book](#).

---

## November 2016 NZIS Professional Exams

The professional entrance exams are spread out over two days, November 14 and 15. Day 1 is fully booked, and there are only three spaces left for Day 2.

Book your place [here](#).

---

## CPD EVENTS COMING UP

### Webinar - How to Increase Profits and Improve Business Efficiency

The management of your surveying practice has many moving parts. Whilst highly methodical in your technical processes and design, it can be easy to lose sight of your business goals, and the processes that will get you there.

What if there was a better way to deliver results for your clients and understand where your business is heading?

See more about this exclusive online seminar [here](#)



