



EARLY-BIRD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

Register with the early-bird special rate for this year's conference 17-19 May in Nelson. We have a great line-up of speakers on our refreshed conference website.

[Register for the conference now.](#)

Coming Soon for Young Professionals - watch out for the window of opportunity to attend the conference and presentations for YP's with a special offer.

DATES AND NEW FORMAT FOR NZSEA AWARDS 2018



NZSEA entries open 30 April and close 24 July this year. The date of the finalist's announcement breakfast is still to be confirmed however, the final award event will take place on Wednesday 17 October with a new 'Finalist Focused' format.

www.nzspatialawards.org.nz.

GLOBAL SURVEYOR'S DAY COMING UP 21 MARCH

The first ever international Surveyor's day is being celebrated 21 March. Establishing this date as an annual celebration is a joint initiative between the National Society of Professional Surveyors, USA and FIG. A round-table is planned at the annual *World Bank Conference on Land and*

Poverty in Washington DC to analyse the contribution of the surveying profession in today's world. You'll find more details on this [website](#).

The National Office is working on some ideas to share with our communities and all branches are welcome to advise N.O of any celebrations planned which can be included in communications.

Email your celebration plans to janlawrence@surveyors.org.nz



IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS MESSAGE FOR MEMBERS

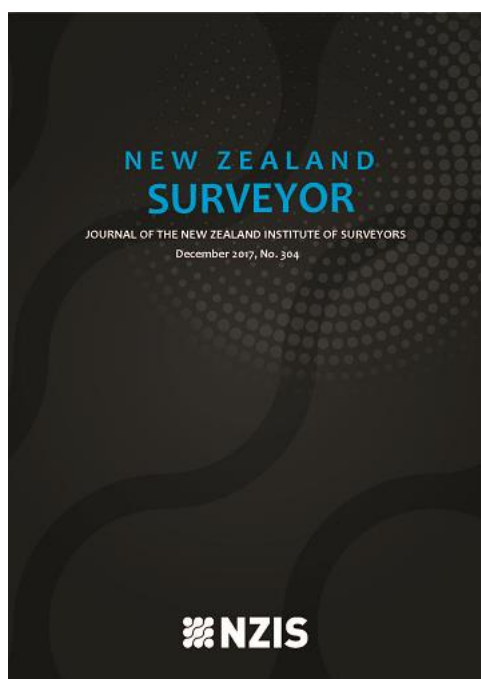


Email is the official channel NZIS uses to communicate with members on all important issues including sending out membership alerts, updates, advocacy items and invoices.

National Office is about to send an Outlook email to all members as we are finding that some emails, whilst showing as 'delivered' by our website system, are being blocked at the recipient's end.

Please ensure that your email system/servers are not blocking emails sent from the secure servers at Cybergglue Ltd, our Auckland based supplier. Cybergglue manages our Memberconnex website which we use to send out emails on behalf of nzis@surveyors.org.nz, nzisadmin@surveyors.org.nz and hadynsmith@surveyors.org.nz.

We send at least one email a month so if they have not been received, then you will need to check your system so NZIS emails don't remain in junk or clutter.



Four new papers have been published electronically:

- [Surveying: A Profession](#) – Brian J Coutts
- [A Case for Geospatial Surveyors](#) – Brian J Coutts
- [Teachers teach that knowledge waits" But what knowledge? Connecting technical training and professional education.](#)- M Strack
- [Tenuous Foundations: Historical Lessons For Modern Land Agreement.](#)- M Strack and D Goodwin.

Contributions to the Journal are welcome; contact the editor, Peter Knight: editor.new.zealand.surveyor@gmail.com

Previous Journal editions are available [online](#).

LINZ NEWS

NZVD2016 Heights in Geodetic Database and the LINZ Data Service

Following the notification on 26 January 2018, NZVD2016 heights have now been updated and are now consistent with the NZGD2000 ellipsoidal heights within Landonline, the Geodetic Database, the LINZ Data Service.

The heights were successfully updated on 1 February and now have the description “National Geodetic Adjustment NZGD2000 20171201 update” with a calculation date 14-Jan-2018 to match the NZGD2000 from which they are based.

If you were using NZVD2016 heights from the Geodetic Database between 15 January and 2 February 2018 or the LINZ Data Service between 23 January and 5 February 2018 please be aware many heights will have changed.

BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR DESIGNING & CONSTRUCTING BUILDINGS

Have Your Say

The Government is making it easier for people to access information on best practice when designing and constructing buildings and we are negotiating possible standards access arrangement for members.

Please tell us which Standards are important to you by the end of March. [Add your comments here](#).

2018 PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

The April Professional Entrance Examinations are coming up. The next two important dates are 12 March for posting of timetables and 9 April when the exams start.

For more information, visit the [Professional Entrance Exam page](#).

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR NZIS

For a good overview of NZIS activities currently underway and what is on the horizon for NZIS in the coming months read the [CEO Update – Surveying the Scene](#) published in January.

For more detailed information on NZIS plans see the [Governance web page](#).

CASE NOTES

This month we report on seven unsuccessful appeals covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country:

[Read the summaries and download the pdf](#).

ADVOCACY UPDATE

NZIS Governance Review

NZIS Council has formally appointed Governance Review Panel members: Dr Bruce Anderson (Chair), Andrew Stirling, Mark Allan and Mike Benning (Members' Representative). They have started work on the review and will update Council on their progress in April. The review will be considered at the 2018 AGM. The Terms of Reference for the Review may be found [here](#).

Application to the Environment Court for a declaratory judgment relating to conversion of cross-lease title

NZIS has joined Don McKay in an application to the Environment Court to determine whether the conversion of a cross lease title to a fee simple title constitutes a subdivision in terms of section 218 of the Resource Management Act 1991. His Honour Judge Kirkpatrick is the presiding Judge for the case and has appointed an *amicus curiae*, Dr Palmer, to assist the Court by considering the legal issues and making independent submissions on them. See our earlier [Forum](#) post (members will need to log-in to view).

Te Ture Whenua Maori Act (TTWM)

At the time the Bill was withdrawn from the legislative programme in December 2017, a media release said that TTWM reforms would be relaunched in 2018 (as advised in the [February 2018](#) issue of Newslink). The latest information obtained from Te Puni Kokori is that there will be no such relaunch, but this has not yet been widely publicised.

Surveyor-General's Review of rules for Cadastral Survey

This review has now entered Stage Two (January to June 2018) which will be the response to the issues identified in Stage One and will include stakeholder consultation on the Surveyor-General's proposed changes. The Cadastral Stream prepared a [submission](#) on Stage One and LINZ has taken up NZIS's suggestion and formed a reference group. We understand that LINZ has selected the members of this group and will be making an announcement shortly. The members of the group will provide technical input on the review. The Cadastral stream will be looking for members to help provide feedback when requested by LINZ as part of next stage of the Rules Review process. We encourage all members with an interest in Cadastral Surveying to keep an eye out for and provide feedback when requested.

New Advocacy Resources Available

Two new resource items have been added to the website under Resources and via the [Advocacy](#) page

Proposed Legislation Scan

This scan identifies prospective legislation that may be of interest to NZIS members: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/>.

[Go to Legislation Scan](#)

Territorial Authority Environment Scan (EnviroScan)

This is a scan of local and territorial authority websites.

- [Go to EnviroScans](#)

Consultation on long-term plans

Territorial authorities and regional councils are required to review, update and consult on their long-term plans every three years. Many have commenced or will be shortly commencing formal consultation and the public has around a month to make submissions. Both the consultation documents and online submission forms can be accessed from council websites (see the [TA website list](#)).

Members may wish to sign up to receive updates on these and other matters for consultation as they are released by territorial authorities and regional councils by registering on the "Have Your Say" section that can be found on many of these websites.

A J Park Code of Conduct

A J Park has released a new Code of Conduct for Trans-Tasman Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys 2018. Of note is the revised [Client Charter](#) – you may see some useful ideas should you be updating your own client charters or engagement letters.

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NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES LISTED THIS MONTH

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- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Southern Land, Wanaka
- [Survey Practice For Sale or Practice Management Opportunity; Survey Practice Manager, Land Surveyor](#), Nikkel Surveying, Nelson/Marlborough
- [Land Development Engineer and Project Manager](#), Staig & Smith, Nelson
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Cheal Consultants, Taupo
- [Graduate Surveyor/Technician](#), Eliot Sinclair & Partners Ltd, Christchurch
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Eliot Sinclair & Partners Ltd, Christchurch
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Craig Horne Surveyors Ltd, Mosgiel
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Cogswell Surveys Ltd, Cambridge
- [Land Surveyor / Technician – Auckland](#) , 84 Recruitment
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