

Rebecca Strang President's Update April 2019



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE APRIL 2019

I am very pleased to share some exciting developments with you. The most encouraging is our very first 'Letter of Expectations'. Following last year's rule changes - confirmed at the AGM - Council were required to ensure the Board had clarity on members' expectations around priorities for the next financial year. [Read the full update.](#)

RECORD NUMBERS ATTENDING AUCKLAND CONFERENCE



We're expecting a record number at the conference this year - nearly 350 people are expected to be at the Cordis Hotel in Auckland next week. You still have time to register if you don't want to miss out. Business owners and managers are being encouraged to send their staff and young professionals to the conference. By attending, it gives them the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of topics and new thinking from experienced national and international speakers. See the packed programme and register at www.surveyspatialnzconference.org.

SPECIAL TRIG GETS A SPRUCE UP



Bluff Hill No 4 is a special trig - constructed in 1989 by the members of the Hawkes Bay Branch to mark the 100th anniversary of our Institute. In need of some 'TLC', the branch invited members along to a working bee to give the trig a spruce-up with a clean and new paint job and to acknowledge Global Surveyors' Day (21 March). The result was a good job done notwithstanding more talking than working by most!

ADVOCACY

Legislation Scan

A refreshed legislation scan as 11 April 2019 has been added to the website. The scan and earlier versions are available in the [Resources section](#) of the website (log-in is required).

NZ SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The 2019 awards are about kick-off. First off is the Commercial Partnership Prospectus that is available on the NZSEA website: [Commercial Partner Prospectus](#). Entries are open between 1 May and 30 June 2019 and the Finalist's breakfast will be held in September. Visit www.nzsea.org for more details.

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- [Senior Technician](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auck, Rodney & North Shore
- [Survey Technician](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Bay of Plenty Tauranga.

MAY CASE NOTES

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

- A partly successful appeal by a neighbour against grant of subdivision and land use consent for a residential property at Kaikoura;
- A further interim decision on an appeal by DOC relating to rules in the TCDC District plan regulating earthworks and provisions to protect against kauri dieback fungal disease;
- An application to the High Court for leave to appeal decisions of the district court on prosecutions brought by Canterbury Regional Council against a company that had undertaken works in the bed of the Selwyn River. The main issue was the interpretation of “bed” in the RMA:
- An unsuccessful application for judicial review of decisions relating to a plan change of land in the Airport zone at Paraparaumu airport;

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- A prosecution by Waikato Regional Council of a person who had undertaken unauthorised works on illegally reclaimed land in the coastal marine area at Coroglen, on the Coromandel peninsula;
 - The final decision of the Environment Court on a partly successful appeal against a refusal by way of consent for subdivision of a rural property near the Clutha River at Luggate;
 - The summary by Thomson Reuters of the probable final decision on Mr Mawhinney's court saga previewed last month.

[Read the full summaries and previous notes.](#)

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