

## WELCOME TO NEW PRESIDENT



Dr Kat Salm was welcomed as the new President of Survey and Spatial New Zealand at the Annual General Meeting held in Wellington 7 November.

Kat is delighted to take over the role from outgoing President, Rebecca Strang. She sees it as "an exciting opportunity to lead S+SNZ into the next chapter - connecting with members, stakeholders and the wider community to ensure we provide a recognised and valued home for all of our diverse community". Congratulations to Kat and all the new council members.

A special thank you from all S+SNZ goes to departing President Rebecca Strang for the time, energy and hard work that she put into this demanding role for the past two years. [Read the full announcement.](#)

### Changes to S+SNZ Council Representatives Announced at the AGM



This year we see several changes to the S+SNZ Council and Stream leads. We welcome a new President, Vice-president and several new council members and farewell others from these roles.

Dr Kat Salm lead of the Spatial Professional Stream was welcomed as the new President. Kat takes over from Rebecca Strang who has held the position since 2017.

Russell Bengé takes over the Vice-presidency from Guy Panckhurst and there are three new divisional Council representatives – Emma Cook for the Young Professionals replaces

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Rob Mears, Carl Fox for CSNZ replaces Paul Newton and Richard Hemi is our new Tertiary representative who replaces Christina Hulbe.

We fare-well, Matt Ryder who has been the long-term Chair of the Cadastral Stream and welcome Karl Wilton as the new Chair. Stuart Caie replaces Emily Tidey as the Hydrography Stream Chair. The new Spatial Stream Chair is still to be confirmed.

A huge thank you goes to the outgoing Stream representatives and Council members along with the continuing members who have so generously volunteered their time and skills during their tenure. Without the efforts and commitment of our volunteers and leaders, we would not be able to offer a rich programme of member benefits such as CPD and advocacy events.

### **We Have a new Māori Name! Introducing Tātai Whenua**

Our new Maori Name was announced at the AGM, 7 November. Following expert advice, S+SNZ council adopted the recommended new Māori name of Tātai Whenua.

The primary meaning behind tātai includes:

- to measure
- to arrange, set in order, make sense of (tātai aro rangi – rangi meaning sky – is the term used for studying the heavens/sky for guidance in navigation)
- to join the component parts of something
- a plan
- a company or group (of people or other things, hence tātai whetū = ‘cluster of stars, constellation’).

The next stage will be to incorporate the name into the S+SNZ brand.

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## **GOVERNANCE**



The revised **2019-20 S+SNZ Business Plan** is available on the website.

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## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Webinar: LINZ Exception Process - Session 4: Key Issues and Recent Examples - 22 November, 10am - 11am**

This webinar is aimed at facilitating continuing education and discussion relating to the use of the Landonline Exception Process. [Register here.](#)

**Workshop: Mapping The Plastic - Wellington, 7 December, 9am - 5pm**

Do you or does our company collect data that might be able to be used to identify plastic in our environment?

The Mapping the Plastic workshop will be focusing on existing and future datasets collected in New Zealand to see if they can assist in the FIG Mapping the Plastic initiative. We hope to be joined by surveyors, spatial professionals as well as researchers working in this area.

**Location:** NIWA, 301 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai, Wellington. [Register here.](#)

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**Call for Papers - Australasian Engineering Heritage Conference - Dunedin, 19-25 November 2020**

Titled 'Engineering in a 2020 World – The Future of the Past', the conference will spotlight how heritage engineering and technology has endured, developed and undergone restoration and repurposing to claim its place in the future.

Abstracts, formal conference papers and proposals for presentations will be accepted until **3 April 2020**. Full details can be found at [engineeringnz.org/heritage2020](http://engineeringnz.org/heritage2020)

Engineering New Zealand's Otago Heritage Chapter together with Principal Sponsor, Naylor Love, look forward to bringing you this much-anticipated event. We hope to see you in Dunedin.

Pre-conference tour 19 – 22 November 2020

Conference 23 - 24 November 2020

Dunedin tour 25 November 2020.



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## CASE NOTES

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

- An application for recall of a previous court decision was granted based on “other very special reason” to give further opportunity to remedy the evidential deficiencies identified in the case.
- Court declarations on an old quarry that the quarry was an existing use and was protected by s 10 of the RMA; and the effects of the activity were the same or similar to the character, scale and intensity of the activity at the time it became an existing use.
- A successful appeal against the Environment Court Decision where the High Court remitted the matter back to the Environment Court to reconsider in the light of the present decision.
- A successful application to High Court against Queens Lake District Council to reconsider council’s procedures; district plan proposed; public notification; landscape protection; zoning etc. The Court made enforcement orders that the Council comply with sch 1, cl 7 of the RMA.
- A successful application by the Auckland Council for ex parte interim enforcement orders against the owner of land for carrying out unlawful earthworks.
- An unsuccessful application for a judicial review of a resource consent where the High Court decided that there was no error on the part of the Wellington City Council.

[Read the full summaries and case notes](#)

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## 2019 MEMBER SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent *Short Member Survey*.

A full member survey has not been undertaken since 2017 and a different approach has been undertaken this time with a preliminary short survey of 5 questions including an opt-in to a more comprehensive survey that will go out shortly.

If you would like to participate in the longer survey, let us know at [admin@surveyspatialnz.org](mailto:admin@surveyspatialnz.org).



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- [Business Development Manager](#), Quadrant Land & Engineering Surveys, Chch and Auckland
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- [Engineering/Construction Surveyors](#), 84 Recruitment, Auckland
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