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## **WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

This year we see several changes to the S+SNZ Council and Stream Leads as terms end and new terms start. We welcome a new President, Vice President and several new council members and farewell others from these roles. [Read more.](#)

## **Call for General Councillor Nomination in mid-January**

We have a vacancy for a General Councillor on the S+SNZ Council. National Office will start the process of calling for nominations on **Monday 13 January**, with nominations closing on **Sunday 26 January 2020**. If there is more than one nomination received, a vote will be conducted to determine the successful candidate.

If you are interested in undertaking the role as General Councillor, please ensure you watch for the call and have a nomination submitted by the due date.

More information on the role will be made available at the time of the call for nominations.

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## 2019 FULL MEMBER SURVEY

The link to the full member survey has been sent to everyone who opted-in to complete it in November. Everyone is invited to complete the survey, which will give us valuable information on how we can improve the S+SNZ membership experience.

Please complete the survey by **5pm Friday 13 December**. It is expected that it will take you 10-15 minutes.

**Link to survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019FullMemberSurvey>



## MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE

Our members are at the heart of what we do. We want to understand our members better so we can personalise our services to support your career, your education, your experience. The end of the year is a good time to ensure your CPD records are up-to-date and your membership details are complete and correct - so please take a moment to go into your Dashboard and update your details and CPD records. The easiest way to do this is to click on "Update my details" in the email banner below.

Understanding our diverse membership means we need data on age, education, gender and ethnicity. We also want to make things like membership renewal and events payments as effortless as possible. Knowing your employer helps us make it easier for them to make payments on your behalf.



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  - [Cadastral Surveyor/Graduate Land Development Engineer](#), Paterson Pitts Group, Queenstown
  - [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor/Technician/Graduate](#), Jones & Stanger, Nelson
  - [Business Development Manager](#), Quadrant Land & Engineering Surveys, Chch and Auckland
  - [Senior or Intermediate Surveyor](#), Inovo Projects, Christchurch
  - [Construction Surveyor](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auckland
  - [Engineering/Construction Surveyors](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auckland

See the full list on the [Jobs Board](#).



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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS!**

##### **Congratulations Cutriss Consultants Ltd**

Cutriss Consultants Ltd is the Supreme winner of the Wellington Region Business Excellence Awards. [Read more](#)

##### **Honorary Doctorate for Bill Roberston**

S+SNZ Fellow, Bill Roberston ONZM will shortly have an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Otago to add to his distinguished career CV. [Read more.](#)

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#### **ADVOCACY**

##### **Guidelines for Addressing In-fill Developments**

LINZ has released new guidelines to assist Territorial Authorities when assigning addresses to in-fill developments. They can be viewed and [downloaded from here](#).

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Watch out for the feature article in December *Surveying+Spatial* magazine due out shortly.

### **Submissions to the Select Committees**

Since the last issue of Newslink, S+SNZ has made a [submission](#) to the Maori Affairs Committee on the Te Ture Whenua Maori (Succession, Dispute Resolution, and Related Matters) Amendment Bill and also appeared before the Standing Orders Committee in support of its [submission](#) on Standing Order 394 requesting an adequate consultation period to comment on national civil defence emergency management strategies when they are presented to Parliament. See also the [National Disaster Resilience Strategy - S+SNZ Submission - 28 February 2019](#).

*Watch Mark Dyer, Acting CEO present the S+SNZ oral [submission](#) on the National Disaster Resilience Strategy to Parliament's Governance and Administration Committee. Related to that, watch Karin Knedler, Advocacy & Policy Manager present the S+SNZ oral [submission](#) on SO 394 (Civil Defence) to the Standing Orders Committee.*

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### **CASE NOTES**

#### **Summaries of cases from Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment".**

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

- A Court of Appeal decision relating to an appeal to the High Court following a prosecution for undertaking works in the bed of the Selwyn River. This decision will be particularly useful in determining obligations of subdividing land-owners to vest land for local purpose (esplanade) reserve or grant easements for esplanade strips;
- An unsuccessful application for enforcement order against a neighbour who had constructed a retaining wall in a flood-plain area on a property at Te Puke;
- Question: Who pays the water supply connections for a subdivision when the company undertaking the subdivision had been struck off the companies register?  
Answer: The person who signed the application form;
- An appeal relating to the failure of the Queenstown Lakes District Council to adequately notify changes to proposed "outstanding natural landscapes" boundaries at Arthur's Point in its review of the district plan;
- An unsuccessful application for judicial review of a decision by Wellington City Council to approve a building development without appropriate notification of neighbours;

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- An appeal against a sentence imposed on owners of a property at Avondale, Auckland who had undertaken unauthorised earthworks and other activities in close proximity to a stream and esplanade reserve;
  - An appeal to the High Court about the status and level of protection that should be provided for eight sites of special significance to Maori, by rules in the district plan of Hastings District Council;
  - An unsuccessful application for judicial review of a decision by Auckland Council to notify an application to build beneath a view-shaft to a volcanic cone, but the surveyor's certificate requested had not been provided.

[Read the full summaries and Case Notes.](#)

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## **REMINDER - SITE SAFE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MEMBERS**

Survey and Spatial NZ is a member of Site-Safe and as an S+SNZ member you enjoy 10 per cent off your annual membership of Site Safe.

Site Safe membership has a number of benefits including:

- Access to a range of services including training courses which can be booked and paid for online.
- Receive greater discounts on the cost of Site Safe training services with each passing year of loyalty. You'll receive 10 per cent discount in your first year and up to 30 per cent discount in your fifth year of membership. To recognise the continued commitment to Site Safe, members are automatically moved to the next level of the membership until the maximum loyalty status is reached.
- Receive [quarterly newsletters](#) and exclusive resources including [Membership logos](#) and yearly membership certificates, 'Proud to be Safe' member stickers for promotional use.
- Access to our exclusive resources including our library of toolbox safety talks, guidelines and research
- Members receive networking and knowledge sharing opportunities at member event hosted around the country
- Inclusion in our online [Site Safe Member Directory](#).

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- Receive free posters to help spread important construction health and safety messages to all on-site and throughout the workplace.
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