



## A WORD FROM THE CEO



Kia ora, S+SNZ

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## Goodbye 2020 and Welcome 2021!



For most kiwis, the traditional Xmas break is typically a time for recharging the batteries and setting new goals for the year ahead – but with the reality of Covid 19 still very much a factor in our lives, 2021 is increasingly looking like it might be 2020 Part 2. Fortunately, here in New Zealand, that's more of an inconvenience than a

threat and there's still a lot that we can do this year – albeit from a position of global isolation.

Back in December I outlined a full programme of work and initiatives for the year ahead. Things that we're planning that we're hoping will make you more effective and more successful – but first we need to make sure that we correctly understand your needs and your current thinking. To achieve that, we're kicking off the year with a 'Member's Needs and Satisfaction Survey' which will help to inform our work programme by basing it on your feedback.

You will find a link to the survey below and I'd really appreciate your participation. It'll take 8-10 minutes to complete and will provide us with some very rich and informative data.

Over the next couple of weeks I'll have some additional news about another big project that's about to kick off and, if we get it right, which will make a big difference to your ability to operate as a professional within the Surveying environment. More to come on that soon.

Look out, also, for more news on this year's Annual Conference which will be held in Auckland 4 - 5 August. After the cancellation of last year's event, we're looking forward to getting members back together to talk about "Building Back Better". Look out for more information as it comes to hand on the conference website..

**Ashley Church, Chief Executive**

## **Members Survey: Tell us what you think!**

The 2021 Members Needs and Satisfaction Survey is now live and is a critical part of our planning process - and your feedback will help us as we chart a new course into the future.

The information we gain will help us deliver on our priority of continuing improvement in member services.

The survey will only take 5-10 minutes of your time and is open till **Friday 5 February**.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

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## Upcoming Events - Save These Dates!

### **2021 Conference, Auckland, 4 and 5 August**

After a break in 2020 - the conference will be back in 2021 and you won't want to miss it.

The successful S+SNZ 2019 Conference attracted over 300 delegates, signalling solid growth on previous years and we're hoping to do even better in 2021.

Held at the Cordis in Auckland, the 'Building Back Better' conference will focus on how we can come out of Covid even stronger and more resilient as professionals, businesses and as a sector.

So mark off the dates of 4 & 5 August this year, and keep an eye on the [S+SNZ conference website](#) which will be regularly updated as the conference approaches.

### **Positioning & Engineering Workshop**

The workshop is scheduled to be held in Auckland on **Friday, 16 April 2021** and will be valuable for cadastral surveyors, civil engineers, design engineers, engineering and geodetic surveyors, survey technicians and related professionals. The event is a joint Positioning & Measurement and Engineering Surveying Streams initiative, providing an opportunity for technical development and networking.

Registrations are now open - see details and [book your place here](#).

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## Have You Registered For The Professional Exams?



This is a reminder that registration for the Professional Exams being held in April closes on **5 February 2021**.

To register for the exam please click here: <https://www.surveyspatialnz.org...>

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## Career Opportunities



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### **Business for Sale**

- [Rural Surveying Practice For Sale](#), Northwest Nelson.

### **Diploma of Surveying Students Available for Work**

Unitec students that have just completed their New Zealand Diploma in Surveying are currently seeking jobs. Please send any vacancy information to Duaa Alshadli,

[dalshadli@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:dalshadli@unitec.ac.nz).

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## **Have your say on the Draft Utility Location Standard**

The Surveyor-General is developing a Utility Location Standard that can be used to define the location of utility assets. The Standard will help provide a new framework for recording the location of utility assets. It is intended to provide positions that are sufficiently accurate for future needs – it is no longer acceptable to have the locations of expensive assets inaccurately defined.

The Standard is intended to be used by contractors, surveyors and engineers who undertake the actual survey and measurement of the assets (producing 'as-builts'). A utility organisation or asset manager will be able to specify that this Standard must be used when recording the location of new or maintained assets (in contracts for example).

Individuals and organisations involved in asset management and survey are invited to take a look at the draft Standard and provide feedback. There will be an online forum to discuss the draft in January 2021. **Feedback is due by 24 February 2021.** The draft, along with further information, is available on the LINZ website: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/utility-location-standard>

## Update For Auckland Members

Auckland branch have been in dialogue with Auckland Council about increasing prevalence of dwellings/building being required to be at roof framing stage prior to gaining 224c. Please contact Auckland Branch, [nzisaucksec@gmail.com](mailto:nzisaucksec@gmail.com) for more details.

## Case Notes

The December notes report on seven court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country. Read the December and earlier legislative [case notes here](#).