



Welcome Back!

2021 is drawing to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed their time, effort and support to the various S+SNZ activities undertaken. As a voluntary organisation it always amazes me how committed members are, and how much of their valuable time they are willing to give. This has been evident this year with the great progress we have seen with the developing Certification Framework project. The project has taken many hours of voluntary input from a group of dedicated specialists and I thank you all for your contribution to this critical piece of work. It's exciting to see this project moving into the testing and pilot stages. See the article below for more information on where this is at.

As I'm writing this, we're welcoming people from Auckland and other areas into our communities for Xmas after long and wearying Covid-19 lock-downs. If you're somewhere other than Auckland, please treat them with respect and courtesy. They've had a tougher few months than the rest of us. I wish everyone, and in particular Aucklanders, a very relaxed and fun festive season with their new freedoms! If you are travelling please stay safe and I look forward to catching up with everyone in 2022.

Ashley Church, CE

CERTIFICATION FRAMEWORK UPDATE



The project to implement a *Certification Pathway* has made steady progress throughout the year following work by Project Manager, Jayne Albiston and the Governance Panel led by Mike Benning. At their October meeting, the S+SNZ Council approved the new *Certification Framework and Assessment Process* to enter the testing and pilot phases. The pilot is expected to formally begin during the first few months of 2022. Mike Benning provided a framework overview at the Member's Forum prior to the AGM on 4 November. Listen to Mike's presentation [here](#) (between 20:26min to 36:16min).

The *Certification Framework and Assessment Process* details the certification, application and assessment processes along with descriptions of the competencies associated with the initial two disciplines we are developing certification for - these are engineering surveying and land development engineering. The test and pilot phases will include consultation with members and other interested parties.

S+SNZ GOVERNANCE VACANCIES



Applications are invited for two Board and a Council position. These roles provide great opportunities to have a positive impact, gain new skills and to influence the future of the organisation for the benefit of all members. View the [Board Member Vacancies](#) and [General Councillor Vacancy](#)



TRAINING ON DEMAND

If you are planning to catch up on your CPD and training, the *Training on Demand* options have been updated to include recent webinars.

[Find and book the options here.](#)



NATIONAL OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

N.O will be closed from 5pm Thursday 23 December re-opening 8.30am Monday 10 January 2022. For anything urgent over this time please contact Jan Lawrence, jan@surveyspatialnz.org, 04 4711774.



National Office will close on Thursday 23 December and re-open in the new year on Monday 11 January 2022.

We wish everyone a safe and restful break an over the festive season!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR LOCATE 2022

Explore "location in action" as we share, connect and learn as a community. Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to hear about the latest trends and applications in geospatial technologies.

This event is being held face-to-face in Canberra, Australia from the 24th - 26th May 2022.



AGM AND MEMBER'S FORUM

The online AGM was held 4 November along with the Member's Forum.

You can view the [Annual Report here](#) and recording [here](#).



COVID-19 POSITION STATEMENT & FAQs

With the fluid Covid-19 situation, a S+SNZ Position Statement has been developed. This will be published and made available to members as soon it has final Council sign-off .

[Locate 2022](#)

[AGM & Members' Forum video.](#)

[Covid-19 Information](#)



APRIL 2022 PROFESSIONAL EXAM

Registration is now open for the April 2022 Professional Exam. [Register here](#)

The Competency Assessment Framework for Licensing review being undertaken by the Cadastral Survey Licensing Board (CSLB) does not affect the 2022 examinations. Both the April and October exams will go ahead as usual in the same format as they have in previous years.

If you are intending to sit these exams in either

April or October 2022 or if you have any queries, please advise our Event Manager, Jenny Houdalakis jenny@surveyspatialnz.org.

Candidates are also asked to familiarise themselves with the pre-requisites and requirements for Licensing and [examination information](#).



WORKING WITH COUNCILS

Following approval to enter the *Certification Framework and Assessment Process* test and pilot phases, Jayne Albiston, Business Development & Advocacy Manager, is now working in conjunction with local Branch Chairs and members to connect with their Local Authorities, build the relationship and work together to ensure that the new Certification is fit for purpose and that processes are aligned and transparent.

Auckland Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Whangarei District Council, Far North District Council and Kaipara District Council are actively engaging in this space so far and it is anticipated that many more will follow.



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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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- [Land Surveyor](#), GeoSync, Taranaki
- [Surveying & Planning Recruitment Consultant/Resourcer](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auckland Rodney & North Shore -
- [Senior GIS Analyst](#), Landpro, Central Otago / Queenstown Lakes
- [Application Specialist/Surveyor](#), Trimble, Christchurch [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Landpro, New Plymouth
- [Survey Technician](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Taranaki
- [Experienced Survey Technician or Graduate Surveyor](#), Golden Bay Surveyors, Golden Bay
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Fox and Associates, Christchurch
- [Engineering Surveyor](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Auckland / Hawkes Bay
- [Experienced Survey Technician or Graduate Surveyor](#), Absolute Land Solutions, Southland
- [Experienced Surveyor](#), Paterson Pitts Group, Dunedin
- [Licensed Cadastral Surveyor](#), Eighty4 Recruitment, Otago

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



LEGISLATIVE CASE NOTES

The [November](#) Case Notes covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country are available.

Read the full notes and earlier case notes [library here](#).

