



Hi S+SNZ

As we head towards our 3rd week of lock-down New Zealand seems to be faring well from a global perspective, however we may well continue to be restricted regionally post the four weeks. As we get over the shock of the rapidly changing environment and unprecedented events people creatively and bravely rally-around and life goes on. A good example has been the Professional Exams held earlier this week. We successfully held exams for seven candidates and five examiners by video. This involved orchestrating over 30 separate meetings through the Zoom platform. A big thank-you goes to all the organisers, candidates and examiners who all did a great job in a very short time. A big congratulations also goes to all the candidates who have now successfully gained their *Certificate of Competency*.

Keeping yourself and your family healthy

We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Stay home if you are sick

For those who may be feeling anxious or isolated there continues to be a wealth of good information about keeping healthy and safe during the lock-down. Here are some useful links:

- The [Ministry of Health](#) provides advice on caring for yourself and others who have, or may have, COVID-19.
- The [NZ Mental Health Foundation](#) and [Wellplace.nz](#) offer good resources on **how to protect your mental health** and wellbeing.
- [Health Anxiety Fact Sheet](#) (compiled by Benestar).

CPD and Events

The CPD programme has been impacted by COVID-19. We continue to look at our planned CPD events – the impacts of the lock-down and alternatives to physical meetings. Keep a watch on the [Tickets and Events](#) webpage as webinars are continuing as planned and can be booked through this page.

Regretfully, the Engineering and Positioning & Measurement Workshop scheduled for July has been postponed however the Streams involved are currently working through the alternative options. Also, in planning stages, are online study groups for YPs registered to sit the *Cadastral Law Exam* in June. The annual S+SNZ conference is still planned for November in Rotorua at this stage.

General Information

NZ Government

- www.covid19.govt.nz is the 'go-to' website that has everything you need to know about COVID-19 in one place; it includes information relating to government action, alert levels, obtaining updates, help and advice.
- Live news updates from [Radio NZ](#).

Business Information

Information on 'Shovel Ready' Infrastructure Projects being sought

Following a Government [press release](#), *Crown Infrastructure Projects* has established a reference group that is tasked by government to prepare a list of infrastructure projects/programmes that are ready for construction and could, if the Government deemed it appropriate, be deployed as part of a stimulatory package. The impact of this initiative could be significant for the profession given survey and spatial professionals are part of any significant infrastructure and property development projects.

The background, project criteria and submission information are available at www.crowninfrastructure.govt.nz/iirg/.

Business Owners and Leaders

For business owners and industry leaders, CSNZ have provided some excellent advice and links to resources and support in sent their [COVID-19 Newsletter One](#) emailed 6 April.

- **COVID-19 leave payments and wage subsidy**
The *COVID-19 Leave Payment Scheme and Wage Subsidy Scheme* announced last week is there to support people who may suffer financially during self-isolation. Find out more at [Employment New Zealand](#).

- NZ Government [guidance for businesses](#).

NZS 3910 Advisory

The *Association of Consulting and Engineering* has issued an advisory issued with important information for Contractors during the Alert Level 4 lock-down. It provides some general guidance to those administering contracts as Engineer to the Contract under standard NZS 3910:2013 “Conditions of Contract for building and civil engineering construction” on projects affected by the Covid-19 epidemic and particularly the lock-down.

[Read the Advisory here](#).

Support for Surveyors and Spatial Professionals

We've received generous offers of help and support for members who may be struggling in this challenging environment. If it would help you to talk through your issues and challenges please get in touch with us directly, admin@surveysptailnz.org and we'll put you in contact with a firm as near to you as possible.

The science of numbers – and why we need the lock-down

See the spread in this [Coronavirus Map](#) developed by John Hopkins Centre for Systems Science and Engineering.



[S+SNZ COVID-19 information page](#).

Please stay safe and well.

Regards

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