



Hi S+SNZ

As we've gone deeper into lock-down I've been heartened to see some really good work coming out that will help the sector get back on its feet as we move into Level 3. In particular, the Construction Health and Safety (CHASNZ) group's new [Health and Safety Standards](#) and closer to home, CSNZ's [COVID-19 Level 3 Protocol](#). This excellent and comprehensive document was released yesterday. I'm sure that you will find these two pieces of work very useful as you all prepare to get back to a new 'normality' in your work environments.

Our second *Thought-Leadership* meeting was held this morning with excellent discussion on issues affecting our sector. The health and well-being of people is at the top of people's thoughts and ensuring the safety of staff as they return to work is paramount.

Also discussed was how various Councils are dealing with COVID-19. The Hon. David Parker, Minister for the Environment has written to all councils regarding resource management responsibilities during the COVID-19 response. [Read the letter here](#). The Ministry for the Environment has also published [Frequently asked questions on COVID-19 for local government](#).

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 still 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:

- [Mentemia](#) - Sir John Kirwan's mental health blog and downloadable app.
- [Why Working From Home Is So Exhausting - And How to Reinvigorate.](#)- Forbes Magazine.
- 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 well-being.
- [Health Anxiety Fact Sheet](#) (compiled by Benestar)..

CPD and Events

Plenty of members have been enjoying the free CPD events that have been made available. Well over 200 people joined the *GNSS Control Surveys* webinar and we have good numbers for the webinar this Friday; *Employer Obligations During Lockdown*.

We are keen to keep the webinar momentum going and we are always on the look-out for new ideas that are relevant - if you or your Stream have a good idea for a webinar or you particularly want to see a topic covered please contact Jen Houdalakis our Events Coordinator - jen@surveyspatialnz.org.

Keep a watch on the [Tickets and Events](#) web-page as events coming up will be posted and can be booked here.

- **24 April - Employer Obligations During Lock-Down**
[Register here.](#)
- **15 May - Property Law Tools in Subdivisions**
[Register here.](#)
- **3 July - Speaking in Meetings**
[Register here.](#)
- **4 September - Networking**
[Register 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@surveyspatialnz.org and we'll put you in contact with a firm as near to you as possible.

The science of numbers

- The [Financial Times](#) has been tracking the pandemic with graphs.



- 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 - my email is ashley@surveyspatialnz.org and I'd love to hear from you.

Regards

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