

Citation for Dr Kathryn Salm

Our first nominee has given untold voluntary hours of her time to the betterment of Survey and Spatial NZ and the wider industry.

Dr Kat Salm has had a deep involvement with S+SNZ commencing as the Council's Spatial Stream lead in 2017. This was followed by becoming the President for three years, the first of those during the difficult Covid year, and most recently as the immediate past President and Chair of the Governance Committee.

Kat is deeply respected for her professionalism and depth of experience in the spatial sector which she has successfully used to grow and advance our spatial strategy within this rapidly evolving sector.

Kat has been the worthy recipient of many awards. In 2018, she received the NZ Spatial Excellence Awards (NZSEA) Women's Leadership Award and went on to win the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) Women's Leadership Award in Australia.

In 2019 Kat was a judge for the NZSEA awards and has also been an active member of the WIS (Women in Spatial/Survey) committee and the National Geospatial Capability Committee and has been NZ rep for FIG Commission 3.

Kat's previous professional roles have included NZ Spatial Service Line Lead for Aurecon, NZ Business Development Manager for FrontierSI and Digital Lead for Harrison and Grierson. Kat has a PhD, and a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science, from the University of Canterbury and has brought a wealth of experience to the S+SNZ Council over her many years of service. This experience spans geospatial across government, industry and education/research. Her strengths have been in strategy and roadmap development, research and review, business case development, and collaborative project / programme leadership.

We believe Kat is worthy of a Fellowship honour as she has been such a strong advocate and supporter of the organisation and its members and has given untold voluntary hours of her time to the betterment of Survey and Spatial NZ and the wider industry.