



Board of Surveying & Spatial Information

BOSSI Update

Kurri Kurri Candidates Workshop

On 28-29 May BOSSI hosted the annual candidates workshop at the Kurri Kurri TAFE campus. 41 candidate surveyors and 8 supervising (mentoring) surveyors attended to get a better understanding of the examination/registration process, competencies and expectations of the Board. Presentations were given on each of the examinations and attendees also had an opportunity to review past projects and ask questions of examiners and board members.

Thank you to all of the presenters who participated in the workshop and a special mention and thanks to ISNSW Hunter Manning Group who sponsored the Friday night Happy Hour.



CPD Update

Amendment to Determination – Continuing Professional Development from 1 July 2021

BOSSI has determined that due to the ongoing situation with COVID and the success of digital events that the CPD Determination should be updated to reflect this situation.

All CPD events will be determined to fall under one of three categories.

Delivery Method 1 (DM1): All live events. This includes face to face events, hybrid conferences and live webinars. This form of delivery method must include the ability to have live interaction between the presenter and the viewer of the event. **A Surveyor must obtain at least 5 points from viewing events given through Delivery Method 1.**

Delivery Method 2 (DM2): Recorded DM1 events or pre-recorded events that after viewing require a questionnaire provided by the event organiser to be answered (with at least an 80% pass mark). If the questionnaire is not satisfactorily passed after two attempts only the points available for a DM3 event will be awarded.

Delivery Method 3 (DM3): Recorded DM1 events or pre-recorded events – no questionnaire completed. A signed declaration must be submitted stating which event has been watched to claim available CPD points (See Appendix C of the Determination for an example) and only ½ available CPD points will be awarded for viewing the event.

The updated CPD Determination can be viewed on the Board's website

at https://www.bossi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/229162/BOSSI_Determination_-_CPD_E11.pdf

2021/2022 Fees Update

The *Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2017* outlines that CPI will be applied annual to the Schedule 7 fees and deposits. A copy of the new fee and deposit amounts applicable from 1 July 2021 is available

at https://www.bossi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/226246/BOSSI_Fees_and_Deposits_2021.pdf

Certificate of Authority (ID Card) - Replacement Fees

A Certificate of Authority (ID Card) for Registered Surveyors is a regulated product under the *Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2017*. Charging of the associated fee will be implemented from 1 July 2021.

The production of a Certificate of Authority (ID Card) will continue to be provided at no cost for a surveyors initial registration as a surveyor with the Board.

A replacement Certificate of Authority (ID Card) can be ordered through the BOSSI GLS portal at <https://onegov.nsw.gov.au/new/agencies/bossi/BOSSIlanding.aspx>

Prosecution Summaries

The Board recently undertook successful prosecution action for breaching the requirements of the *Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002* by undertaking a land survey for fee or reward while not a registered land surveyor and not under the supervision of a registered land surveyor.

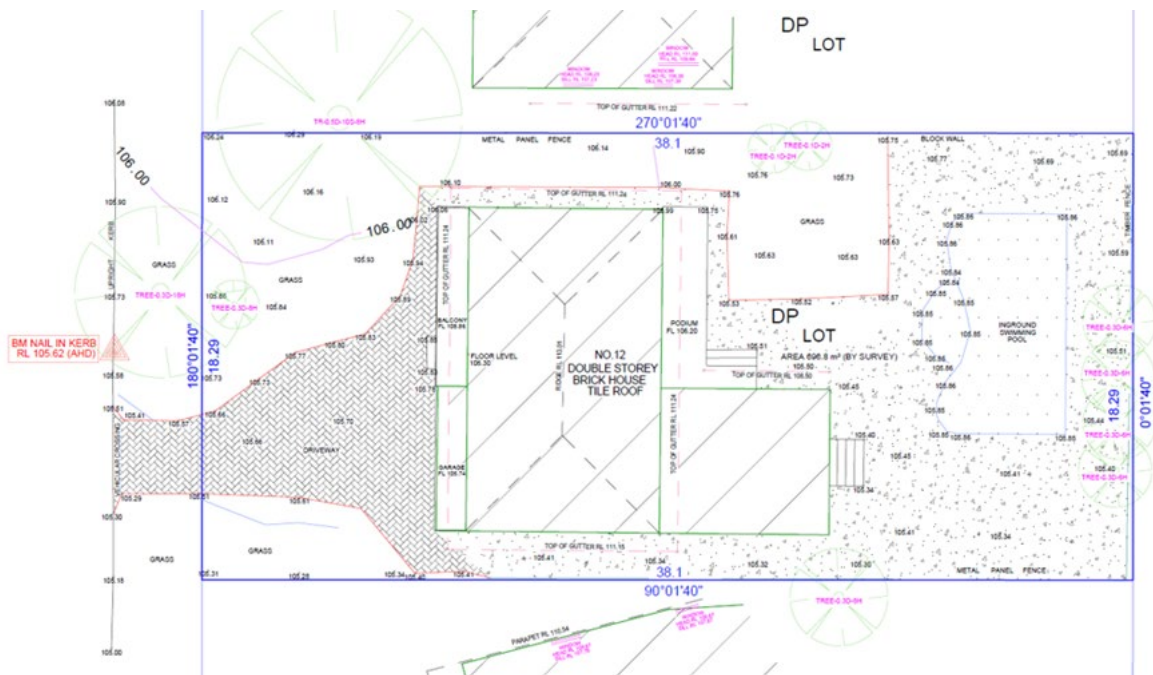
Case Study 1: Client requested a survey to meet the requirements of a complying development certificate – which includes locating the position of features in relation to the property boundary.

Surveyor undertook the survey and provided the plan to the client. Client’s architect requested additional information and the surveyor delayed in providing an updated copy of the plan. The client did some further investigations and realised that the surveyor was not registered, so lodged a complaint with BOSSI.

BOSSI commenced legal action

March 2021 - Surveyor plead guilty and was convicted of breaching the requirements of the Act by undertaking a land survey for fee or reward while not a registered surveyor and not under the supervision of a registered land surveyor.

Fined \$750, reimbursed the client the \$770 fee that had been charged and was ordered to pay professional costs of \$2082 to BOSSI



Case Study 2: Client requested a survey of the common boundary between 2 lots for the construction of a dividing fence.

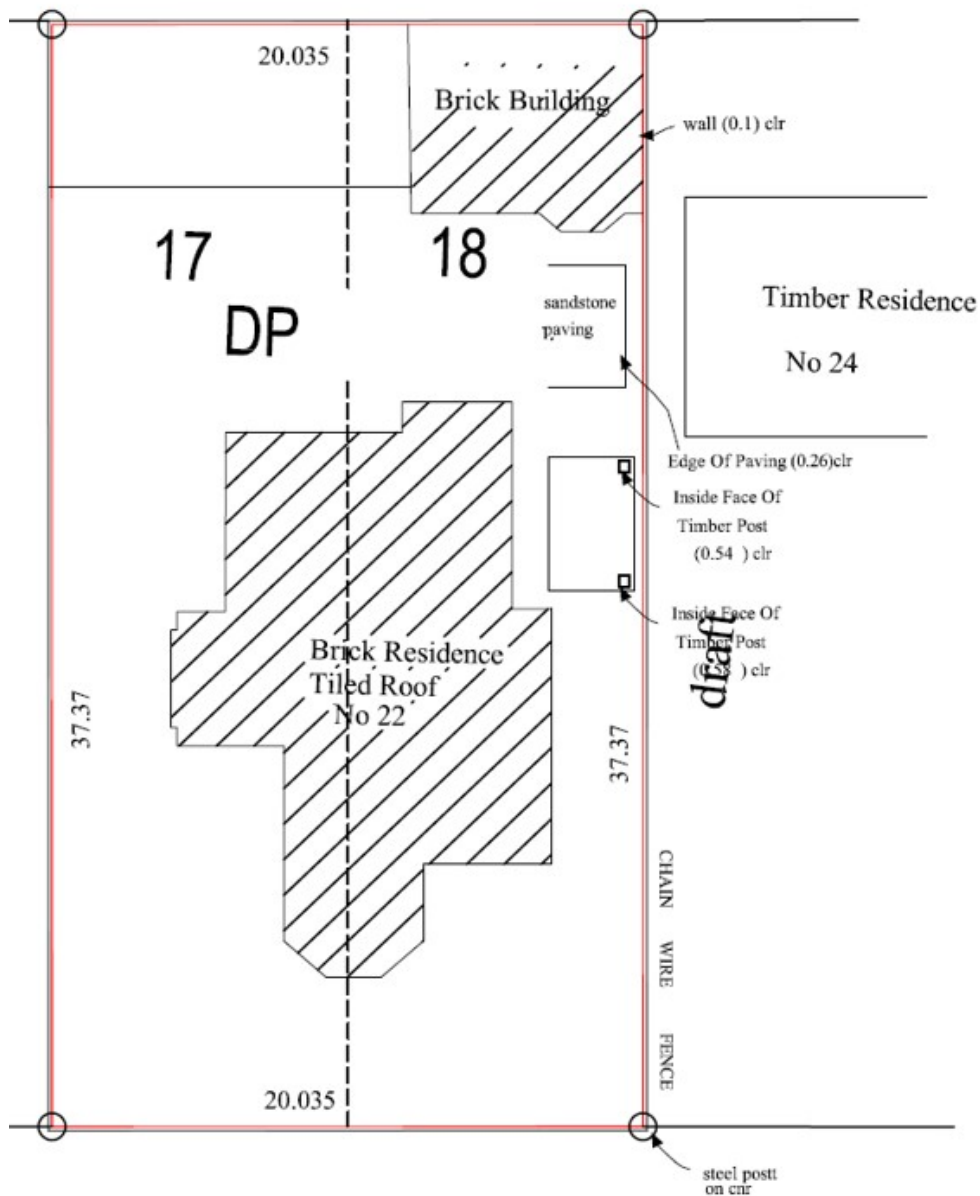
Draft plan only was provided to the fencer on the day of installation, final plan and report was not provided to the client.

Neighbours raised concerns about the location of the new fence, in following up with the surveyor, the client realised that they were not registered, so lodged a complaint with BOSSI.

BOSSI commenced legal action

March 2021 - Company plead guilty and was convicted of breaching the requirements of the Act for providing a land survey for fee or reward without the supervision of a registered land surveyor.

Fined \$1,200, made to pay compensation of \$1,540 to the client (equivalent to the fee charged) and was ordered to pay professional costs of \$3,955 to BOSSI



Recent prosecutions undertaken by the Board can be viewed on the Board's website at https://www.bossi.nsw.gov.au/publications/disciplinary_actions/summary_of_prosecution_actions_and_outcomes

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