

BOSSI Update

BOSSI STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed the BOSSI stakeholder survey a couple of months ago. We were very pleased by the level of submissions with over 500 people completing the survey. The Board has reviewed the feedback and incorporated the relevant parts into its strategic plan. A copy of the survey results can be accessed from the BOSSI [website](#).

A few key items;

- **Communication** – while the majority of respondents felt that the Board communicates well with the profession there is still room for improvement. At the April board meeting BOSSI resolved to issue a short email communication after each meeting to highlight key matters that were discussed.
- **CPD** – 80% of respondents believe that the current CPD requirements are correct.
- **The role of BOSSI in spatial information** – there were many comments made in regards to this matter with a wide variety of opinions. Under the Surveying & Spatial Information Act BOSSI is the regulatory body for land and mining surveying and has a key advocacy role in the area of spatial information. As the use of spatial information and the spatial industry grows it is important that surveyors and BOSSI understand the emerging technology so that it can provide advice to Government, industry and the public.

It is clear from comments made in the survey that there is confusion on the **roles and responsibilities of BOSSI, the Surveyor General and the professional bodies**. We will work with the professional bodies to develop communications to help clear this confusion.

STRATEGIC PLAN

BOSSI is in the process of finalising its strategic plan. Further details will be provided once it has been completed and endorsed by the Board.

Top 5 Focus Areas

- Investigation of complaints against registered surveyors
- Investigation and prosecution of unregistered surveyors who perform land/mining surveys
- Candidate and examination process
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Review of the Surveying & Spatial Information Act

ENTRY TO LAND FOR SURVEY PURPOSES

BOSSI has received a number of enquiries lately about a registered surveyors right to access land.

If the occupier of the land refuses access or is unable to be identified/contacted to provide access a registered surveyor (and his/her assistants) can only access the land for the purposes of a survey as outlined under Part 4 of the Surveying & Spatial Information Act 2002. This power can only be exercised if the provisions of [Section 19](#) of the S&SI Act and Form 3 Notice of Entry ([Schedule 6 S&SI Regulation](#)) are followed.

Failure to comply could result in a finding of Professional Misconduct under [Section 13](#) of the S&SI Act

Matters of Interest from the Office of the Surveyor General

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S DIRECTIONS UPDATE

The following Surveyor General's Directions (SGD) have been reviewed and updated and are now available from the Spatial Services website

- SGD 1 – [Approved Survey Marks](#)
- SGD 2 – [Preparation of Locality Sketch Plans](#)
- SGD 7 – [Surveying and spatial Information Regulation 2017 - Applications](#)
- SGD 3 – [Control for Cadastral Surveys](#) has been retired and is available on the historical documents page of the Spatial Services website

AUSPOS SUBMISSION WEBPAGE

A new [online form](#) has been created for you to submit your AUSPOS results directly with Spatial Services. Spatial Services will use submitted AUSPOS Reports, GNSS Data and validating survey measurements to manage survey marks in SCIMS.

GDA2020 IMPLEMENTATION – CHANGES TO THE SURVEYING & SPATIAL INFORMATION ACT AND REGULATION

Under the Surveying & Spatial Information Act the official datum for surveys in NSW is GDA94. As you would be aware a new modernised datum known as GDA2020 was gazetted as the official datum for Australia in October 2017 (information on GDA2020 can be found at the [ICSM website](#)).

Spatial Services has been working on our systems to develop and implement GDA2020 in NSW. Work is currently being done on our Survey Control Information Management System (SCIMS) to implement GDA2020 and will be available from 1 July 2019.

It is proposed to amend the Surveying & Spatial Information Act 2002 & Regulation 2017 to make GDA2020 the official datum in NSW from 1 January 2020.

GDA94 coordinate searches conducted prior to 1 January 2020 will still be valid for a 6 month period under Clause 12 of the S&SI Regulation.

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