

BOSSI Update

Examination results

Results from the Land Surveying competency assessments.

	Rural	Urban	Strata	Engineering	Town Planning	Total
Competent	11	8	10	1	21	51
Conditional	8 (1)	3	4	8	6 (1)	29
Not Yet Competent	1	3	7	2	7	20
Withdrawal	0	1	0	4	1	6
Total	20	15	21	15	35	106

Pass Rate	90%	73%	67%	60%	74%
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Note: (1) indicates that a candidate who received a 'conditional' went on to receive a 'not yet competent' following their final submission.

Results from the Mining Surveying competency assessments

	Mine Planning & Approval	Mining Engineering	Formal Mining & Plans	Legislation	Oral	Total
Competent	2	0	0	1	1	4
Conditional	0	1	0	0	0	1
Not Yet Competent	0	0	0	2	0	2
Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	0	3	1	7

Presentation ceremony

On Friday 29 November BOSSI had the privilege to host our presentation ceremony at NSW Parliament House.

Congratulations to the 13 Land and 1 Mining Surveyor who received their certificates of competency



(Back Row L-R) Michael Stevens, Timothy Cook, Christopher Sharp, Nicholas Cooper, Richard Abbott, John (Paul) Summers, Mark Munter
(Front Row L-R) Craig Wills, Jason Kolar, Narelle Underwood (Surveyor General), Timothy Michael, Gavin Watson, Michael Outten, Laura Walsh, Liying Huang

Congratulations to the annual prize winners who were recognised at the event as gaining the best result in the calendar year for their respective areas of competency.

Barr Prize – Sponsored by the Institution of Surveyors NSW – for the best result in the rural cadastral assessment.

Peter Sergeant

Neil Ryan Memorial Award – Sponsored by the Institution of Surveyors NSW – For the best result in the urban cadastral assessment.

Christopher Ryan

A Allen Consulting Surveyors Prize – Sponsored by the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW – for the best result in the strata & community titles assessment.

Elliot Griffiths

Harvey Prize – Sponsored by the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW – for the best result in the town planning assessment.

Leith Holness & Beau Fredericks

Augustus Alt Prize – Sponsored by the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW – for the best result in the engineering assessment.

Lachlan Smith

Staff Surveyors Association Award – Sponsored by the Association of Public Authority Surveyors – for the most innovative, technically difficult or diverse project presented at the assessments.

Benjamin Cleaver

Surveyor General’s Prize – Recognises the best overall candidate surveyor who received their Certificate of Competency in the calendar year.

Mathew London

It was also an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of our meritorious surveyors who have given so much to our profession over the past 25+ years. Thank you for your service to surveying and the public of NSW.

Please note that due to the success of the event at Parliament House, BOSSI has made the decision to hold this event on an annual basis from now on (the April ceremony will no longer be held). Examinations will still be held in March and October each year. Further details will be provided in the new year.

Certificates of Competency issued by calendar year

	2019			2018			2017			2016			2015			2014		
	April	Nov	Total	April	Nov	Total	April	Nov	Total	April	Nov	Total	April	Nov	Total	April	Nov	Total
Land	18	13	31	8	9	17	9	10	19	11	12	23	9	8	17	8	5	13
Mining	2	1	3	0	4	4	2	5	7	2	0	2	2	4	6	3	1	4

Continuing Professional Development - Results from the audit

In accordance with the BOSSI CPD Policy 100% of surveyors renewing their registration this year were audited. In total 1,059 registered surveyors were audited for the period ending 30th June 2019.

34 exemptions or conditional compliances were issued – with the average shortfall being 2.5 points, with 15 of the applications being for 1 point or less.

Unfortunately 36 surveyors were removed from the register for non-compliance for either failing to have the required points or failing to respond in the timeframe required. To date 30 of these surveyors have re-joined the register after providing compliant information to satisfy the audit.

A few points for Registered Surveyors to remember

- BOSSI is the regulator of the profession not a membership organisation.
ServiceNSW do not call you to remind you to pay your driver’s licence or car

registration, nor is it BOSSI's responsibility to call you to remind you to submit your information or pay your fees.

- It is a Registered Surveyors responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Surveying & Spatial Information Act, Regulations and BOSSI Determinations

BOSSI has received feedback on the process and experience from this year. This feedback has been reviewed and the audit process will be further streamlined in 2020 with the requirement to submit your CPD Summary Report at the time of paying your annual registration fee through a new online portal that will be delivered through ServiceNSW.

Publication of the new Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct

BOSSI has endorsed and published a new [Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct](#) which can be accessed from the [Determinations and Policies](#) page of the BOSSI website.

It covers topics related to the ethical responsibilities and principles of being a registered surveyor as well as providing a code of conduct.

All candidates and registered surveyors are encouraged to read the new document and a series of presentations will be delivered at CPD events next year.

BOSSI wins court case against unregistered surveyor

To protect the public and the integrity of the cadastre BOSSI continues to prosecute unregistered surveyors for performing land or mining surveys.

In July 2019, the Local Court at the Downing Centre, handed down a guilty verdict to an unregistered surveyor for preparing a detail survey that identified (showed) the property boundaries on a plan provided to a client.

The defendant claimed that the survey was not a land survey. He claimed it was a detail survey and the resulting plan had a note stating; "*Boundary angles and dimensions are by title*". The Magistrate found that the plan clearly identified the boundaries of the parcel of land and was therefore satisfied that the defendant had carried out a land survey as defined by the *Surveying & Spatial Information Act 2002*.

The defendant also claimed that the work was undertaken under the general supervision of a registered land surveyor. The Magistrate considered the evidence provided by the defendant and the supervising surveyor and found the "*supervision of the defendant's work was cursory at best. He was not briefed with the client's instructions having only a general idea. He did not undertake any supervision of the defendant when he attended*

the property or conduct any survey. He had not visited the property and there was no interrogation of the defendant as to the location of markings on the plan, in particular the boundary”.

The Magistrate found that the land survey was not adequately supervised and as a result the charge against the accused was proven and he was found guilty of performing a land survey for a fee without adequate supervision of a Registered Land Surveyor. The Magistrate placed the unregistered surveyor on a Conditional Release Order for 2 years, on a Good Behaviour Bond for 2 years and awarded BOSSI \$10,000 in costs.

BOSSI has published the document [‘What is a land survey’](#) on its website to provide a uniform understanding of the definition of a land survey to the public, surveyors and allied professions.

Registered Surveyors are reminded that they must comply with the [BOSSI Determinations](#) on General and Immediate Supervision – failure to comply could result in a finding of professional incompetence &/or professional misconduct under the Act.

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