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1. Membership

We have recently welcomed three new members, each purchasing the cadastral index. We are also hearing of a growing dissatisfaction of NZIS performance / value by Cadastral Surveyors around the country, and this may yet be rewarding to our member numbers.

2. Financial

The Institute has pleasing cash reserves at present.

3. AGM & Workshops

The 2015 AGM and associated workshops will be on 29 August 2015 in Christchurch at the Sudima Hotel (Christchurch airport).

Topics discussed for workshops included, Chris Hoogsteden award proposal (Simon Jenkin), technical session on drones (Jarad Reeves), other technical session (), horizontal and vertical definition in post earthquake Christchurch (Brent George), legislation (Bruce Speirs), hydrographic control in the Auckland Islands (Brent George)

4. Logo

Members are asked to give feedback on attached logo change.

5. Cadastral Index

We continue our attempt to get the 300,000 plus images for this product, while our IT people have been given the green light to redevelop the platform to accommodate changes in the Windows operating system (v10 is near), while the committee is discussing an annual licence fee.

6. Legislation

SG Rules

The recent Christchurch earthquake issues have taken up much of LINZ resources, and LINZ are just starting to think about a full review of the Rules for Cadastral Survey.

Conversation with the SG would indicate he is unaware of the work ICS has done on this issue before his appointment, and the Secretary will forward a copy of relevant correspondence to bring him up to speed.

In view of the possibility of legislation and rules to be introduced for Canterbury earthquake purposes, it was felt the President and Secretary initiate a meeting with the SG within the next month to discuss the issues around rules for cadastral surveys.

LTA review

It is believed the RG wishes to progress this legislation, but government is not giving it any priority at present.

7. Technology

Website

The website continues to be develop to meet requirements. The Field Notes forum currently has 25 members, 44 threads, 129 postings, and approximately 4,500 views, with new sections for news items concerning cadastral surveying, and anomalies encountered during dataset processing being added recently.

Landonline

It appears that government is supportive and aware of the significance of the Landonline v2 proposals recently put to it, but did not fund future development of this in the budget.

The committee will keep a close eye on this item as LINZ maintain Landonline is a user funded system, and they are currently reviewing fees associated with Landonline.

8. LINZ

Christchurch rebuild

The Canterbury Working Group has recently considered the implications of the vertical datum in the Christchurch rebuild, and expressed its views to LINZ. The SG has expressed his thanks to Brent George as our representative on this group.

The SG has also indicated that the Sector Leaders Group recommendation to cabinet will include the promulgation of legislation to specifically acknowledge land moves during earthquakes, which he envisages will probably be reinforced with additional rules for cadastral surveys.

Auditing

In May 2013 ICS wrote to LINZ about a pilot self assessment audit questionnaire, endorsing in principle any mechanism available to the profession to assist with quality and auditing. LINZ have recently written to ICS on this item including the statement "The Institute of Cadastral Surveying Inc (ICS) also endorsed a LINZ proposal to deliver the self assessment questionnaire to targeted survey firms and require those surveyors to return a completed questionnaire."

This error of LINZ believing ICS agreed to mandatory return of the self assessment questionnaire is being communicated to LINZ.

LINZ processing time delays

LINZ advise that the current delays are the result of the retirement of long serving staff and having to train new staff, with an increase in lodgement volumes, and believe the delays will decrease quickly when the new staff are trained. This is the second time this has occurred!

9. NZIS

An email has been received from Mark Allan (NZIS councillor) requesting a meeting with the ICS executive on a range of matters. After some discussion it was concluded that the items raised were not of sufficient import to justify such a meeting, and further, that ICS was not prepared to become involved in what appears to be some internal NZIS issues.

10. University

Mark Geddes presented Baily McNutt with our annual cadastral prize for the best cadastral project at the recent Survey School post graduation afternoon tea and prize ceremony.