



A Busy Year

The ISV is launching into a busy year of activity.

The social program started with the President's Barbeque at **Ed Young's** residence where his ingenious grey water system was proudly demonstrated. This is followed by the golf day at Latrobe Golf Club, Alphington on 5 March comprising lunch, golf and concluding with a scrumptious dinner. ISV will have another social function later in the year to ruminate over things other than FPET.

Constitutional changes have been considered at a Special General Meeting on 21 February. The administrative changes will enable ISV to continue operating if ISA closes down consequent to various arrangements with SSI at a national level. At state level the ISV will continue as an active group in harmony with related groups involved in land and infrastructure development.

The Special General Meeting was preceded by a seminar on risk management presented by DLA Phillips Fox and introduced attendees to an approach from which other industry groups such as Australian Property Institute, Valuers and ACSV have benefited.

The NSW Murray Group is holding a full day seminar and a general meeting at Yarrawonga on 23 February 2007. This is a very popular locality experiencing high population growth with interesting environmentally sensitive developments. This year the focus will be water rights with topics relating to both states for purposes of FPET or CPD.

The Gippsland Group is holding an evening seminar and general meeting at Traralgon on 28 February with others planned in May, August and November. There is a strong core of surveyors in the south east developing into an active group helping each other to satisfy FPET and more importantly developing professional attitudes and relationships to support the industry.

The Glenelg Grampians Group is equally active with combined seminars and meetings planned for March, June and August. The network of pipelines converting open channels and the infrastructure for the massive blue gum harvesting provides high activity in the area.

ISV is committed to providing regional members with video of interesting seminars to assist members to supplement their FPET points.

The Melbourne Group has some big events planned for 2007. It is sponsoring the annual state regional conference at Bendigo on 28 to 29 April. **Frank Culliver** is heading up the program of tutorials and papers with **Mark Stansfield** providing his expert knowledge of the local eateries and entertainment. A church service is also scheduled and the Northern Group will hold their General Meeting at Bendigo.

Other major events are the Surveying Industry Gala Dinner on 28 July, the Surveying Expo day on 17 August and the Annual General Meeting with Christmas Dinner on 21 November.

In addition to the above events the ISV has seminars or workshops planned for 22 June, 27 July and 9 November, with others to be determined. The dates of seminars and meetings were agreed at a joint meeting with ACSV, SSI and ISV. Members are welcome to suggest topics of interest for sessions in the seminar events. We are currently developing a register to record attendance at events where FPET points are applicable and then provide members with a listing at the end of the year.

The members' vote on the ISV Constitution upgrade that followed advice from ISA became more urgent following ACCC comments on the ISA and ISV membership relationship together with various comments from ISV members. **Mark Cleary**, who recently moved back to Queensland, deserves special thanks for all of his work on this project.

ISV will continue to work with SSI as each group develops their own brand of service to their membership. ISV is encouraged by fruitful and friendly meetings between the Presidents of the two groups. There is acknowledgement that ISV will continue to operate as an active organisation providing direct representation for surveyors. ISV will develop co-operative arrangements between kindred professional groups like API, PIA and several others to create a broader interest base for ISV members. The broader base should provide new areas of interest and association for ISV regional groups.

The ISV website is very close to going live for the benefit of members

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