



Quality Traversing



It often goes without saying that the spine of a good survey is a quality traverse. Careful production of a sound traverse engenders trust, assures integrity and improves the efficiency in uncovering truth and errors (mathematical and others). Similarly, our professional magazine *Traverse* provides a spine for the collection of ideas, integration of opinions and the making of informed decisions. Furthermore the overall quality of the publication speaks volumes about state and direction of the profession.

With this in mind the Committee is looking to rejuvenate *Traverse* in 2009. The changes proposed will innovate editorial management, devise ways to cover members' specific interests and concerns, expand the contribution range to target people in the know, and to modernise article presentation and layout.

An expanded Editorial Team is required to spearhead *Traverse*'s quality improvement and to further develop and implement the plan. So if you are interested in developing the new Editorial Team, and have what it takes [or know someone who does], please contact Pat Murnane now at editors@surveying.org.au. We would like to start implementing changes into the next edition.

All members are encouraged to submit articles and opinion pieces at any time. FPET points [cadastral practice and others] are also available for preparing relevant articles.

In addition, members may nominate particular topics of interest or identify specific people in industry who might have an interesting perspective on an issue. Just let Pat know - your two minute email may just help turn *Traverse* into a must read magazine.

This is an exciting time for the profession and an exciting time to be part of the new Editorial Team. Take this opportunity to build something useful for the profession. I can't promise that Rupert Murdoch will notice your skills but you will have some fun, meet interesting movers and shakers and make a real difference to the profession.

Scott Jukes
President Elect

Traverse Edition 256

Members may have received more than one edition of *Traverse* 256, or indeed a late copy of the edition. We apologise for this and note that an error occurred in the labelling and mailing process. This process is not carried out by our Executive Officer, but is contracted out through our printer.

We also note that it was our Executive Officer who, in monitoring the office over the Christmas break, found the error and took appropriate steps to rectify the situation as soon as practical.

Rest assured we are keeping a vigilant eye on the situation and will report any issues to Committee as appropriate.

Peter Sullivan
Editor

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