



Are You Involved?!

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It has been an interesting time in surveying over the past several months. The terrible fires throughout the State have required a concerted effort from the surveying community to pull together and act together to benefit the greater public by reducing time and thus fees associated with Title re-establishments on those properties and their boundaries directly affected by the fires. I understand through participating on the Surveying Bushfire Taskforce that a majority if not all of the field work associated with this effort has now been completed (or certainly very nearly). The RE's are now being registered through the OSG and are becoming available in the affected areas. Great work and well done to all of our members and fellow surveyors that contributed to the effort in offers of their time and expertise.

More recently the ISV Golf Challenge was held at the Latrobe Golf Club where the big guy above shined down on us favorably and produced a beautiful afternoon to chase that little white ball around. The inaugural Challenge put out to our State's Subdivision Officers was hard fought but in the end ISV's representatives on the day took the trophy! Hear ye all Subdivision Officers who like a challenge and a walk and chat that next year could well be yours. Come along and enjoy. To our members who were unable to attend this year keep next year in mind and come along and enjoy the day with all who attend whether it be the Subdivision Officers or those Trainee Graduates looking to take out the Master/Trainee Trophy.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a fair amount of miscommunication and misunderstanding regarding the windup of ISA and how this impacts on ISV and the services that we offer to you our members. Please be assured the issues that have recently affected ISA and have led to its windup in no way affect or have affected ISV. The Institution of Surveyors, Victoria has a committed and dedicated Committee and full-time Executive Officer that look forward to the challenges of not only continuing to produce seminars, dinners, lunches, conferences and other member services (such as the Golf Day) but to improving these services and to work at expanding them to encompass other issues that you our members are indicating are of interest to pursue. Sadly the ISA (our national voice for surveyors over many, many years) is no more. At the same time as this has and is occurring the Spatial Sciences Institute (the SSI to those of you who have been keeping pace with events) has also undergone a membership vote to windup as a body. Now a number of you that were ISA members in the years past (262 ISV members last year) may have taken SSI's offer of free initial membership through the ticking of the box (as it became known) and have enjoyed the benefits that SSI have had to offer over the years. In other words the 'Capitation Fee' that

you have in the past paid for ISA membership also encompassed membership to SSI. This is no longer the case. ISV no longer enjoys an association with any other bodies at this time. With the wind-up of both ISA and SSI there has also been the start-up of a new Body which goes by the name of the 'Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute' or as it is being referred to the 'SSSI'. I understand that those of you that were ISA members last year have received both your renewal for ISV as well as an invoice for membership to the new body, SSSI. It is entirely in your hands if you wish to undertake to join the SSSI having assessed yourself whether or not you believe there is a benefit to you as an individual. ISV has facilitated a working relationship with the current SSI 'Land Surveying Commission' and will continue to work hand in hand with all of the other bodies that offer similar member services to those that we offer our members, as has been the case in the past.

ISV currently has 407 members shown on our books having increased our numbers over the last couple of years. We on Committee are endeavoring to continue to improve the services we provide to you and are looking for feedback on any of the seminars or events that you have attended to enable us to keep raising the bar. If you have any interests that you believe other members may benefit from hearing about we invite you to write an article for 'Traverse' or write to Committee so that we can pursue that interest on behalf of the membership. For those of you that feel strongly enough and wish to have an active voice and participation in the events that ISV provide I invite you to join Committee as places are now open and the membership of ISV would benefit from your involvement.

If you haven't already done so please set aside Saturday the 1st August for the Surveying Industry Gala Dinner this year to be held at the 'Trust' Restaurant, I look forward to seeing you there and catching up with how you are going this

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