

President's Message

From Kellie Dean L.S. MISV, ISV President - September 2020 Traverse

Dear Member,

It has been a busy few months for ISV as we continue to see the effects of COVID-19 rapidly change the way we live and work. I hope all of you are well and safe and my thoughts are with those of you who have lost family members as a result of COVID-19 or have been affected by the economic impacts of the pandemic

At the beginning of August, ISV partnered with Consulting Surveyors Victoria and Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute to seek clarity from the Premier of Victoria, and Business Victoria on how surveying businesses and employees must operate to comply with the Stage 4 restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne. The Stage 4 Restrictions are designed to stop the spread of COVID-19, and some industries have been permitted to continue at pilot light levels. The responses from the Premier and Business Victoria have been circulated via ISV Member News emails to assist members make informed decisions regarding the work that is permitted under the Stage 4 Restrictions and how to operate under the Permitted Worker Scheme. Like all Victorians we are hopeful Victoria's COVID-19 cases numbers will continue to decline and Stage 4 Restrictions will end in a few weeks as anticipated.

Unfortunately, ISV seminars and conferences have had to be cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, and webinars have been delivered to replace these. The recent ISV webinar series held to replace the ISV expo was a great success, providing members with the opportunity to learn and connect with ISV from their chosen location. Thank you to the members who provided valuable feedback regarding the webinars. This feedback will be used by the Continuing Professional Education and Development Committee to inform our next webinar series.

We have been in discussions with the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria (SRBV) regarding the FPET requirements for 2020 and we have been advised that the FPET point requirements for 2020 will remain unchanged. SRBV has indicated individuals with specific circumstances may apply for dispensation as always.

ISV aims to deliver members with all their professional education requirements for the year, and we are sympathetic to members who are finding it challenging at a time when restrictions prevent access to the usual face-to-face seminars and conferences. With this in mind, ISV has an interesting and exciting webinar and virtual panel program designed for the remainder of 2020. More details of these events will be coming soon, so keep an eye out for our Member News emails in your inbox.

ISV has transitioned Traverse onto a fully digital platform which allows for dynamic, interactive content to also be delivered to your inbox. This has been made possible through the shared vision and teamwork of the ISV Executive team. I hope you enjoy this edition of Traverse and I thank the team, and particularly Annie Forster, ISV Administration Co-ordinator, for compiling such an engaging publication. As always, we welcome your feedback on this and any aspect of the work ISV is doing to represent you.

Board nominations for the next 12 months have been sought, ahead of the upcoming virtual Zoom AGM (a first for ISV), I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their enthusiasm and commitment to both the ISV and the Victorian surveying profession. The Board is a diverse, engaged group of surveyors who are united by a desire to make a difference to our profession to ensure that it thrives now and into the future. The ISV has achieved a lot in the past year, and it would not have been possible without the dedication of the Directors, the Board, and the Executive team. Thank you.

I will also take this opportunity to thank retiring Board member, Mark Howley, for his valuable contribution to ISV. Mark has been a Board member for 3 years, and Honorary Secretary since March 2019. We will miss Mark on the ISV Board, and thank him for his valued contributions. Mark will turn his focus to coaching junior sport, and we remain hopeful that, after a break, Mark will return to, and continue to support the ISV Board.

This is my last article for Traverse as ISV President, and I hand on the role to Anton Wyatt at the upcoming October Board meeting. Anton is passionate about the Victorian surveying profession, and as President, he intends to focus on the following:

- ▶ Member engagement, support and communications as we progress through the difficult Covid-19 period;
- ▶ Young Professional support with a view to improving communication and interaction between all ISV members;
- ▶ Continuing to represent the needs and concerns of all ISV members under the 4 pillars of the ISV Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 being Membership, Community, Education and Sustainability; and
- ▶ Representing the ISV and its membership base while surveying embraces digital technology evolution and new initiatives.

Many of you know Anton, and the integral role he has played at ISV since 2017 in the role of Surveying Task Force Representative, Vice President and President Elect. Anton is a fantastic communicator and leader within the profession, and I wish Anton every success in his presidency as he progresses the work of ISV.

Looking back, it has been a demanding and rewarding experience being the President of ISV in a two year period which has had its fair share of opportunities, uncertainty and tricky situations. As a profession, we have achieved a lot together, and I thank all ISV members for your support and guidance. Particularly I would like to thank Gary White, the ISV Executive, and the ISV Board, who have encouraged me and challenged me (in a good zombie apocalypse way!) over the last two years. We've had fun along the journey, and I will always reflect fondly on the time we have spent together at events, meetings, strategy sessions, and in recent times, zoom meetings.

I am extremely grateful to the Spiire Directors for providing a company culture which encourages their people to pursue their passions and interests, and thank them for the support they have given me. And last, and certainly not least I would like to thank my family, particularly my husband, Michael, for giving me the encouragement to tackle a volunteer role such as this, and for so effortlessly taking care of my family's busy home life when I have been away.

As a society we are experiencing major change relating to the way we work, how we communicate, and the technology we utilise. ISV aims to make the most of the opportunities presented to us at this time and evolve the way we communicate, to ensure you are informed, engaged, and connected to ISV and other members. The next two years will be an exciting chapter for ISV, and we are committed to positioning the surveying profession for future success. I encourage you to play a role in ISV, whether that is through a role on one of our committees, the Board, or providing valuable feedback. All ISV members have an important role to play and the ISV Board looks forward to representing you.

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