

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Welcome to the January edition of your new Newsletter.

Your newly elected office bearers at our AGM last August, as listed below, are committed to looking after our Members interests and representing Surveyors within Western Australia.

Both WAIS & SSSI continue to collaborate for the benefit of our Survey Profession. Whilst our efforts early last year to formalise an MOU & Service Agreements with SSSI did not eventuate, the ongoing governance framework for co-operation and liaison between WAIS & SSSI has been reinforced. You should now be more aware of the operational efficiencies both Institutes are able to offer by integrating their services to you all and thereby enhancing the performance & recognition of our Profession.



## Elected WAIS Office Bearers for 2014

President	Brian Hill
Hon Secretary	Eugene Browne
Treasurer	Colin Shipp
Vice Presidents	Don Abbey, Ray Watson, Asshe Craven,
* Committee	Alistair Millar, Alan Marsh
Fellows Committee Convener	Colin Shipp
Wardens A.W.Canning Grave	Asshe Craven, Don Abbey
Auditor	Bob Edwards
LSLB Representatives	Result of separate annual election (Currently Colin Shipp & Paul Rhodes)

\* Up to four more committee members may be added, as needed, in accordance with the By-laws.

A number of other issues were also raised at our AGM that will be of interest to Members.

### **Finance**

Since the Incorporation of WAIS we have had to administer a number of accounts of our Founding Societies which has been causing us concern for some time now so it was resolved at our AGM to close any that were redundant and to consolidate the remainder into a savings & fixed term account under WAIS.

I am pleased to be able to report that we have commenced this task and hope to have it finalised by late February.

### **Membership**

After engaging with our Membership over a number of issues last year, all acknowledged that it was extremely important that WAIS continues to actively represent our Members and we received a number of new membership applications in support of this.

We continue to work on our membership list and hope to have it finalised soon.

WAIS since the formation of SSSI have not had any fee for membership. Whilst this matter was deferred last year, for WAIS to be able to support its members into the future we cannot continue to draw down on our existing funds, so a nominal annual fee has now been set at \$30.

An invoice for this amount will be issued to our Members soon that will effectively cover your membership period through to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

It is intended that this fee will service all administrative costs and also provide for a subsidised social event each year.

### **Service Agreement with SSSI**

Formalising this Agreement with SSSI has not eventuated, other than for SSSI continuing to provide for Administrative Services to our members who are also SSSI members, utilising the assets of WAIS to the benefit of all persons working within the spatial sciences industry.

To date the usage of our premises at Hampden Road by SSSI has not been formalised in anyway other than for SSSI accounting for all insurances, outgoings & maintenance.

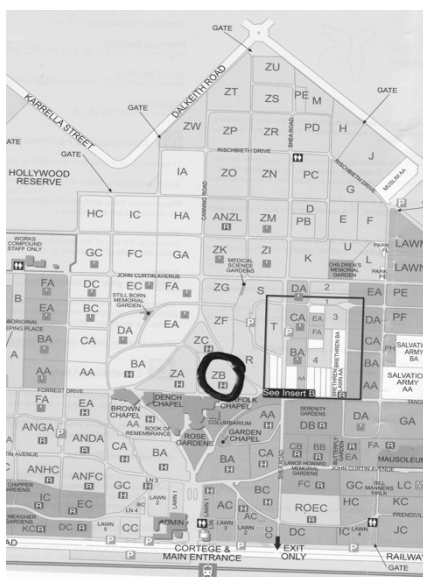
Negotiations with SSSI to enter into a commercial lease agreement for our premises have been received favourably and we are close to finalising a REIWA Commercial Lease for their consideration.

## Canning Grave Report

Our dedicated Wardens continue to look after the A.W. Canning gravesite which was visited last year after a member reported it needed some attention.

Marble chips were purchased and added the following month.

The photograph opposite was taken at the most recent visit in July 2013.



The location of the site is Section ZB number 0548 as shown on the map opposite for any members that may be interested in a visit.

Should anyone visit the gravesite, Asshe Craven ([asshe.craven@yahoo.com.au](mailto:asshe.craven@yahoo.com.au)) would appreciate your feedback.

So as we start a New Year, I hope it will be a good one for all of you & your families.

Your Committee is committed to looking after our Members interests so if you have any feedback or comments whatsoever, please let us know and we will do whatever we can to assist.

Brian Hill  
President