



Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to the October edition of your Newsletter.

Since our last Newsletter in January WAIS has been actively looking after our Members interests and representing Surveyors within Western Australia.

Both WAIS & SSSI have continued to collaborate for the benefit of our Survey Profession. After meeting with the National President John Trinder and other officers in July there is now a very clear understanding that our Members were not happy with the support and value that were getting out of their SSSI Membership. There has since been some positive initiatives entered into as to the ongoing governance framework for co-operation and liaison between WAIS & SSSI and SSSI have agreed to a Commercial Lease for our property in Nedlands.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 and I am pleased to be able to inform you all of our Elected Office Bearers for 2015 as tabled below:



President	Brian Hill (2 nd Consecutive term)
Secretary	Eugene Browne
Treasurer	Eugene Browne
Vice Presidents	Don Abbey, Asshe Craven & Ray Watson
* Committee	Colin Shipp, Alistair Millar, Alan Marsh, Mal Jones & Mick Filmer
Fellows Committee Convener	Colin Shipp
Wardens A.W. Canning Grave	Don Abbey & Asshe Craven
Hon. Auditor	Bob Edwards
LSLB Representatives	Colin Shipp & Paul Rhodes)

* Another Committee Member can be added, as needed, in accordance with the By-laws.

A number of other Issues & Reports were tabled at our AGM that will be of interest to Members:

Finance

WAIS have completed the rationalisation of all of our accounts under our control and now only have to maintain a cheque account and a fixed term account.

Total fully audited funds to the end of September 2014 were prepared for our AGM indicating that we are financially sound.

Membership and Christmas Sundowner

In April a nominal annual membership fee of \$30 was issued to all of our members to effectively cover your membership through to 30th June 2015.

An encouraging response was received with approximately 120 Members becoming financial which will enable WAIS to be able to support its Members in the future without having to continue to draw down on our existing funds.

WAIS will be holding a Christmas Sundowner on Tuesday 9th December at the garden in the Byrneleigh Hotel, 156 Hampden Road, Nedlands (next to your Nedlands Office) from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm

The event will be heavily subsidised for financial members so please mark it now in your calendar and use this opportunity to catch up with the Board and other members for the Festive Season. Further details will be published shortly. Should you have any queries contact our Secretary on 6363 6477.

Future Administration

On the 4th July Faye Scorer retired after 23 years of diligent administrative & personal support to our founding Societies, WAIS & more recently SSSI and to many of us over the years.

In August WAIS had a happy retirement lunch with Faye and from the look of the photo below a good time was had by all.



Importantly after the 1st of July WAIS is now administratively maintaining itself with Eugene Browne being appointed our Administration Manager.

Further as landlord of the Nedlands property we have negotiated with SSSI for limited use of the building, our mailing address remains as it was, our contact phone number has changed to 6363 6477 and our email address for all communications is now: waisinc@inet.net.au

Curtin Expedition 2014 – Murchison District

WAIS was one of 15 sponsors providing support this year for the 2014 Biennial Curtin expedition to the Murchison District. We provided \$1,000 cash towards the cost of the venture, and administrative support for raising sponsorship and management of funds.

As you can see from the photos below this expedition was larger than usual, with up to 25 participants at one stage on camp, including some visitors.



The expedition departed Perth on June 28th to the Payne's Find/Cue/Mt Magnet area and returned on July 12th. All projects were field completed on time and included:

- Laser Scanning of the Payne's Find Gold Battery
- Laser Scanning of Jokers Tunnel gold mine
- Verifying the old existing 'Forrest Trig' geodetic network
- Re-establishing a junction of Vermin Proof fences
- Re-establishing cadastral boundaries scanning historic buildings at the old Big Bell town site
- Re-establishing cadastral boundaries and geodetic connections at the old Austin town site
- Scanning of Walga rock including a large section of Aboriginal rock-art



As usual students not only ran the individual projects, but project managed the whole trip supported by Industry Mentors, Curtin staff, and a cook (this time with a kitchen hand).

Project Management included daily logistics involving the 8 four wheel drive vehicles, trailers and survey and camping equipment. This year we had a full bush camp on Austin Downs Station for six nights introducing some additional challenges.



Project Leader Werner Hoogenboezem



The expedition placed a commemorative sign at Austin Townsite opposite alongside Great Northern Highway showing cadastral details and historic information. GPS check points consisting of a plaque in concrete just above ground level showing latitude and longitude were placed at all significant points visited.



Two Curtin media students also accompanied the expedition, and they will produce a short documentary about the expedition later in the year which should be well worth seeing.

The expedition was rated as a great success by both students and mentors, and came in on budget, thanks to generous sponsorship from the Survey Industry. Thanks also go to the industry mentors who voluntarily provided their time and vehicles and in some cases fuel for the expedition.

WAIS is very proud to be able to support these expeditions. They provide valuable practical and technical experience for final year surveying students, and add to the overall standard of surveying education in WA.

Eugene Browne

Canning Grave Report

Don Abbey visited A.W. Canning's gravesite in Easter this year and found it to be in a generally good condition. Additional marble chips were laid, the grave stones swept and a drink of water poured on the grave for Canning who must surely be a bit parched by now!

The location of the gravesite is Section ZB, number 0548, close to the centre of the Karrakatta Cemetery, for any members that may be interested in a visit.



Publication Sponsorship

WAIS has also contributed \$2,000 to Hesperian Press and provided a Citation for the publication of the comprehensive achievements of our first Surveyor General John Septimus Roe.

As we near the end of the year I trust 2014 has been a good one for you and on behalf of our Committee wish you and your families a very happy and safe forthcoming Festive Season and we look forward to looking after all of your membership interests in the New Year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our end of year Christmas Sundowner.

Brian Hill
President