



# **THE SURVEYORS BOARD OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

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## 1 Photographs of Board Members



**Robert Sarib**  
Chairperson



**Alan Thorpe**  
Deputy Chairperson



**David Sach**  
Board Member



**Brendan Knox**  
Board Member



**Anietie (John) Ekpo**  
Board Member

## 2 Introduction

The Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory of Australia (**the Board**) is constituted under section 8 of the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1983* (**the Act**). In accordance with section 21 of the Act, the Board has prepared the following report for the 2021/2022 financial year.

### 3 Functions

The Functions of the Board are to:

1. keep and maintain a Register of Licensed Surveyors;
2. conduct examinations for the registration of Licensed Surveyors;
3. enter into reciprocal arrangements with other surveyors boards for the recognition of a person registered, licensed or authorised to practice as a surveyor and for registration under the Act;
4. give directions on the practice to be followed by Licensed Surveyors in the making of boundary surveys;
5. conduct such inquires and initiate appropriate penalties, if any, as are required under the Act, for contravention of the provisions of the Act; and
6. set and collect such fees as are provided for by the Act.

### 4 The Board

The Board consists of the Surveyor-General, who is ex-officio Chairperson, and four surveyors appointed by the Minister. Two members are appointed from three nominees of the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (NT Region), and two are direct appointments.

Membership for the year ending 30 June 2021 consisted of:

Chairperson                    **Mr Robert I Sarib** - Appointed as Surveyor-General on 26 September 2018.

Deputy Chairperson        **Mr Alan Thorpe** – First appointed on 19 March 2019 from nominations made by the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (NT Region)

Other Members                **Mr Brendan W Knox**– First appointed 6 May 2020 from applications received.

**Mr David I Sach** – First appointed 18 April 2017 from applications received.

**Mr Anietie (John) Ekpo** – First appointed on 8 December 2021 from nominations made by the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (NT Region)

## 5 Staff & Administrative Arrangements

As part of the functions of Occupational Licensing, the Licensing Team manage the administrative arrangements necessary to support the Board. Administrative support is provided in accordance with the Act.

## 6 Meetings

During the year, the Board held four (4) meetings in Darwin:

- 12 August 2021
- 15 December 2021
- 22 February 2022
- 17 May 2022

## 7 Summary of Projects

The Board has been working on numerous projects, which include:

- Professional training of survey graduates to become Licensed Surveyors through Board seminars or workshops on specific topics.
- Reviewing the core competencies required for a Surveying Graduate, and a Licensed Surveyor
- Scoping requirements for the digital lodgement of cadastral survey plan / data
- Review of Survey Practice Directions / Plan Drawing Standards
- Legislative review and modernisation of the Act
- Evaluating the relevance and updating current Board policies
- Examining pathways for the sustainability of the industry in the NT; noting the decline in registration figures and the need for diversity in membership.

## 8 Registered Surveyors

As required under section 22 of the Act, the names and addresses of each Licensed Surveyor were published in *Gazette* G21 on 26 May 2021. The Gazettal notice listed 66 Licensed Surveyors.

## 9 Summary of the Register of Licensed Surveyors

<b>Surveyors registered at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>67</b>
<u>New Registrations</u>	
Under the <i>Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act</i>	2
<u>Restored to the Register</u>	
Under the <i>Licensed Surveyors Act</i>	0
<u>Removal of Name from Register</u>	
Removal at own request	3
Removal for non-payment of fees	11
Removal due to not being fit and proper	0
<b>Surveyors registered at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>55</b>

## 10 Professional Training Agreements

At the commencement of the year, eight training agreements were in place for Graduates undertaking training with Licensed Surveyors. Eight training agreements were current as at 30 June 2022.

## 11 Finance

The Board had an operating surplus for the year of \$4,101.70

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,456.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Sitting Fees	2,964.40
	Travel Expenses	-
	Entertainment	479.18
	CRSBANZ Annual membership fee	1,268.00
	Overseas applicant assessment fee	400.00
	Transcript charges	-
	Other Charges (advertising and other administrative expenses)	1,242.72
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,354.30</b>
	<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>4,101.70</b>

The Trust Account balance as at 30 June 2022 was \$92,743.86.

## 12 Council of the Reciprocating Surveyors' Boards of Australia and New Zealand

CRSBANZ held two meetings and several workshops during the 2021/22 year to address and action the following national key agenda items:

- **University Degree Accreditation and National Competency**
  - CRSBANZ continued its role in the process of accrediting university-surveying degrees.
  - CRSBANZ commissioned Mr Michael Neitschke to prepare a National Competency Standard to articulate the core competencies required to become a cadastral (land boundary) surveyor, as well as identifying the core and non-core topics and attributes of four year surveying degrees for both Australia and New Zealand. This work will be completed by the end of 2022.
- **Bureau for Assessment of Overseas Qualifications (BAOQ)**
  - CRSBANZ through the Bureau continued to assess overseas surveying qualifications.
  - CRSBANZ commissioned Mr. Jon Osborn Report to prepare a BAOQ Policy, Procedures and Advice to Applicants document. Subject document is being finalised.

- **Review of National Policies and Operations**
  - CRSBANZ as required continued to review and update existing national policies and guides, such as streamlining the training or development of graduate surveyors to be registered or licensed.
  - CRSBANZ are in the process of reviewing the operations to ensure that it is “fit for purpose” and meeting both industry and community expectations. The review will also examine the organisation’s vision, mission, terms of reference, membership, financial structure, and work program.
  
- **Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR)**
  - CRSBANZ continues to exchange information regarding AMR. It appears most jurisdictions will have AMR operational by 1 July 2022.
  - The NT AMR scheme is set to commence in the NT from 1 July 2022. The Board’s website has been updated to facilitate this commencement and provide local information to surveyors availing of this scheme.

## 13 Disciplinary Matters

There were no disciplinary matters during this period.



**Robert Sarib**  
Chairperson

10 November 2022