



## ANNUAL REPORT 2001/2002

### INTRODUCTION

The Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory is constituted under section 8 of the *Licensed Surveyors Act*. In accordance with section 21 of the *Licensed Surveyors Act*, as amended by the *Financial Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995*, the Board has prepared the following report for the 2001/2002 financial year.

### FUNCTIONS

The Functions of the Board are:

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

## THE BOARD

The Board consists of the Surveyor-General, who is ex-officio Chairman, and four surveyors appointed by the Minister. Two Members are appointed from three nominees of the Institution of Surveyors, Australia (NT Division), and two are direct appointments.

Membership for the year ending 30 June 2002 consisted of: -

- Chairman : **Mr G J West** - As Surveyor-General he has been ex-officio member and chairman since 8 July 2000.
- Deputy Chairman : **Mr T L Gadsby** – Appointed 1 September 2000 from applications received.
- Other Members : **Mr G L Leach** - Appointed 28 February 1996 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia. Re-appointed 1 September 2000 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia.
- : **Mr R I Sarib** - Appointed 29 February 2000 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia to replace Mr Montefiore. Re-appointed 1 September 2000 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia.
- : **Mr P A Verrall** - Appointed 1 September 2000 from applications received.

The current term of the appointed members expires on 30 August 2004.

## STAFF

During the year, Mr D J Jeffery carried out the duties of Secretary to the Board. The mailing address of the Board is GPO Box 1680, DARWIN NT 0801, the telephone number is 8999 6067 and the website is [www.lpe.nt.gov.au/info/survey/sboard](http://www.lpe.nt.gov.au/info/survey/sboard).

## MEETINGS

During the year the Board held four meetings in Darwin. Attendance by the members was: -

Member	Meetings Attended
Mr West (Chairman)	4
Mr Gadsby (Deputy Chairman)	3
Mr Leach	4
Mr Sarib	4
Mr Verrall	4

## REGISTERED SURVEYORS

As required under section 22 of the Act, the names and addresses of surveyors registered to practise in the Northern Territory were published in Gazette R1 on 20 February 2002. This gazette listed 92 surveyors, a decrease of one on the number listed in the 2001 gazettal.

## SUMMARY OF THE REGISTER OF SURVEYORS

Surveyors registered at 30 June 2001	94
<b>New Registrations</b>	
Per Letter of Accreditation from Reciprocating Boards	0
Per Certificate of Competency	1
Restoration	0
<b>Removal of Name from Register</b>	
Non- payment of Annual Fee	2
Removal at own request	1
Surveyors registered at 30 June 2002	92

## **EXAMINATIONS**

The Board conducted a professional assessment examination in September 2001 for one applicant. The applicant, Ms Nannette Helder, was successful and received a certificate of competency.

The Board commenced the year with five training agreements for students undertaking training with licensed surveyors. One student completed their training agreement and two students withdrew, making two training agreements current on 30 June 2002.

## **FINANCE**

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2002 are appended to this report. The Board had an operating deficit for the year of \$1,468. The Trust Account balance on the 30 June 2002 was \$10,121.

## **COUNCIL OF THE RECIPROCATING SURVEYORS' BOARDS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

The Chairman, Mr G West, attended two meetings of the Council of the Reciprocating Surveyors' Boards of Australia and New Zealand (CRSBANZ).

The meeting in Brisbane on 28 September 2001 was the first meeting under the new administration model. The CRSBANZ now holds meetings twice a year and the secretariat is funded by contributions from all Surveyors Boards. Quadrennial conferences have been discontinued. Other issues discussed, included:

- accreditation of university courses;
- competency assessment for registering cadastral surveyors;
- national guidelines for cadastral survey standards;
- land administration reform;
- Global Positioning System for cadastral surveyors; and
- calibration of survey instruments.

Further discussion on the above issues took place at the meeting in Sydney on 27 March 2002. One of the new issues discussed was the concern over privacy issues related to publishing surveyor's names and addresses on the Web.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

There were no disciplinary matters considered by the Board over the reporting period.

## **LEGISLATION**

The *Licensed Surveyors Amendment Act 2001* commenced on 26 September 2001. It makes amendments to the *Licensed Surveyors Act* to:

- (a) provide for land boundaries to be defined by geodetic coordinates;
- (b) empower the Surveyor-General to declare areas of the Northern Territory to be Coordinated Survey Areas;
- (c) remove the provision that a body corporate can be registered as a licensed surveyor;
- (d) provide for the Minister to prescribe fees relating to the lodgement and examination of survey plans; and
- (e) update the penalty provisions and render the legislation gender neutral.

## **WORKING GROUPS**

Two working groups are reviewing the current Survey Practice Directions and Plan Drawing Standards. These reviews are addressing the new legislation mentioned above, including procedures within a declared Coordinated Survey Area, the use of Global Positioning Systems and the digital lodgement of survey data. Draft Survey Practice Directions have been circulated to the survey profession for comment.

## **WEBSITE**

The Surveyors Board now has a Website hosted by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment. It is at: [www.lpe.nt.gov.au/info/survey/sboard/](http://www.lpe.nt.gov.au/info/survey/sboard/).

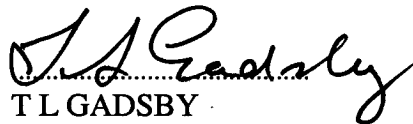
## SURVEY OPERATIONS MANUAL

The Board is working on this especially with respect to the proposed Coordinated Survey Areas.

DATED AT DARWIN ON 19 November 2002



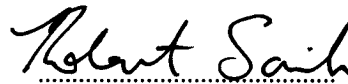
G J WEST  
Chairman



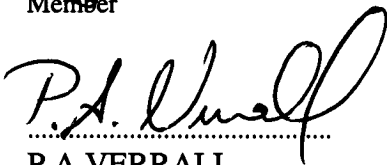
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Deputy Chairman



G L LEACH  
Member



R I SARIB  
Member



P A VERRALL  
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