



ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004

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 2003/2004 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 2004 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.

MEETINGS

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

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

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 18 February 2004. This gazette listed 84 surveyors, a decrease of four on the number listed in the 2003 gazettal.

SUMMARY OF THE REGISTER OF SURVEYORS

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|---|----|
| Surveyors registered at 30 June 2003 | 90 |
| New Registrations | |
| Per Letter of Accreditation from Reciprocating Boards | 2 |
| Per Certificate of Competency | 0 |
| Restoration | 1 |
| Removal of Name from Register | |
| Non- payment of Annual Fee | 6 |
| Removal at own request | 1 |
| Suspension | 1 |
| Surveyors registered at 30 June 2004 | 85 |

TRAINING

The Board commenced the year with two training agreements for students undertaking training with licensed surveyors. One new student lodged a training agreement and one student withdrew, leaving two training agreements current on 30 June 2004.

No professional assessment was held during the year.

FINANCE

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2004 are appended to this report. The Board had an operating surplus for the year of \$2,211. The Trust Account balance on the 30 June 2004 was \$13,423.

The Board increased its fees on 26 November 2003. The annual registration fee is now \$100 (GST exempt).

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

The Council of the Reciprocating Surveyors' Boards of Australia and New Zealand (CRSBANZ) held meetings on 26 November 2003 in Wellington and 28 May 2004 in Melbourne.

Mr G West attended and chaired both meetings.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

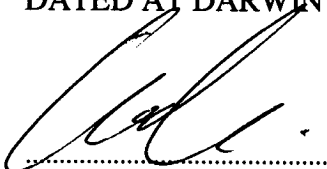
A complaint was received about two surveyors. An inquiry into this matter was completed and the Board reprimanded one surveyor and suspended the other for six months.

SURVEY PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

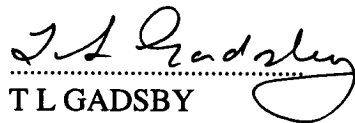
The new Survey Practice Directions were implemented on 26 November 2003. The directions include procedures for surveying within a declared Coordinated Survey Area.

No Coordinated Survey Area had been declared at 30 June 2004.

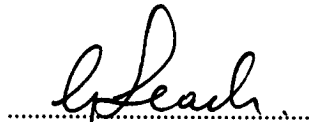
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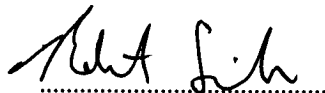
G J WEST
Chairman



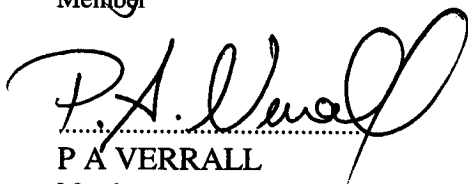
T L GADSBY
Deputy Chairman



G L LEACH
Member



R I SARIB
Member



P A VERRALL
Member