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Survey Practice Advisory Committee – SPAC

The next SPAC will comprise:

- The Surveyor-General as chair
- 3 or more registered surveyors, with 2 being professional entity representatives
- 1 or more people who are not registered surveyors and may be:
 - Associate Surveyors,
 - From the Surveying/Spatial industry, or
 - From other industry groups such as architects or builders
- Up to a maximum of 7 members

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Survey Practice Advisory Committee – SPAC

- OSGLI is currently working to start the recruitment process, once internal review processes are complete.
- At that time OSGLI will:
 - Publish the membership position descriptions and selection criteria, and
 - Call for Expressions of Interest from the professional entity and other interested people.
- In the interim the OSGLI will continue to seek advice from the profession and industry via the OSGLI Updates, polling and direct email engagement with surveyors.

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Events - ISNSW Registered Surveyors – 24 March 2026

- A range of presentations were delivered.
- Thanks to the Surveyors Trust and Geoscience Australia
- The other main presentation points were
 - SPAC recruitment,
 - Survey records and the BOSSI guideline
 - Unit Titles and Plan review.
 - Datum Ground Level issues, and a move to develop a new digital solution.
- The next event will be September 2026. Date to be confirmed.

Time	Presenter	Topic
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Arrival & Registration	
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Doors open, delegates seated	
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Simon White The Surveyors' Trust	An Update on The Surveyors' Trust
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Dr Martine Woolf Geoscience Australia	Geoscience Australia's free positioning services, including SouthPAN
6:00pm - 6:15pm	Greg Ledwidge OSGLI	OSGLI Update
6:15pm - 6:30pm	Greg Ledwidge OSGLI	Managing Field Notes & Survey Records - The proposed BOSSI Determination & related ACT Guideline
6:30pm - 7:00pm	William Steer OSGLI	Unit Titles & Plan Changes
7:00pm - 7:30pm	Greg Ledwidge OSGLI	Datum Ground Level - ACT Supreme Court Decision December 2025
7:30pm - 7:35pm	Event Close, thank you	

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Events - Associate Surveyors – 21 April 2026



- The main topics centred on training and career development
- Aaron Fleury got the audience thinking about how the exponential rate of technical change will affect surveyors' future roles.
- Damien Darmody presented the ISNSW Engineering Surveyors brand new certification.
- Greg Ledwidge presented the alternate pathways to registration including the Victorian pilot program.
- Billy Steer got the audience to step into the shoes of a plan examiner
- Ezra miller took on a UAV journey indoors without GNNS positioning.
- The next event will be October 2026. Date to be confirmed.

Program

Time	Presenter	Topic
4:50pm - 5:00pm	Arrival & Registration	
5:00pm - 5:15pm	Greg Ledwidge OSGLI	OSGLI Update and the 2025 poll
5:15pm - 5:30pm	Aaron Fleury ISNSW	The future for surveying and Registered Surveyors
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Ezra Miller UNSW Student	Indoor navigation for UAVs in GNSS denied environments
5:45pm - 6:00pm	TBC ISNSW	ISNSW Engineering Surveyor Accreditation
5:55pm - 6:05pm	Discussion & Intermission	
6:05pm - 6:30pm	Greg Ledwidge OSGLI	Training and professional development for Associate Surveyors. Future pathways to Engineering Certification and Cadastral Registration
6:30pm - 6:50pm	William Steer OSGLI	Teams exercise - Examining a survey plan
6:50pm - 7:00pm	Question & Discussion	
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Event Close, thank you	

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Certificate IV in Surveying for the ACT and regions - In 2027

OSGLI is partnering with the ACT Master Builders Association, ISNSW and Surveying Careers to deliver a Certificate IV in surveying.

Why?

- To meet the growing needs of local and regional industry and government
- To meet the minimum qualification requirements for a person to :
 - Be an ACT Associate Surveyor, and
 - Apply for the new ISNSW Engineering Surveyor Certification.



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Certificate IV in Surveying - ACT and region

When will it start? The course starts in February 2027

Where will the course be delivered? Online and face to face in Canberra

Who can study? The course will be open to anyone from ACT, NSW or beyond

What needs to be included in the course to meet the current and future challenges?

- A link to an online poll is included below. To ensure graduates are equipped to work with you or in your business please take the few minutes to complete the poll.

[Industry Poll - ACT & Regional Certificate IV in Surveying – Fill out form](#)



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OSGLI Team Update – Plan Examination

Lodgement Requirements

- Greenfield Levelling Results – the Control Survey Report
 - as part of the X Plan lodgement package
- Greenfield Datum Ground Level (DGL) Survey
 - as part of the X Plan examination, note that delayed lodgement will not hold up the plan
- EDM Calibration & GNSS Verification results
 - Reminder: SPD17(d) requires that results must be lodged after calibration or verification is completed

Handy Tips

- Licence details are found on the [Land Custodianship Map](#) & the [Development Map](#)
- MS & other helpful plans are found on the [ACT Government Land Information Directory](#) (same location as field books)
- The [MS Plan Register](#) & [DP Amendment Register](#) are found in the [Resources](#) part of the website

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Please provide any suggested changes to any [Guidelines](#) or the [SPDs](#) to: actplasurvey@act.gov.au



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OSGLI Team Update - Control Surveys

Current projects

- 2025/006 Forrest Infill Levelling (Class LF/C) - complete
- 2026/002 Dickson Infill Levelling (Class LF/C) - under contract
- 2026/003 Molonglo Valley Spine Levelling (Class LC) - RFQ closed
- 2026/004 Belconnen Spine Levelling (Class LC) - RFQ due 1/5/26

Filtering Control marks

- [The Geospatial Data Catalogue](#) is a handy tool to filter control marks by Class (and many other attributes)
- [ACTmapi](#) can filter by Type and by NAdj/Surveyed/Transformed

POSI Progress

- The DA Notice of Decision's have a provision for Preservation of Survey Infrastructure

Survey Mark - updated costs

<u>Items</u>	<u>Price ea. incl. GST</u>
CRM Brass Plaque	\$70
SRM Kit - small cover box, 1.35m GISP, ID tag	\$135
SRM Small cover box	\$115
Galvanised Iron Star Picket (GISP) 1.35m	\$15
1m stainless steel rod, top & end cap, ID tag	\$125
2m stainless steel rod, top & end cap, ID tag	\$225
Stamped ID Tag	\$5
Boundary Mark Token Kit - 10 tokens, 10 fixing pins	\$55

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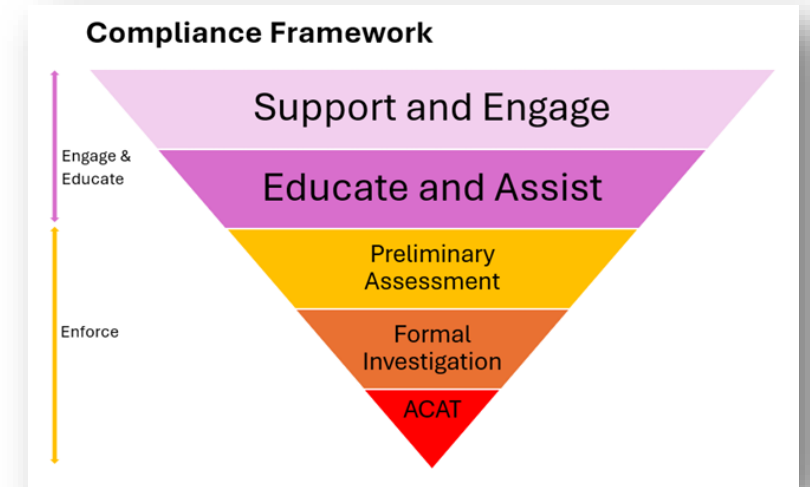
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OSGLI Survey Team Update - Compliance

Complaints

- 2 active complaints within Preliminary Assessment
 - Issues include - Inaccurate Idents, poor marking, GIPs shown gone & later found, questionable supervision & insufficient field notes
- 2 complaints of un-registered surveyors doing Land Surveys



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Guideline No. 24

Occupational Discipline: Compliance & Investigations

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Audits – coming soon

- Detail Surveys
- Supervision Records

Identification Surveys

- Ensure offsets are shown to each end of the wall
- Appears some surveyors use design rather than measurements

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Guideline 17 – Units Plan Review

G17 amendment Process:

- Now - please provide your suggestions to actplasurvey@act.gov.au
- Next - Government internal review – OSGLI, LTO & UT
- Later this year a Draft will be sent to industry for further comments

Some of the proposed changes:

- General clarification of UP requirements
- Clarify when & where to show offsets
- Unit and Subsidiary Index renamed to Subsidiary and Address Index
- Requirements of Site Plans for stratum parcels
- Must show purpose of each subsidiary
- Add a section on mezzanines
- Add a section on Boundary Authorities and amendments

More detailed information from the presentation delivered on March 26 will soon be published on the website [Resources - City and Environment Directorate - Planning](#)



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Guideline No. 17

Standards and Specifications for
Units Plans

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OSGLI Land Information Team Update - One Stop Shop

- New plans are being added to the One Stop Shop including:
 - MS & MISC Plans
 - District & Division DPs
 - DP Survey Reports
 - Reference documents
 - ACT Border Plans (coming soon)

see the link: [ACT Government Land Information Directory](#)

- New print templates are available
- The Beta version of the One Stop Shop has been running for a few months.
- Now is the time to provide feedback about how its working for you. Please email spatialdata@act.gov.au



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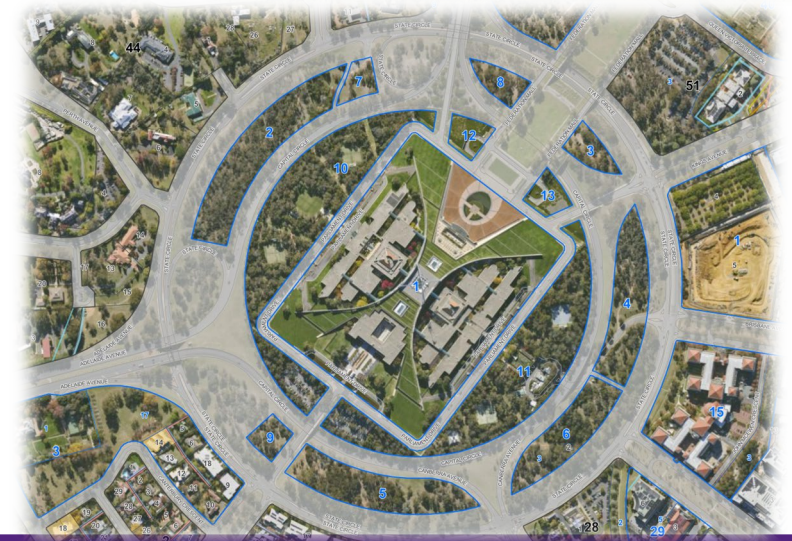
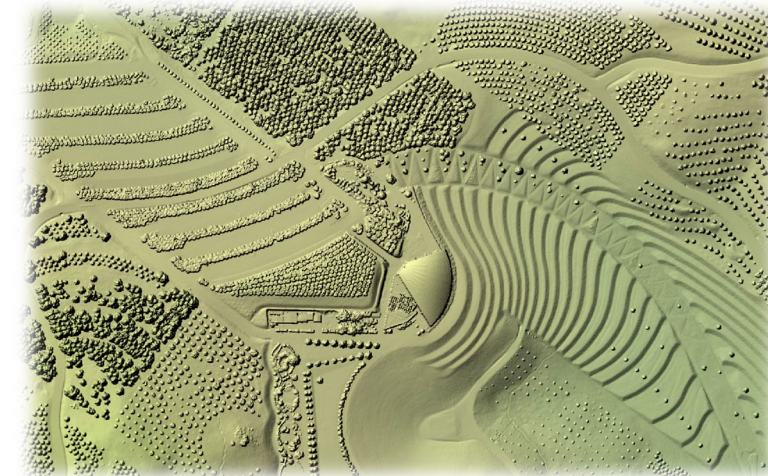


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OSGLI Land Information Team Update – LiDAR & Aerial Imagery

- LiDAR approved.
 - Vertical Contour interval of 1 metre
 - 0.5 m soon depending on further checking.
 - Tree canopy dataset available soon
- Tree canopy dataset will be available
- Aerial Photography contract ends 30/6/2026.
- A new imagery capture program intended to start next financial year. Budget dependent.



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Future Events

GeoRabble Canberra - returns

- A chance to engage with our geospatial colleagues
- At King O'Malley's in the City, 6.30 pm on 7 May 2026



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/georabble-canberra-7th-may-2026-tickets-1987185171341?aff=oddtcreator>

ISNSW Rural Survey Bootcamp

- If you would like to be better prepared for the BOSSI Rural Survey Exam, then this may be for you.
- Location is in Goulburn, NSW, from 7 May to 9 May 2026

<https://www.surveyors.org.au/eventdetails/37486/isnsw-rural-surveying-bootcamp-2026-save-the-date>



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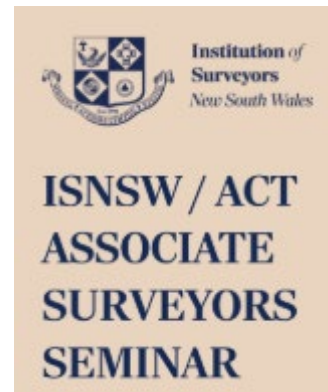
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BOSSI Candidate Workshop

- A chance to learn what is required in the BOSSI pathway to registration
- AT Kurri Kurri, NSW from 29 to 30 May 2026

ISNSW (ACT) Associate Surveyor Twilight event

- October 2026 – Date to be confirmed
- Supported by OSGLI



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Let's Locate Canberra

3 events for this year

- Geospatial Day to be postponed till later in the year. Date to be confirmed.
- Planning and Geospatial Day - 6 to 9 July 2026
- Surveying and Mapping Day – 28 September to 1 October 2026

We are looking for sponsors, and we will be in touch soon



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LET'S LOCATE IS A GEOSPATIAL STEM SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YEARS 10 TO 12.

Let's Locate is a 4-day school holiday program where you'll get hands on with high tech equipment and explore how urban planning affects where you live. You will work with industry experts to solve a real world planning issue while using the latest geospatial capabilities in ACTmapi and the Digital Atlas of Australia.

Get hands-on with high-tech equipment, learn from industry experts, and discover how we map, survey and shape local communities.

If you're into tech, design or just want to see your world differently — this is for you!

6 JUL - 9 JUL 2026

\$185 PER STUDENT - COVERS REGISTRATION & LUNCH FOR 4 DAYS
16 SPACES AVAILABLE - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 29 JUNE

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LET'S LOCATE
Geospatial Day, ACT

For students in Years 10, 11 or 12 interested in a career in STEM. For college students must be completing Methods level mathematics or higher. This event provides students with real world examples of the maths that they have studied in school.

Students will be supervised in the use of high tech surveying equipment to take readings to solve surveying problems. Activities include calculating the annual shift of the Australian continental plate, calculating the height of a building, set-out of a building and the opportunity for students to develop a map using open source data.

WHEN?
Monday 4th May 2026 from 10am to 2pm

WHERE?
Geoscience Australia, 101 Jerrabomberra Ave, Symonston ACT 2609

TO BOOK
For more information or to register [CLICK HERE](#)
Registrations close Friday 24th April.

A total of 75 students may attend, this will be capped on a first come basis.

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