



THE SURVEYORS BOARD of the NORTHERN TERRITORY

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ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009

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*, the Board has prepared the following report for the 2008/2009 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 2009 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** – First appointed 1 September 2000 from applications received. Re-appointed 27 September 2004 from applications received. Appointment ended 27 September 2008.

Mr G L Leach – First appointed 28 February 1996 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia. Re-appointed 1 September 2000, 27 September 2004 and 24 October 2008 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia.

Other Members : **Mr A F Bakunowicz** – Appointed 24 October 2008 from applications received.

: **Mr R S Maddocks** – Appointed 24 October 2008 from applications received.

: **Mr R I Sarib** – First appointed 29 February 2000 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia. Re-appointed 1 September 2000, 27 September 2004 and 24 October 2008 from nominations made by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia.

: **Mr P A Verrall** – First appointed 1 September 2000 from applications received. Re-appointed 27 September 2004 from applications received. Appointment ended 27 September 2008.

The current term of the appointed members expires on 24 October 2012

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 8995 5359 and the website is www.nt.gov.au/surveyorsboard.

MEETINGS

During the year the Board held two meetings in Darwin. All of the current members attended both meetings.

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 11 March 2009. This gazette listed 76 surveyors, one surveyor more than was listed in the 2008 gazettal.

SUMMARY OF THE REGISTER OF SURVEYORS

Surveyors registered at 30 June 2008	83
New Registrations	
Under the <i>Mutual Recognition (Northern Territory) Act</i>	1
Restored to the Register	
Under the <i>Licensed Surveyors Act</i>	1
Removal of Name from Register	
Removal at own request	8
Surveyors registered at 30 June 2009	77

TRAINING

The Board commenced the year with three training agreements for students undertaking training with licensed surveyors. Two new students lodged training agreements, resulting in five training agreements being current on 30 June 2009.

No professional assessment was held during the year.

FINANCE

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2009 are appended to this report. The Board had an operating deficit for the year of \$3,490. The Trust Account balance on the 30 June 2009 was \$27,638.

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

The Council of the Reciprocating Surveyors' Boards of Australia and New Zealand held meetings on 3 February 2009 (teleconference) and 8 May 2009 in Canberra.

Mr G West attended both meetings.

INVESTIGATOR'S COURSE

Two Board members attended the Practical Investigation and Inquiry Course organised by the Surveyors Board of Queensland. The course is specifically designed for investigator's inquiring into complaints against licensed surveyors and is endorsed by the Council of the Reciprocating Surveyors' Boards of Australia and New Zealand.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

One complaint was received. An inquiry was held and actions taken. The resolution of the matter is in progress.


LEGISLATION

Reviews of the *Licensed Surveyors Act*, Survey Practice Directions and Plan Drawing Standards are in progress.

Preparation of Survey Practice Directions and Plan Drawing Standards for the new *Unit Title Scheme Act* is in progress.

No Coordinated Survey Area had been declared at 30 June 2009.


DATED AT DARWIN ON 4th November.....2009



G J WEST
Chairman



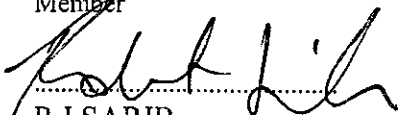
G L LEACH
Deputy Chairman



A F BAKUNOWICZ
Member



R S MADDOCKS
Member



R I SARIB
Member