



Staig & Smith Newsletter

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Orotho Aerial Photography

Last issue we told you about our Quad Copter which we use to take aerial photos of sites. With a number of set up reference points, we are then able to ortho-rectify aerial photographs to provide an accurate, scaled aerial. You may remember that we showed you a photo of the Motueka St intersection upgrade where we provided Council with a survey accurate image of the completed works. We can create a digital surface model from the photography & then use this surface for other purposes such as calculating the volume of quarry stockpiles or excavations, something beneficial to the mining industry where quantities of material are required.

Another system we have in place is a partnership with Skysurv who fly remote sites to provide us with aerial photographs on a larger scale, from which we are able to ortho-rectify to create true to scale aerial photographs.

This is most suitable in areas of difficult or remote terrain, when flying over the site can reduce time accessing the site & provide valuable survey data in the form of a digital surface model.

We recently used Skysurv on a site in North Canterbury to provide a digital model of a several potential dam sites, from which we were then able to accurately calculate storage capacity.



Staff Update

Steve Odinot is our Managing Director. He is one of our two Subdivision Management Consultants, so he is a 'go to' man for Christchurch & subdivision projects.

Steve loves new technologies and has been instrumental in getting S&S into Laser Scanning & aerial surveying.

Steve's favourite pastime outside of work is rowing & he was instrumental in setting up the Corporate 8 Rowing Challenge, in which S&S came Runner-Up in its inaugural year.

Steve was stroke of the South Island Eight at the recent NZ Masters Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro.



Cycle trail

Our Social Club organized another family social event, of biking/walking Rabbit Island, crossing over the Waimea River on the Flat Bottom Ferry to Mapua & back.

Mapua means abundance. In 1945 the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company, next to Māpua port, began producing organochlorine pesticides. Chemicals contaminated the soil, groundwater & sediments in the nearby estuary. The plant closed in 1988 & in 1999 the government helped the Tasman District Council fund its cleanup.

Now cleared, the Council have rezoned this site suitable for Compact Density Developments that may have up to 50% site coverage.

The Council have recently consulted the public on proposed changes to the Mapua Mooring Area. A mooring within the existing Mooring Area is a Controlled Activity. Within the proposed extension, moorings remain Discretionary until such time as a Plan Change occurs.

Council Update

Te Tau Ihu—Statutory Acknowledgement



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The three Council's at the top of the south have recently signed a Statutory Acknowledgement with eight Iwi who have cultural, spiritual, historical & traditional association in the area.

A Statutory Acknowledgement is a type of cultural redress frequently included in Treaty Settlements between the Crown & Iwi. A Statutory Acknowledgement recognises the particular cultural, spiritual, historical & traditional association of an Iwi with the identified site/area.

Statutory Acknowledgements are usually provided over Crown-owned portions of land or geographic features, such as lakes, rivers, wetlands, mountains or coastal marine areas. With respect to bodies of water such as lakes, rivers & wetlands, the Statutory Acknowledgement excludes any part of the bed not owned or controlled by the Crown.

Statutory Acknowledgements seek to enhance the ability of Iwi to participate in specified Resource Management Act 1991 processes, with Councils being required to have regard to the Statutory Acknowledgement. This means that Councils must have regard to the effects of activities on identified 'Statutory Areas' when deciding whether a relevant Iwi is an affected party.

What does this mean to your resource consent application? Upon receipt of each application, the Council will be required to make an assessment as to whether the activity sought will have an impact upon a 'Statutory Area'. If Council decides that the activity will have an effect on the Iwi's association of the 'Statutory Area', they will be considered an affected party & consultation will be required. It is possible that Iwi may require a Cultural Impact Assessment to be undertaken.

As there is often cross over between various Iwi & their association to areas, it is possible that consultation will be required with all 8 Iwi. Due to their different associations with areas, an activity may effect the Iwi in different ways. In this instance, a range of Cultural Impact Assessments, or Iwi Monitoring Officers may be required.

The Councils are still in the infancy of giving effect to the Te Tau Ihu Statutory Acknowledgement & we are waiting details as to how they envisage the document working. In the meantime, we aim to work closely with both Councils & Iwi to develop an effective consultation process to ensure the outcomes of the consents are to the benefit of all parties.

To view maps identifying where the top of the south 'Statutory Areas' are, use the following link:
<http://maps.marlborough.govt.nz/treaty/portal/>



Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014

Prior to the election, the Government passed legislation which requires Councils to reassess their Development Contributions to make them fairer & more transparent, & to ensure that they do not contribute unnecessarily to rising housing costs.

The Councils are therefore undertaking a review of their Contributions Policies & are required by 1 December 2014, to have in place proposed changes to begin public consultation for final implementation by 1 July 2015.

In the meantime, if you are in the midst of developing, the Council may continue to rely upon the current Policy Structure.

Contact Jackie McNae for updates on Development Contributions & how the changes may affect your development: 03 545 6881.