



## **Report to the Association of Surveyors of Papua New Guinea on the operations of the Papua New Guinea Surveyors Board 2021 – 2022.**

This report covers the period from May 2021 up to and including 27th August, 2022.

Following my previous report two meetings were held in December 2021 to examine the applications for registration by Stanis Anea and Joshua Seleng.

Both of these candidates were successful and consequently registered.

As a result of the retirement of two of the DLPP members (Chris Manda and Damake Murio) a new Board was gazetted on 4th May, 2022 and sworn in on 20th May, 2022.

Jack Bakus (Chairman) and Stanis Anea are the DLPP representatives whilst Terence Kuniaka, Gairo Waigeno and Bill McKibben are the ASPNG representatives.

The first meeting of the current board was held immediately after the swearing in of the members at Eda Tauno Building on 20th May, 2022. Bill McKibben was appointed Deputy Chairman.

A further meeting was held on 1st July, 2022 and the next meeting is planned for 28th September.

Business discussed at the recent meetings and also in many previous meetings that require urgent attention include:-

- The sudden closure of the three Regional offices.
- Surveyors being removed from the Register under Section 19C(1) of the Survey Act for non-payment of outstanding subscriptions. Those who have paid their outstanding arrears have been restored to the Register.
- Very few practical examinations by cadets have been lodged in recent times and with the passing of surveyors the numbers are greatly reduced from past levels.
- The need for the Survey Directions to be updated which is the responsibility of the Office of Surveyor General.
- The need for Cadastral Noting Maps to be updated. This has been ongoing for a number of years and although some updates have been carried out recently there is still a lot to be done.
- Plan registration procedures and the issuing of Legal Cadastral Descriptions at DLPP requires attention. It is extremely difficult to get plans registered in a timely manner although DLPP staff seem to have their survey plans registered promptly. The current system where plans are borrowed, scanned and then returned to DLPP is unacceptable, the scans should be done at DLPP.
- EDM calibration bases – there are no current EDM calibration bases in PNG.

- Publication of lists of registered surveyors should be published annually as is specified in the Survey Act. This has not been done for many years and has to be addressed.
- The carrying out of private surveys by DLPP staff and Provincial Government Surveyors has been ongoing for many years and continues to this day.
- The extremely poor standard of plan examination by DLPP staff was to have been addressed by having private examiners for surveys submitted by private surveyors. This has not been enforced mainly because DLPP staff still examine surveys from private surveyors for a fee, in government paid time.

Many of the above issues have been ongoing for a number of years and with the reduced staff numbers due to the closure of the regional offices I cannot see any improvement in the future.

The Office of Surveyor General is understaffed and requires necessary equipment such as a scanner and appropriate equipment and software in order that it can function efficiently.

Assistance should be sought from aid programs or Land Mobilization funds to address these issues.

I also suggest that ASPNG make a direct approach to the Minister in order that these issues can be brought to his attention and hopefully addressed.

The number of Registered Surveyors currently stands at forty-three (43) as per the attached list.



Bill McKibben,  
Deputy Chairman.  
26th August, 2022.



The Association of Surveyors  
of  
Papua New Guinea Inc.

**Surveyors Registered by the PNG SURVEYORS BOARD as of 1st July, 2022.**

<b>Reg No</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Date Registered</b>
258	Stanis Ama	Anea	17/12/2021
210	Phineas Jonathon	Aupol	30/06/1988
244	Jack Yakutung	Bakus	17/08/1998
257	Masang Timothy	Bangindo	19/10/2018
253	John	Bavul	18/03/2005
165	Michael John	Baxter	18/01/1982
187	Zerike Koane	Duambo	8/02/1985
222	Xavier	Eko	11/05/1992
172	Maraga Max	Gabutu	27/02/2001
242	Hudson Harea	Hape	20/01/2000
251	Tony	Ilave	6/01/2003
221	Lionel	Jarigi	11/05/1992
212	Terence Krawari	Kuniaka	28/04/1989
24	Michael James	Larmer	31/12/1970
203	Blasius	Lendu	27/01/1988
254	Conrad Michael	Lenz	31/07/2012
235	Chris	Manda	2/05/1995
220	Ellison	Mapua	8/11/1991
190	Nicholas Meros	Matui	28/05/1985
161	William David	McKibben	14/09/1981
226	Rea	Minao	18/02/1993
250	Petrus Terence	Murake	10/08/2001
243	Damake Dao	Murio	14/08/1998
215	Clement Lewis	Nakia	4/11/1989
219	Geno	Oraevele	17/02/1992
249	Charles Warecka	Ouba	14/12/2000
143	Skerry Nicholas	Palanga	23/05/1980
135	Joseph Cholai	Polume	8/12/1978
124	Paul Kup	Pora	3/02/1993
195	Frederic Camden	Pratt	3/05/1986
223	Justo	Raepa	21/08/1992
230	Ketiri Gahunu	Rahonimo	12/11/1993
163	Kila Obaha	Ranu	7/12/1981
229	Francis	Rave	13/06/1993
259	Joshua	Seleng	17/12/2021
156	Clement Damino	Sipara	22/05/1981
183	Edward	Still	3/07/1984
240	John Frank Hollies	Ulai	4/12/1995
180	Vaki	Vailala	5/01/1984
171	Gairo Nipulu	Waigeno	14/05/1982
248	Herman	Woimba	21/05/1999
188	Joseph Nd'Feli	Wukawa	8/02/1985
205	Pope Simon	Yambaki	27/01/1988