

# Queensland Spatial Excellence Awards 2017

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### Professional of the Year Award

#### Kevin McDougall

Professor Kevin McDougall is the Head of the School of Civil Engineering and Surveying at the University of Southern Queensland. He has over 28 years of experience of teaching at a tertiary level leading the changes as technology evolved. Kevin has worked tirelessly to improve the standards of the surveying profession. He has acted as a bridge between academia and industry to ensure the next generation of surveyors are well-equipped for the challenges of working in a technological generation. As a Registered Surveyor Kevin has extensive industry and consulting experience. He has been instrumental in highlighting the positive features of Queensland surveying to an international audience through his numerous academic papers.

#### Outstanding performance

Kevin McDougall is the head of the only university in Queensland where surveying is taught at a tertiary level. Kevin's leadership has ensured that USQ's surveying courses have remained current, relevant and outstanding. Kevin has ensured that current and past surveying students and professionals are regularly updated in the latest technology by organising regular industry events at USQ for exchange of ideas and professional development. Kevin's leadership at USQ has ensured that the spatial sciences course are highly sought after and current enrolments in the spatial science program exceed 750 students. Kevin has ensured that surveying and the spatial sciences are highly relevant in the university's view through expansion in the Springfield campus. Kevin has also ensured that USQ's online courses in spatial sciences are one of the best in the country.

Kevin has been an authoritative voice in influencing the DNRM's policies in surveying and spatial sciences. He is regularly sought after for his insight and advice by members of the profession including the SSSI Queensland Chair.

Kevin has ensured that surveying and spatial organisations are well represented by encouraging his staff members to join, contribute and learn from participating in these bodies including the Surveyors Board of Queensland, and the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association. Kevin has been instrumental in developing and accrediting new programs in surveying and GIS and thus increasing the industry profile of the profession.

He has critically managed academic quality and program development for the improvement of the surveyors joining the profession.

Kevin is highly regarded in the industry, in academia, and by members of the local and state government and is very renowned nationally and internationally. He is generous in making his time available for guidance to current and future surveying and spatial professionals and has volunteered in numerous spatial science bodies.

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His connections and linkages to local and state government in Queensland enables him to facilitate communications at the highest level to achieve best outcomes for the profession and to the current students by contributing to projects of high environmental and regulatory impact. His has been regularly invited to present at events and universities such as the University of Twente in the Netherlands.

He was the Program Coordinator for the 2008 and 2010 SSC Queensland Conferences and has been a long standing member of the profession which was acknowledged by his election as a Fellow in 2010.

### Judges' Comments

“Kevin is a worthy recipient of this award as his leadership in the surveying and spatial sectors has lead to University of Southern Qld being a leading and currently largest provider of undergraduates to the industry on Australia. His commitment to his profession is recognised through his active participation within the private, government and academic sectors.”

“Kevin shows outstanding commitment to the spatial sciences industry as a dedicated professional and as an advocate and adviser to government, and to the further education and professional development of his students”.