

# Queensland Spatial Excellence Awards 2017

## Citation

### Women's Leadership Award

#### Megan Dillon

Megan Dillon is a Registered Surveyor with over ten years' experience in the local government sector. In April 2014, Megan graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a Bachelor of Spatial Science with First Class Honors, and was presented the University Medal which is the University's most prestigious award. She received the Surveyors Board of Queensland & USQ Prize, and the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute Centenary Prize, presented for demonstrating a sincere interest in the profession.

From this time and possibly before, Megan has been actively involved with the Northern Group Committee and is currently the Mackay Town Group Convenor and has held this position since January 2015.

Megan is also a member of the Department of Natural Resources & Mines System Review. She has been regular stakeholder this year for The Cadastral and Geodetic Services systems review project which has coordinated a number of workshops and meetings over a ten week period, involving people from DNRM and external stakeholders who regularly use cadastral, geodetic and addressing data and Spatial Information

Megan has developed & tested the ADAC system using 12D software for Mackay Regional Council, presented on the DCDB upgrading at Mackay Regional Council at QSSC 2017 and played a role in defining a new business model for the Mackay Regional Council Workshop.

Within Council, Megan is regularly involved with the construction crews for Machine Control files, training for software upgrades and general support.

Megan excelled in her University studies, highlighting spatial sciences as a profession accessible to men and women.

Megan has, and continues to, make a significant and lasting contribution. In a few short years Megan has progressed from finishing university to actively contributing to the profession, showing leadership. She demonstrates strong leadership qualities and is a role model for the profession.

#### Judges' Comments

"Deserving of this award. Involved in the industry at Local and State levels"

"Megan has shown outstanding dedication to her profession and demonstrated strong leadership in willingness to adopt and introduce change within the area of influence."

"Megan has excelled in her studies. She remains engaged with our profession by continuing her professional development, by supporting her employer and community and by providing her expertise where required. Megan leads by example and is a great role model for women in the spatial industry."