

Member benefits

Members assign their copyright to The Surveyors' Trust and in return receive:



Free membership and member badge



Bi-monthly newsletter



Scholarship invitations



Mentoring program



PlanXchange

The opportunity to participate in the PlanXchange archive for:

- Access to past and future plans at reduced rates
- Access to superior searching and document management systems for survey plans (note that there is a fee for participation depending on how many searches you do). For more information about the Queensland PlanXchange, go to globalxterrain.com/products-services/queensland



Free and subsidised events invitations

Including AGM and annual Christmas party.



Personal satisfaction of contributing to the surveying industry

Our commitment to you

Every year The Surveyors' Trust allocates funds from the pooled royalties from the sale of survey plans to deliver:

A history project

Communicate the historical significance of surveying to all stakeholders.

An education project

Offer key subjects to give experienced surveyors a commercial edge and protect against new market entrants.

A skills project

Develop a certificate program alongside our industry partners to advance the skills of emerging surveyors.

An industry project

To strengthen the surveying industry.

A bursary / scholarship

To provide two surveyors with either an education program or a skills program each year.

Industry mentoring program

To foster relationships and knowledge-sharing.

More information

For more information and to sign up to become a member of The Surveyors' Trust, please visit thesurveyorstrust.org.au.

Become a member

Joining is easy...

Step 1

Complete the membership application form (approximately 10 minutes to complete). See thesurveyorstrust.org.au for the online form.

Step 2

Sign the deed (electronic signing is available for companies).

Step 3

Your application will be reviewed and approved by The Surveyors' Trust board.

Step 4

Receive your membership kit.

Step 5

If you have taken the PlanXchange option, start uploading your plans to PlanXchange.



THE SURVEYORS' TRUST

Collective investment
in knowledge

Membership Information Kit



Who we are

The Surveyors' Trust is a vibrant community of surveying and spatial professionals and organisations.

We work together as a collective – pooling the royalties we receive from the sale of the plans that we develop.

These pooled funds are invested in capital and education projects to achieve recognition and sustainability for the surveying and spatial industry.

What we do

As a Board, and in collaboration with the surveying industry, we apply the pooled funds to projects that:

- Advance the expertise of surveyors and have the expertise of surveyors recognised by industry stakeholders and decision makers.
- Protect the ongoing sustainability of Australia's surveying and spatial industry and protect the associated intellectual property.

Our vision statement

The Surveyors' Trust is a vibrant community of spatial professionals, pooling collective royalties and investing in capital and education projects to achieve sustainability for the surveying and spatial industry.

Landmark achievement

Did you know that The Surveyors' Trust is the only organisation of its kind in the world? And that the Trust is only possible due to the tenacity of the founding Board Directors who took the matter of surveyors being recognised for their intellectual property all the way to the High Court?

“Without the Trust, surveyors would not be recognised for their contribution or have ownership over their works.

Our core values

The Surveyors' Trust's core values are what our organisation stands for, what we believe in, what we are trying to achieve and what we are known for. These values underpin the selection criteria of funded projects and strategic decision making. They include:



Education

All surveyors are educated to a high, consistent standard and achieve recognised qualifications.



Professional development

All surveyors continue to expand their knowledge over the life of their career.



Mentoring

Experienced surveyors support less experienced surveyors and advance the “industry of tomorrow”.



Recognition

Surveyors are acknowledged for their contribution to society.



Sharing

Royalties from centrally stored intellectual property are reinvested in projects to advance the surveying and spatial industry.



Ethics

Surveyors uphold the integrity of the surveying and spatial industry.



Quality and innovation

Surveyors conduct high quality, evidenced-based work and seek innovative approaches that will advance the surveying and spatial industry.

How does the trust work?

Step 1

Surveyors create plans for their clients. These may be plans for subdivisions, other cadastral plans, engineering plans, as-constructed plans etc. The current priority is cadastral plans.

Step 2

The surveyors lodge plans in the appropriate registering authority and also upload these plans to PlanXchange.

Step 3

When stakeholders purchase the plans to use for their own purposes from PlanXchange, a royalty is paid to The Surveyors' Trust. The Trust currently receives funds from the operations of the PlanXchange (via royalties and transaction fees).

Plans purchased direct from the registering authority incur a royalty payment to Copyright Agency Limited (CAL, the declared collection society under the Copyright Act) and this royalty, less administration costs, is passed on to the Trust.

Step 4

The Surveyors' Trust pools the royalties and reinvests the funds into projects and initiatives that advance the industry.

Step 5

Members participating in and contributing to PlanXchange have access to plans at reduced costs and to document management systems whereby they can access previously purchased plans as a value-add of membership — in effect, a cloud based secure plan storage facility.