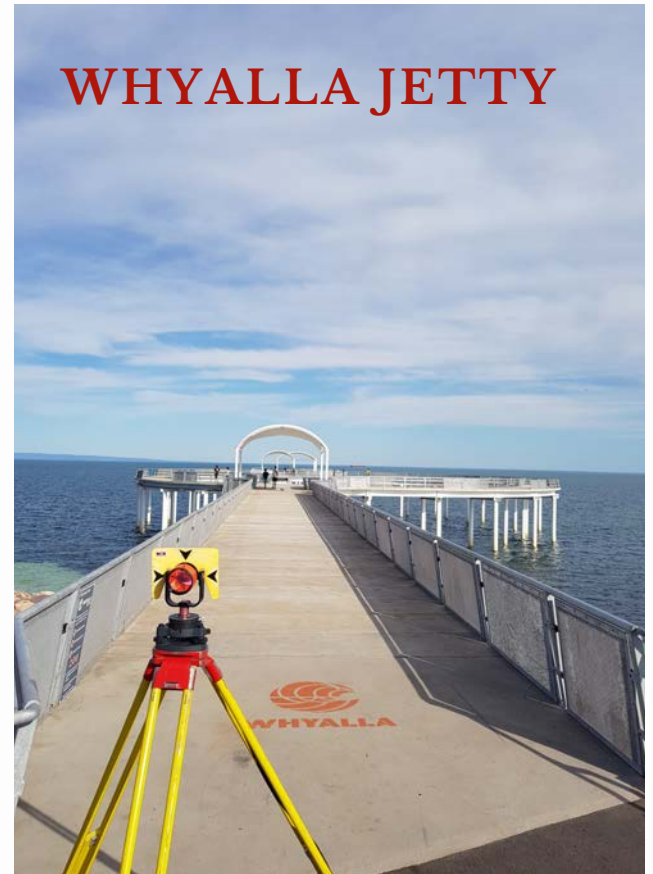




Whyalla Jetty at night



## WHYALLA JETTY

## Editorial -

We had thought 2021 may have started a little less Covid-19 dramatic, but several States continue to work hard to keep this virus under wraps.

With all this uncertainty, the property market in Adelaide seems to be going from strength to strength. We have certainly had plenty of enquiries about opportunities to develop property over the past few months and anecdotally Real Estate Agents have reported they can't find enough properties to sell.

According to the Land Services SA website, between Dec 2020 and Jan 2021, there were 2455 land parcels created compared with 1616 for the same period the year before. Certainly, it looks like plenty of building activity about to happen in 2021.

In this newsletter we share the announcement of the new planning system that is about to commence in March, and will hopefully ensure all these transactions will be highly efficient and support development growth in SA.

We introduce Liam, who brings Underground Service Locating into our firm, and also have highlighted a couple of interesting recent projects we have been involved with.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and the upcoming Festival season in Adelaide.

Ed - Michael



The newly constructed Whyalla Jetty is certainly worth visiting.

Lots of space for fishing, with the circular pier adding artistic pleasure as well as a great walk for adult and child alike.

Whyalla's previous jetty, (122m in length) was destroyed by fire (while being demolished), in September 2019. The new jetty measures 315m with open sections for children and people in wheelchairs to admire the view, three shade shelters, and sliding sleeves on the top handrail for fishing.

The LED lighting makes it rather spectacular in the evening.

We have been very fortunate to be involved in some of the pre design surveying for this new jetty, including measuring the existing jetty prior to demolition and creating a new parcel of land for this valuable piece of infrastructure.

Keep an eye out for the TV show, The Amazing Race Australia, as we've heard they'll be visiting Whyalla.

## Vietnamese Monument

Michael Grear Surveys were privileged to have a small part to play in the construction of this amazing monument to our Vietnamese Community.

This monument, found in the city along Memorial Drive, is a strong reminder of the struggles the Vietnamese Community had to begin their new lives in Australia and their optimism looking to the future.

*Quote* ..... You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.

- Rosa Parks



Answers to Christmas Bon Bon Jokes from the **Spring Survey Datum**-

- 1. Who is Santa's favourite singer? **Elf-is Presley!**
- 2. What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? **The elf-abet!**
- 3. What carol is heard in the desert? **O camel ye faithful!**
- 4. What says 'Oh-Oh-Oh' **Santa walking backward!**

## Underground Service Locator Welcome Liam



Liam is our Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) Accredited Underground Service Locator. Liam shares his time between locating underground services for clients and assisting Surveyors more generally with their various projects.

Before any kind of excavation/ construction work commences, an Underground Service Locator should be engaged. Liam is qualified and able to detect services that are sub-surface using our Radiodetection (RD7100/7000) Cable and Service Locators to help make your project safe.

Feel free to contact our office for any queries you may have in this area.



Liam at Work

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# Planning and Design Code

IT'S OFFICIAL!

The new Planning and Design Code for the Metro area is almost upon us.

“South Australia’s new planning system will be implemented on 19 March 2021.

The third and final stage of the State Government’s Planning and Design Code (the Code) is set to go live in metropolitan areas of South Australia on Friday 19 March 2021.

The activation of the new planning system for metropolitan areas will mark a major milestone for planning and development in South Australia. It’s the state’s biggest reform of planning in 25 years and represents a whole system transformation that will deliver contemporary policies via a modern digital system.

Stakeholders now have a month to explore the ePlanning system, and familiarise themselves with how the PlanSA portal works in preparation for Phase Three ‘go live’ on Friday 19 March.”



One of the first things you will notice after March 19, is the searching power of the new system which allows the public and consultants alike to search planning rules simply with the address.

Speak to one of the Team at Michael Gear Surveys if you would like to know more.

# COMPETITION TIME

Word Target –

I O P  
C E I  
N R S

How many 4+ letter words can you find, always using the middle letter?

Can you work out the 9 letter word that Michael Gear Surveys always strive for?

Contact our office with your answers (+ a prize).

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