

Dear ICSM members,

As the chair of ICSM I wanted to reach out to all members of the ICSM in these challenging times as we all deal with COVID-19, and to let you know of some developments.

ICSM is still operating, albeit in new ways:

- the Executive Office prepared ICSM's contributions to the ANZLIC meeting that was held virtually last week, all while working from home;
- the ELVIS Working Group (formally ELVIS Steering Committee) also met virtually in April, something the ICSM Executive will also do in the next month or so;
- and recently with the development of the ANZLIC 2020-24 Strategy, ICSM and ANZLIC are now working together more closely than ever.

Additionally, the ICSM Executive Office has brought forward the timeline on revamping our internal newsletters for all ICSM members – this email forming the first of a series of emails that you can expect to receive from me and the Executive Office over the next few months.

We will use this mechanism to keep everyone up to date with ICSM developments and achievements and also over the next month or so, to help breakdown some of the changes that are happening as a result of the new 2020-24 ANZLIC Strategy. Particularly these will break down:

- The new ANZLIC Strategy and what it means for ICSM
- How those changes affect the ICSM committees
- Why these changes will result in a change of name of committees

I look forward to sharing this information with you and finding new ways for ICSM to operate now and into the future.

If you have any ideas you would like to share, or any questions, comments or suggestions for future newsletter topics please send them through to [ICSM@ga.gov.au](mailto:ICSM@ga.gov.au).

And lastly, I appreciate that these are challenging times for us all as we navigate how to juggle changing work and family routines, as well as continuing to drive our work forward both in our own jurisdictions and in ICSM. ICSM still needs to deliver on many of the exciting initiatives we are progressing at the moment but we are also appreciating that there may be some things that slip – we will be able to manage those, so long as they are communicated, so please talk to your committee chair if you are dubious about hitting any deadlines. I value each and every ICSM member and the contributions you make to progressing our crucial work in providing leadership to Australia's public and private spatial sectors and I want you to first and foremost look after yourself, your loved ones and your colleagues – we are all in this together.

I'll be in touch soon,  
Simon

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