

LandTeam Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

LandTeam Christmas Closing Dates

All LandTeam Branch Offices will be closed over the Christmas period from Monday 23 December 2013 and reopening Monday 6 January 2014.

A Word From LandTeam's Manager

Welcome to the Christmas 2013 Edition of LandTeam's Newsletter

Well, the year has 'flown' - the pace of business in Australia is at an all time high. The demand on workers and clients alike to be contactable and accessible has never been at a higher level. The written word format (email, Facebook, LinkedIn, text, twitter) of communication far surpasses the traditional oral format of communication. With this comes the inherent and unwritten expectations of 'reply'. How many of you have found yourself receiving an email 'lecture' for not replying to an earlier email to which you are formulating or researching a response?

I remember well my time as a BHP surveyor in the mid 1970s. It was a fantastic job that allowed me to experience many outback and remote areas of Australia - working on various BHP projects across the country. Mobile phones, PCs, emails and not even the fax were around—rather telex, fixed line phones and the satellite telephone were the means of communication. But even these often did not help you in remote Australia where contact to home from the job was by post and the odd satellite telephone call! (Yes, a letter by post to home! How long since you have written a non-business letter?)

I was fortunate enough during September/October to spend some weeks in Europe visiting the Oktoberfest in Munich, some time in Austria, a few weeks in France and some time in the Netherlands. Whilst there is an evident working life in Europe the pace varies remarkably from that in Australia - How many of you shut the office doors at 12 midday and return from lunch at 2pm after dining in a local restaurant with friends or co-workers? How many of you spend two hours at lunch by taking time out and walking to a nearby park and eating a sandwich, stretching and then reading a book? This happens in Europe!

I swore I would go back to work after the trip and spend some quality time 'off' work at lunch - it was not long before it was a quick sandwich, a look outside to see what sort of day it was and then back to work. However, perhaps we should all take a leaf out of the French book and slow down a little (at least for half an hour a day)



Merry Christmas to you all and all the best for a great 2014.

*Greg Goodman
Managing Director*



About Us At LandTeam

LandTeam has established itself as a diversified services sector consultancy offering its clients a fully integrated, multi-disciplinary team that provides a complete, experienced, qualified and mobile team of professionals for a wide variety of projects and developments at cost effective rates.

At LandTeam our objective is to understand our Client's needs and requirements and to co-ordinate a team of professionals to provide a product output in a timely manner that meets Client expectations.

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Prior to the survey peg being placed in the photograph opposite, the neighbor on the right 'manicured' the tree trunks to be clear of the boundary line. LandTeam Surveyors were instructed by the neighbour on the left to mark the boundary line and check all was OK. In the course of the survey work the peg was placed and the boundary line was checked to see if the trees had been unnecessarily 'manicured' The answer - the line of 'manicured' tree trunks was spot on the boundary line!

LandTeam Pre-qualified Panel Listings

LandTeam is listed on various pre-qualified professional panels - what does this mean? The pre-qualified panel process involves an organisation/authority inviting professional consulting firms to submit a detailed submission in relation to being successfully listed as a pre-qualified consultant to carry out various surveying, civil engineering, project management or town planning work for the organisation/authority. Successful panel listing means that LandTeam meets the broad corporate requirements of the respective organisation/authority. Human resources, quality, environmental, work health safety, pricing, experience, technology and resources are some of the capabilities that are assessed in a successful panel listing. LandTeam is listed on the following panels (amongst others):-

- Urban Growth (NSW) Pre-qualified Consulting Panel (Landcom) - Surveying, Civil & Structural Engineering, Civil Works
- Roads and Maritime Services Panel of Professional Services Contractors - Cadastral, Engineering, Detail Surveys
- Roads and Maritime Services Constructability Assessments Panel
- Spotless Consultants Panel for Southern NSW Defence Facilities Management Contract
- Land & Housing Corporation—Engineering Register - Civil, Structural and Hydraulics



Simply Water & Sewer
is a Sydney Water accredited water and sewer co-ordinator and is a LandTeam Group company.

Sydney Water Increases the Scope of Minor Works

From 1 July 2013, Sydney Water increased the scope of sewer minor works extension from 12 metres to 25 metres for all new applications received after that date. This represents a significant cost saving to developers. If you think your development might fall under the increased scope of minor works or would like more information please contact Lauren at our office.

Improvement to the Building Plan Approval Process

Sydney Water will soon provide Water Servicing Coordinators (WSC) with access to the Quick Check system to generate Dofin Numbers for building plan approvals where: -

The applicant is an existing customer of the WSC; and
Where there is a Section 73 Application lodged (raising an e-Developer case number) for the proposed development and the building or excavation works are in the zone of influence of Sydney Water's assets or outside the scope of approval by Quick Check.

This eliminates the need for an existing customer to be referred back to a Quick Check agent to lodge their building plans when assets are in the zone of influence, thus streamlining the approval process where you have lodged a Section 73 Application.

For those of you with a single dwelling or structures such as carports, swimming pools and the like you will still need to make the Quick Check agent your first port of call for obtaining a Dofin number.

If you would like more information on this improvement please contact Lauren at our office.

For your water and sewer co-ordination requirements for Sydney Water, contact Lauren at
Simply Water & Sewer

Phone: 42 951246 or 42 967055

LandTeam is proud to have an Integrated Management System certified by



LandTeam prides itself on a "AAA" commitment to Work Health and Safety





LandTeam has made a significant voluntary contribution to the Goulburn Wetlands - the Goulburn Wetland website features a 'Map of the Wetlands' produced by LandTeam and states that "people were shown our grand plans (thanks to LandTeam) ...".

The creation of the new pathway system was combined with some serious surveying done by LandTeam. The result was a collection of levels that can be used into the future for planning. This was translated into two maps: one detailed version for precision planning and another generalised one for easy public consumption. Locations within the wetlands were given names for ready recognition and a general scheme was created.

The Goulburn Wetlands has largely been developed by volunteer groups and offers the opportunity for volunteers and school groups to have 'hands on' environmental rehabilitation experience. The LandTeam Tablelands office contributed substantial time in surveying and drafting a concept plan that far exceeded the expectations of the committee. For more details have a look at the website: www.goulburnwetlands.org.au



LandTeam Planning Dept

Lot Averaging

Goulburn Mulwaree has joined various other local government areas in NSW in allowing more flexibility in rural subdivision design with the gazettal of recent amendments to the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

The Goulburn Mulwaree LEP now enables lot averaging whereby a variety of lot sizes can be created with a specified average area usually resulting in a larger residue lot to protect valuable agricultural or environmentally sensitive land. The lot averaging provisions apply to certain rural and environmental zones.

LandTeam can assist you with determining how these provisions apply to your land and designing a subdivision that responds to the natural features of the site - you may capitalise on the potential of your land in an environmentally sustainable way by developing an unconstrained area of your land for rural residential development.

Our experienced and professional staff can show you how to incorporate lot averaging into your subdivision:

- for your farm succession plan,
- to maximise lot yield and maintain an existing primary production operation, or
- create rural residential lots and protect areas of native vegetation or riparian land

Contact LandTeam's Tablelands Office today on 4821 1033 to find out what we can achieve together.

LandTeam prepared and entered two submissions in the NSW EISSI Awards 2013:

- The Highlands Source Project - Cadastral Innovations;
- People, Community and the Professions - A LandTeam Australia Program

Whilst both entries were finalists we were unsuccessful in taking home a winning award this year, however, the process of putting together two terrific documents and showcasing our Firm and projects was reward in itself.



LandTeam Civil Dept

Advanced Road Design at LandTeam

LandTeam's civil design operations in the Southern Highlands and Southern Tablelands utilise 'Advanced Road Design' software on an AutoCad Civil 3D platform as their primary civil design and modelling tool. 'Advanced Road Design' is widely recognised as a leading design software in its field and is a complete 'all in one' civil design software package. This package enables the designer to design road networks, optimise geometric road design to balance bulk earthworks, apply complex site grading, integrate piped stormwater drainage and sewer networks into the model, investigate potential underground service clashes, and model flood water extents over existing or design terrains. Ultimately this enables LandTeam to take a holistic approach to civil and subdivision designs in the most efficient manner. Advanced Road Design allows

LandTeam to provide cost effective design solutions, delivering high quality outputs for our clients.





Staff News

This year LandTeam Staff enjoyed the Christmas hospitality of Southern Highland Wines



New Staff

Stella Goodman returned to LandTeam employment in our Illawarra office in 2013 after twelve months overseas travel in 2011



and a year working in the fashion industry during 2012. Stella had previously undertaken an administrative traineeship with LandTeam from March 2009. Stella is busy in the Illawarra office with administrative duties and is being trained in various Simply Water & Sewer co-ordination areas.



Brett Webb joined the Southern Highlands office of LandTeam in 2013 as a CAD drafter. Brett had previously run his own small business operating a boutique 'fine joinery' where he practiced CAD drawing techniques in his furniture designs. Showing adaptability Brett is now applying his skills to carrying out survey/civil CAD drafting.



10 Years With Us

Nathanael Hudson Technician/ Engineering Surveyor (Illawarra Branch) joined the LandTeam parent company 'Goodmans' on 9/05/2003 as a surveying assistant. He has progressed his career throughout his ten years and is now a very capable technical surveyor in many surveying areas - particularly GNSS (GPS). Congratulations Nathanael.



Jodie McKenzie Administration Officer (Illawarra Branch) joined the LandTeam parent company 'Goodmans' on 16/06/2003 as a young administrative assistant and many newsletter readers will have been 'touched' by Jodie over the years with her distinctive 'receptionist' manner. Sadly, but very positively, Jodie leaves the Company to undertake a life long ambition in 2014 - to become a nurse. Congratulations and all the best Jodie - you will always be welcome in our office.



Dijana Harrison Civil Manager Illawarra (LandTeam Director), joined the LandTeam parent company 'Goodmans' on 13/10/2003 and she became a shareholder/Director of that firm a few years later. She is a very active Civil Engineer and oversees the operation of the Illawarra Civil Department whilst contributing to Branch and Company wide management.



Photo Gallery



MERRY CHRISTMAS