

REGIONAL WINNER

Surveying SA Surveyors Unite - The Pinery Bushfire Recovery Project

What was the problem?

In November 2015, the Pinery Bushfire burnt out 82,600 hectares of land in the Balaklava and Roseworthy area in South Australia's mid north. Sadly, there were fatalities and houses and properties were destroyed. With the fire, thousands of meters of fencing were destroyed and surveyed boundary marks lost.

In 2017, the Surveying and Mapping SA committee were approached by Pinery Bushfire Recovery to offer assistance to land owners affected by the fire.

What were the key outcomes?

Besides the obvious benefits to the local community, the initiative created quality work experience opportunities for current surveying students, provided mentoring and networking opportunities for young professionals as well as aided promotion of the industry as a whole.

How did you address it?

Following a call for interest to all Licenced Surveyors in South Australia, eleven volunteered to provide their time and equipment free of charge and paired up with surveying students to conduct Boundary Identification Surveys.. This was achieved using the following format:

- Pre-Survey Searching: The surveyors and their students meet before the field day to discuss the work to be done as well as examine the survey search.
- Engagement with landholders: The landowners were contacted to inform them when the work will be done.
- Field Survey: The surveyor and student meet on the day and travel together to the survey location. Field survey undertaken together in the field.

For more information about this project or to contact Tonkin Surveying SA please visit their website:
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