



**ASIA-PACIFIC**  
SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS  
— AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY —

## **Professional of the Year Award**

**Winner: Noel Ward**

Noel is a founder member of SSSI. He is a senior member of Jacobs Canberra based practise with over 25 years' experience in the ACT marketplace servicing a range of Australian Government clients in the Defence and environmental sectors. Prior to joining Jacobs (formerly SKM) in 1997, Noel was involved with the delivery of Australia's Antarctic mapping program and managing the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group's (AUSLIG) delivery of that program for Australian Antarctic Division. In his 21-year career with SKM and now Jacobs Noel has held numerous leadership roles all of which have been linked to Spatial Information in one way or another. Prior to his current role as team leader for Jacobs ACT based Spatial team he lead SKM and Jacobs Global GIS technical Service line managing a diverse team of spatial professionals working across all lines of business including Defence, Resources, Environment and Transport Infrastructure. Noel's inclusive and collaborative leadership style empowered a number of key members of the global team to become the effective leaders they now are within Jacobs and in the Australian spatial profession. Noel has and continues to actively contribute to industry development through his involvement in the Institution of Surveyors Australia and now the Surveying and Spatial Science's Institute. His involvement began as a student at the University of Tasmania and later in the ACT where he shared his knowledge and passion as an early adopter GPS positioning with colleges. In recent years he has been an active member of the ACT SSSI regional committee being treasurer and vice-president for a number of years. Noel has qualifications in Master of Management Technology, Australian National University and Bachelor of Surveying (Honours), University of Tasmania.