



ASIA-PACIFIC
SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2018
**PROFESSIONAL
OF THE YEAR
AWARD**

NATIONAL WINNER

Elaine McAlister

Elaine has an outstanding, proven record of leadership across a range of educational, professional, and private sectors, over 20 years.

Our judges were particularly impressed with Elaine's incredible involvement in a range of significant projects, most notably establishing the New Zealand Women in Spatial networking group, which has since empowered and influenced women in the spatial industry.

Elaine also led the development of the first commercial national road centreline of New Zealand and was instrumental in the GIS capability project, which formed the building block to establish the future geospatial direction for the NZTA.

Elaine's influence and involvement have been vast, including:

- voluntarily organising events and promotion of the Women in Spatial group;
- providing guidance about the spatial industry to postgraduate spatial GIS students;
- working with a local high school to advance GIS in schools ... The list goes on.

Elaine has even made a practical difference at a grassroots level by raising awareness of the value of diversity and providing support and networking opportunities for both spatial and surveying professionals within the industry.

It was clear to our judges that Elaine is highly regarded by her peers across all sectors as a passionate, consummate professional who has made a life-long, significant contribution to the spatial sciences profession.

