



AusSeabed Newsletter No. 15 June 2020

Hello all,

Welcome to the June newsletter. We hope that this newsletter is keeping everyone up to date with what is happening and providing a means for the AusSeabed community to connect with activities of the steering committee and various working groups.

On that note, we always welcome **submissions for each monthly newsletter** – think conference or presentation opportunities, recent achievements, exciting seabed mapping innovations, pictures from survey voyages, and any other news that you would like to share with the community. Please send your submissions to AusSeabedNews@gov.au

Quote for the month:

“Because there’s nothing more beautiful than the way the ocean refuses to stop kissing the shoreline, no matter how many times it’s sent away.” — Sarah Kay

Each newsletter is also available for download on the [AusSeabed website](#).

Update from the chair

Dear AusSeabed community,

I hope you are all well and adjusting to “normal life” as the COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease.

The new AusSeabed Data Portal launched last month with great success. Thank you to the Geoscience Australia portal team for making this happen and everyone for your support. I remind you that feedback is always welcome and can be sent to ausseabed@gov.au

The AusSeabed Steering Committee Election process began last month, and I would like to thank all those who nominated and voted; the diversity in nominations is a testament to our continued relevance to the seabed mapping community. See below for further details.

The webinar series “Bringing the seabed to you” starts this month (25th June) with the theme “National to international perspectives on seabed mapping”. We look forward to seeing you online! (See *Upcoming meetings*).

Best wishes,
Kim Picard

Steering Committee General Member Election

The AusSeabed Steering Committee provides an effective representative governing body of the AusSeabed program. This year, five positions were up for re-election:

- One academic (previously James Cook University)
- Two State Government (previously Victoria and New South Wales)
- One industry (previously Guardian Geomatics)
- One Federal Government Position (previously Australian Antarctic Division)

Overall, we received eleven nominations across the sectors and voting for the academic and industry positions are currently underway. Please note that voting will close on 16th of June.

We look forward to welcoming the new steering committee representatives at our next meeting on 1st July. If you have any questions, please email AusSeabed@gov.au

Upcoming Meetings

AusSeabed Webinar Series: Bringing the Seabed to you



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WEBINAR SERIES

Bringing the seabed to you

This year AusSeabed will be hosting a free webinar series in place of our usual seabed mapping seminar, workshop and Annual General Meeting. Webinars will include lightning talks from national and international speakers across sectors as well as targeted program building activities. Attendance is capped, so register now to guarantee your place!



Each seminar will be held on the last Thursday of the month from June to September and run from 1100–1245 AEST.

Date	Description	Registration Link
Jun 25	National to International perspectives on seabed mapping	Register
Jul 30	Mapping for management in the Anthropocene	Register
Aug 27	Data sharing and collaboration	Register
Sep 24	Cross sector talks on the applications of seabed mapping	Register

JUNE WEBINAR UPDATES

AusSeabed June Webinar Workshop theme: Data Hub Talks: National to international perspectives on Seabed Mapping				
NZ	AEST	AWST		Thursday 25 June 2020
1300	1100	0900	<i>Speed Talks and Question Time</i>	Kim Picard (AusSeabed chair) Welcome Annual Report Work plan 2020/21 summary
1330	1130	0930		Toni Moate, Chair NMSC National Marine Science Plan 2020 Mid-way point
1340	1140	0940		Nigel Townsend, AHO Hydroscheme Industry Partnership Program
1350	1150	0950		Kevin McKay, NIWA Seabed 2030
1400	1200	1000		Questions
1405	1205	1005		Kim Picard Exploring the portal AusSeabed Guidelines
	1235			Kim – questions and close

[Click here to visit the AusSeabed webinar page](#) to download an Event Schedule and Flyer.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact ausseabed@gov.au.

Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

This year, the Seabed 2030 South and West Pacific Centre (SaWPaC) is hosting a virtual meeting for the regional mapping community on 23-24 June 2020. The meeting objectives are to:

- Review the progress to date with the Seabed 2030 project,
- Identify sources of bathymetric data,
- Discuss methods and protocols of data sharing, and management,
- Identify regional priority areas, and upcoming mapping expeditions.

For further information click [here](#).

Other News

SSSI HYDROGRAPHY COMMISSION

WEBINAR: Monday June 22, 2020 (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

<https://sssi.org.au/events-awards/events/sssi-webinar-hydrography-commission-whd-2020>

Celebrating World Hydrography Day this two-hour special presentation explores the 2020 theme of Autonomous Technologies.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

Underwater video of fish assemblages using baited cameras, Great Ocean Road, Victoria, Australia

Underwater fish videos from Point Addis Marine National Park collected using BRUVS (Baited Underwater Video Station) as part of a research partnership between Parks Victoria and Deakin University along the Great Ocean Road to document fish diversity of spectacular temperate reefs.

[Updated video of interest here.](#)

Share your work with the AusSeabed community

Finally, a reminder as always that anyone with an interest in AusSeabed can sign up to the newsletter mailing list on our website, where you can also check out past issues. And please send any items for the next letter to AusSeabedNews@gov.au