
ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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The Tasmanian Spatial Information Council (TASSIC) provides a forum for increased collaboration and cooperation between public, private and community sectors in the collection, maintenance and use of spatial information in Tasmania.

Strategic priorities

TASSIC's *Strategic plan for spatial information in Tasmania 2009-2012* was released late last year, following extensive consultation with a range of stakeholders from across the Tasmanian spatial information community.

The three critical priorities identified in the plan are to:

1. establish recognition of the role and value of spatial information and the Tasmanian spatial information community
2. ensure the development of a more effective Tasmanian Spatial Data Infrastructure through addressing:
 - a. policies and standards
 - b. data capture, management and access
 - c. enabling infrastructure
3. build skills, capability and capacity.

Turning the plan into action

Council is now working on the scope and focus of each priority area, and developing terms of reference for working groups. The next step is to actively recruit members for semi-permanent committees or short-term working groups.

If you or your organisation has a particular interest or area of expertise and would like to be involved in helping to turn the plan into action, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer.

TASSIC Membership

TASSIC has seven permanent members and one interim member, providing a balance of competencies and experiences from private enterprise, academia and government.

The Chair, Mr Michael Giudici, has decided not to stand for reappointment at the expiry of the current term. Through his hard work and professionalism, Michael is leaving the Council in a strong position to move forward into the next exciting phase of work. Michael's leadership and commitment during his term as Chair is much appreciated and highly valued by his fellow TASSIC members, who extend to him every good wish for the future.

Expressions of interest in the position of TASSIC Chair are currently being evaluated by a selection panel drawn from public and private sectors.

Members and their respective nominating organisations are:

- Dr Jon Osborn, University of Tasmania (UTAS), Acting Chair
- Mr Mitchell Knevett, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPAC)
- Ms Kate Kent, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment (DPIPWE)
- Mr Mark Wise, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)
- Mr Ashley Mahar, Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)
- Mr Malcolm Lester, Spatial Industries Business Association (SIBA)
- Dr Richard Mount (interim member).

Next meeting

The next TASSIC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 March 2010.

Further information

For more information, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer, Caroline Palfreyman, on 03 6216 4476 or email tassic@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au.