
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.

The three critical priorities identified in TASSIC's *Strategic plan for spatial information in Tasmania 2009-2012* 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.

Support for Cradle Coast CORS Feasibility Study

Council recently reviewed the report released by the consultant for the Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network feasibility study commissioned by Cradle Coast NRM.

Council strongly supports the establishment of a Statewide CORS network and believes this should be a high priority for the newly elected Tasmanian Government. Such an investment in Tasmania's Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) would deliver substantial short, medium and long term gains.

Presentations

As part of our work in addressing the first critical priority identified in the strategic plan, TASSIC will be conducting presentations at two upcoming events being conducted by the Tasmanian Region of the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI):

- 'State of GIS' seminar, scheduled for Friday 21 May 2010
- SSSI Regional Conference, scheduled for Saturday 10 July 2010

SSSI is a national organisation catering for the professional people who make up the spatial information industry. It gives a voice to members of the spatial science community in both national and international arenas.

Work plan

TASSIC is currently formulating a 12-month work plan, based on our strategic priorities. The work plan is expected to be completed prior to the end of May 2010.

TASSIC Membership

TASSIC has seven permanent members and one interim member, providing a balance of competencies and experiences from private enterprise, academia and government. Members are appointed by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water.

The appointment of a new Chair was delayed by the recent State election. A selection panel drawn from public and private sectors is currently preparing a recommendation for submission to the new Minister, Hon Bryan Green.

Next meeting

The next TASSIC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 May 2010.

Further information

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