

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.

TASSIC has defined its purpose as *'facilitating full access to, and application of, spatial information to underpin Tasmania's economic, environmental and social prosperity'*.

Our vision for the future of spatial information in Tasmania is for:

***Abundant and useful spatial information within reach of all***

### **Activity since last report**

TASSIC member, Mark Wise, conducted a presentation at the Tasmanian Region of the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI) 'State of GIS 2010' seminar, held at Mercure Hobart Hotel on Friday 21 May 2010. Mark's presentation focused on the Council's recent activity and areas of focus. TASSIC has provided input into the review of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1944*, supported the establishment of a statewide network of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), and proposed activities to support other Tasmanian Government initiatives in the areas of social inclusion, innovation and infrastructure.

Council also recently reviewed information on the pilot project for spatial data exchange being sponsored by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, and will continue to liaise with the Planning Commission as the initiative develops.

TASSIC is finalising its 12-month work plan. This plan will be released to members of the Tasmanian spatial information community at the SSSI Regional Conference on Saturday 10 July 2010.

### **Future events**

On Tuesday, 13 July 2010, TASSIC is conducting a presentation to the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) with a broad theme of 'what is spatial, what is the work of TASSIC and what is the future'. Members of the DPIPWE Executive Committee, the Internal Climate Change Forum, senior managers and other interested DPIPWE staff members are invited to attend.

If you or your organisation is interested in hosting a similar presentation, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer on 03 6216 4476 or email [tassic@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:tassic@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au).

### **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. It is expected that the appointment of a new Chair will be announced by the Honourable Bryan Green in the near future.

### **Next meeting**

TASSIC currently meets six times each calendar year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6 July 2010.

### **Further information**

For more information, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer, Caroline Palfreyman, on 03 6216 4476 or email [tassic@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:tassic@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au).