

## **New TASSIC website**

TASSIC is pleased to announce that our website is up and running at [www.tassic.org.au](http://www.tassic.org.au).

This is an important element of our strategy to establish and build recognition of the role and value of spatial information and the Tasmanian spatial information community.

As well as keeping the community informed about new spatial initiatives and activities, the website includes a feedback mechanism for strengthening communication and the development of partnerships with our stakeholders. Your comments and suggestions are always encouraged and very welcome!

TASSIC would like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment for assistance with developing and hosting the site.

## **Save the date – Spatial Innovation Showcase, 27 October 2011**

### ***Get a new outlook on the world . . . why location REALLY matters for Tasmania's future***

TASSIC is pleased to announce that Tasmania's inaugural **Spatial Innovation Showcase** will be held in the Boardwalk Gallery and Wellington Room at Wrest Point Convention Centre in Hobart on **Thursday 27 October 2011**.

Council has joined forces with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment and the Tasmanian Region of the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute in hosting this event, which will present an exciting program focusing on understanding common challenges, providing ideas for innovative solutions and practical demonstrations of real-world applications.

In addition to presentations from key experts and practitioners, the event will also feature a student competition, providing an opportunity for students to exhibit their innovative ideas for the use of spatial information.

If you would like to partner with us in sponsoring this event, please register your interest by completing and returning a partnership booking form and returning it to us by Friday 29 July 2011. The booking form and more information are available at [www.tassic.org.au](http://www.tassic.org.au) or email [info@tassic.org.au](mailto:info@tassic.org.au).

## **Spatial Information Foundations business case**

TASSIC was heartened by the strong cross-government support for the *Spatial Information Foundations* business case expressed during the many meetings held in recent months between TASSIC Chair, Gary Nairn, and various Members of Parliament and heads of departments.

We were disappointed to hear that the business case was unsuccessful in securing direct funding, but we hope that funding will be possible in the not too distant future, and encourage the Government to commit to 'in principle' support for the business case.

## **TASSIC work plan**

Council is currently finalising development of a new work plan for the 12 months ending June 2012. The plan will be available on the TASSIC website in coming weeks.

## Key briefings and presentations

TASSIC continues to work on raising the profile of spatial information in Tasmania. Recent activities include:

- Meeting between Gary Nairn and Federal Member for Bass, Geoff Lyons
- Meeting between Gary Nairn, Surveyor General Peter Murphy and Dr Katrena Stephenson, Policy Director, Local Government Association of Tasmania
- Presentation conducted by Jon Osborn at the SSSI Regional Conference on 16 July 2011
- Meeting between Gary Nairn and Phil Clark, Chair of the Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council

## Invitation to stakeholders and user groups

TASSIC welcomes meetings with different stakeholder and/or user groups to discuss or promote your current and emerging problems, issues or initiatives.

To express an interest in arranging a focus meeting, please email [info@tassic.org.au](mailto:info@tassic.org.au).

## Meeting schedule

The next TASSIC meeting is scheduled for 16 August 2011.

## Success story: Glenorchy Cadastral Upgrade Project

TASSIC is developing a portfolio of successful spatial applications and case studies. Read about Glenorchy City Council's successful collaborative cadastral project to upgrade Glenorchy's digital cadastre to 'spade width' accuracy on the TASSIC website.

If you or your organisation would like to highlight **your** spatial achievements on our website, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer by emailing [info@tassic.org.au](mailto:info@tassic.org.au).

## About us

Led by an independent Chair, TASSIC members are nominated by key spatial organisations to ensure an appropriate balance of competencies and experiences. The Council reports to the Minister for Primary Industries and Water.



*TASSIC members (left to right): Malcolm Lester, Kate Kent, Mark Wise, Ashley Mahar, Hon Gary Nairn (Chair), Jon Osborn, Richard Mount, Mitchell Knevett*

## Further information

For more information, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer on 03 6216 4476 or email [info@tassic.org.au](mailto:info@tassic.org.au).