



**Meeting 08/09**

- Chair:** Ollie Hedberg
- Members:** Peter O'Neill, Alan Norman, Abbas Rajabifard, Chris McRae, Chris Bellman, Diane Daniell, Ben Searle, John Hennessy
- Apologies:** Geoff Spring, Danny Broadbent, Bruce Thompson, Joanne Curran
- Guests:** Claire Foo – SII (observer); Warren Maguire, Domenic Brasacchio (Agenda Item 2); George Mifsud (Agenda Item 4)
- Secretariat:** Elizabeth Thomas

**Note:** The following items are minuted as they appear on the agenda and not necessarily the order they were discussed at the meeting.

	Who	Due date
<b>1. PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
<b>1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		
Endorsed		
<b>1.2 Outstanding action items</b>		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 07/09 included (see attached).		
<b>1.3 Conflict of Interest</b>		
Nil		
<b>2. Planning Policy GIS demonstration</b>		
Warren Maguire and Domenic Brasacchio gave members an overview and demonstration of Planning GIS and its functionality.		
Planning GIS has been developed by the Department of Planning and Community Development as a simple and lightweight GIS solution to publish and browse maps, perform map related operations to capture and display map data, and generate documents and reports.		
It displays vector map layers with metadata on top of Bing and Google base maps, allowing users to set up and configure simple maps. It can be accessed without the need to install additional software and provides access to common data through a web browser.		
It has been developed using an open source approach that conforms to the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Architecture standards.		
Using the application, users without any spatial background can perform basic analysis and reporting scenarios without the need for any additional licensed software.		

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<p>It builds on existing infrastructure developed by DSE, such as Spatial Datamart, the Victorian Mapping and Address Service, the Image Web Server and MyProfile.</p> <p>Council members noted that such applications also need to be built on a solid foundation, ie the information management framework, including custodianship and metadata; and integrity and authenticity of the data included in them needs to be maintained.</p>		
<p><b>3. National Government Information Sharing Strategy</b></p> <p>Council members noted the summary of the recently released NGISS.</p> <p>B Searle also drew members' attention to the just launched Data.Australia.gov, a beta portal that provides access to Australian Government datasets.</p> <p>The site is providing access to data for the <i>Mashup Australia</i> competition being run by the Government 2.0 Taskforce.</p> <p>Links to the two sites are provided below:</p> <p><a href="http://data.australia.gov.au/">http://data.australia.gov.au/</a></p> <p><a href="http://mashupaustralia.org/">http://mashupaustralia.org/</a></p>		
<p><b>4. Automated Vicmap Topographic Mapping Program</b></p> <p>George Mifsud from SII gave members an overview of the Topographic Mapping Program, which has resulted in the updating of the entire series of hard copy topographic maps in Victoria and the creation of a range of new products and means of obtaining maps, including the capacity to purchase 1:30,000 scale maps in A3 and A4 pdf formats on-line, as well as geo-referenced and layered pdf versions.</p> <p>The maps are created using the digital Vicmap data that is regularly maintained, thus providing the capacity to keep the published maps up to date over a shorter life cycle than was previously possible.</p> <p>Members <b>agreed</b> to the proposal to host the launch of the completion of the program on 4 November to coincide with the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Make the arrangements for the VSC's launch of the completion of the Topographic Mapping Program.</p>	Secretariat	November 2009
<p><b>5. Legislation proposal paper</b></p> <p>Members discussed the proposal for legislation as outlined in the accompanying background paper, addressing three main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Information Management Framework – incorporating roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Defining Victoria's core spatial information and the principles for its management</li> <li>• Protocols for exchanging spatial information and making it available</li> </ul> <p>The discussion that followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed that the proposal relates to spatial information</li> <li>• Noted that one of the drivers for the proposal is the need of local government and consideration of how long an approach based primarily on goodwill can be sustained</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that there is legislation covering some of the same ground, eg in relation to valuation, surveying, transfer of land, and that the VSC's proposal needs to ensure that its function is clear in relation to these existing Acts</li> <li>• Agreed that the current proposal is not intended to take over these other existing responsibilities</li> </ul> <p>It was also agreed that members could circulate the background paper among their constituencies for information and to communicate its arguments in appropriate ways.</p> <p>Members <b>endorsed</b> the background paper and agreed to pursue the proposal for legislation further.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Present the legislation proposal to DSE to seek support to proceed to the next steps.</p> <p>The Chair invited J Hennessy to update members on the current request by the MAV to the Council to host a round table to present the results of the most recent activity associated with the work on Local Government custodianship and the development of a common property data model, and to consider approaches for making further progress.</p> <p>John noted that in the last 12 months a data model has been developed with support from Local Government, DSE, Australia Post and the utilities, and the participants are ready to move to implementation, which will require consideration of resources, timeframes, and participation over the next 3-4 years.</p> <p>Much progress has been made and the MAV is keen for the VSC to support them and Local Councils to continue to maintain the momentum that has been established.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that he had given his support to the MAV's request and that arrangements will be made to host a discussion with invited participants as soon as one can be arranged.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Make arrangements for a round table on the Victorian property model.</p>	Secretariat / B Thompson	November 2009

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## 6. Research Proposal

Following the discussion at the September meeting on the CRCSI-2 program and the members' agreement to consider sponsoring a workshop to determine research priorities for the spatial information community, the Chair, E Thomas and TO Chan met to consider possible themes for collaborative research.

The following research questions were proposed for consideration

- How do we increase the level of understanding among non-data managers so that we achieve wider use of spatial information?
  - What is stopping us from getting the message across?
  - What is the story we need to tell the right 'influencers' – in all three levels of government, the private sector, utilities, academia, regulators, as the VSC has been given the responsibility to do under VSIS?
  - How will the non-traditional spatial information users be brought to the marketplace?
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we ensure the Spatial Information Management Framework is recognised as integral to making the Australian Spatial Marketplace successful and that it takes its appropriate place in development of the marketplace? How do we ‘sell’ the Framework?</li> <li>• How do we bring about the necessary behavioural and cultural changes once we have raised the level of awareness of spatial information?</li> </ul> <p>Members <b>agreed</b> to further develop the ideas set out in the meeting paper into a proper research proposal.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop a proper research proposal paper for further consideration by the Council.</p>	Secretariat	December 2009
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<b>7. Other Business</b>		
<b>7.1 Update on VSC Forum Preparations</b>		
<p>The Chair reported that the Forum Committee had met to discuss ideas for the first forum and proposed speakers. The proposed run down will be two keynote presentations on the practice and theory of spatial enablement, to be followed by debate from the floor.</p> <p>He also noted that SIBA has agreed to lead the development of the third forum on the private sector’s contribution to VSIS.</p> <p>At the suggestion of B Searle, members also agreed to consider presenting ideas from its Forums to the 2010 spatial@gov conference.</p>		
<b>7.2 Update on response to Inquiry into Improving Access to Victorian Public Sector Information and Data</b>		
<p>Council members noted that an Interdepartmental Committee has been established to develop the Victorian Government’s response to the recommendations of the Inquiry. The response is due by the end of the calendar year.</p>		
<b>7.3 Update on Spatial Information Management Framework and directory</b>		
<p>E Thomas demonstrated the first edition of the Framework and directory document to members.</p> <p>The document provides an overview of all the policy requirements of the Spatial Information Management Framework, and is designed to be ‘interactive’ so that readers can click on the hyperlinks embedded within it to access the more detailed documents relevant to each subject.</p> <p>Following the meeting, it will be published on the VSC web site.</p>		
<b>7.4 Report on use of VSC web site</b>		
<p>E Thomas tabled the first report on use of the VSC web site downloaded using the Google Analytics application.</p> <p>The use of the web site can be monitored on an ongoing basis, and it is proposed to produce the detailed reports and present them to members periodically. Ad hoc reports can be provided on a more frequent basis.</p>		

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<b>7.5 Other</b>		
1. A Rajabifard reported that he will be attending the UN Permanent Committee on Geospatial Information for the Asia-Pacific meeting in Bangkok from 26 October, as well as a UN meeting on Global Spatial Data Management.		
2. B Searle reported that PSMA Australia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EuroGeographics to collaborate, cooperate and exchange information. He also noted that there is growing interest in spatial information at the Australian Government level.		
3. C McRae reported that Land Victoria is letting a tender to develop a business case for a survey accurate cadastre.  He also noted that a Bill to amend the Valuation Act has recently passed the Lower House of the Victorian Parliament.		
4. E Thomas reported that the Positioning Regional Victoria initiative contract for the design, build and installation of 57 Continuously Operating Reference Stations in regional Victoria has been awarded to CNG Systems Pty Ltd.		
5. The Chair advised members that he has asked the Secretariat to revive the sectoral presentations to Council meetings in 2010, and that he would like to attend more meetings of the member sectoral bodies.		

## 8. Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 4 November 2009

**Time:** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Archer Room, 16/570 Bourke Street, Melbourne

## Summary of Actions and Resolutions

### Agenda Item 4

Members **agreed** to the proposal to host the launch of the completion of the program on 4 November to coincide with the next Council meeting.

**Action:** Make the arrangements for the VSC's launch of the completion of the Topographic Mapping Program.

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### Agenda Item 5

Members **endorsed** the background paper and agreed to pursue the proposal for legislation further.

**Action:** Present the legislation proposal to DSE for support to proceed to the next steps.

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**Action:** Make arrangements for a round table on the Victorian property model.

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### Agenda Item 6

Members **agreed** to further develop the ideas set out in the meeting paper into a proper research proposal.

**Action:** Develop a proper research proposal paper for further consideration by the Council.

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