



Meeting 02/09: Minutes

Chair: Ollie Hedberg
Members: Chris Bellman, Danny Broadbent, Glenn Cockerton, Diane Daniell, John Hennessy, Chris McRae, Ben Searle
Apologies: Abbas Rajabifard, Geoff Spring, Alan Norman, David Johnson, Joanne Curran
Guests: Brian Marwick
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
The Chair welcomed Brian Marwick as a guest at today's meeting of the Victorian Spatial Council.		
He paid tribute to Brian's outstanding contribution to the spatial industry in Victoria and nationally over many years, and his leading role in the development of Vicmap through the maintenance contracts with SII.		
1. PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting		
Endorsed		
1.2 Outstanding action items		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 01/09 included (see attached).		
1.3 Conflict of Interest		
Nil		
2. 2009 Work Plan		
The Chair invited members to provide their input on the activities/issues they would like to see addressed by this year's Council work plan, as follow up to the discussion at meeting 01/09.		
D Broadbent and C Bellman advised that discussion on the subject is scheduled for the next GITA and SSI meetings, respectively.		
Suggestions around the table were as follows:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• custodianship• establishing the value of data in financial accounts• communication and advocacy to key decision makers• shared services in local government		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • property, subdivision and road data models in local government – linked to the legislation proposal • identifying the shared priorities of State and Local Government • Positioning Policy • Communication – ensuring the Commonwealth are included in consultations • More engagement with the sectors <p>These suggestions will be added to the activities discussed at meeting 01/09 in preparation of the work plan.</p> <p>Action: Prepare a further draft of the 2009 VSC work plan.</p>	Secretariat	April 2009
<p>3. VSC Web Pages Review</p> <p>The Chair outlined the purpose of the discussion which is to make a decision on where the VSC web pages are hosted.</p> <p>The accompanying briefing paper outlines the current situation and that SII is reviewing its static content on Land Channel.</p> <p>There needs to be a decision on whether the VSC pages should continue to be hosted on Land Channel or move to the DSE web site with the rest of the spatial related content. A third option was also presented – to engage an external host and have a separate VSC web site.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Secretariat will also make reviewing the content a priority.</p> <p>Members supported option three, ie a separate web site, and made the following observations during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the VSC runs its own web site, it will need to be adequately resourced – both in terms of funding and staff time • The opportunity to look for economies of scale by tying the online communications close to Landmark should be considered <p>The Secretariat will undertake additional analysis of services that are offered and costs, and present a further paper to the Council.</p> <p>Action: Undertake further investigation of hosting services and prepare a further paper on web site options for the Council.</p>	Secretariat	April 2009
<p>4. Other business</p> <p>Members reported on the following activities and issues.</p> <p>1. D Broadbent updated members on the custodianship agreement entered into with SP Ausnet in November 2008. The data was made available to the emergency services in December 2008 and has been used in the recent Victorian bushfire effort.</p> <p>Verbal agreement has been reached with SP Ausnet to include the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority in the schedule of agencies eligible to receive the data and to remove the 1 April 2009 expiry date for this access. A formal request for these changes will be made in the next week.</p> <p>Outstanding matters such as completion of the metadata records, and arrangements for regular supply of updates will also be followed up.</p>		

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<p>A meeting with Vencorp has also been arranged to discuss further datasets that may be brought under custodianship agreements.</p> <p>G Cockerton observed that the quality of the publicly available data that Spatial Vision had been given recently was the same as earlier versions.</p> <p>D Broadbent responded that he would follow the matter up. <i>[Note: the result of that follow up is provided below as an addendum to the minutes.]</i></p>		
2.	<p>D Daniell advised that she had recently had discussions at the Institute of Public Works Engineers, which were followed up by a presentation to final year engineering students. The experience had highlighted the differences in levels of awareness and understanding of spatial information among professions.</p>	
3.	<p>J Hennessy reported that progress is being made on the local government custodianship project, and that he would like to give an update at a future Council meeting.</p>	
	<p>Action: Arrange a presentation on the local government custodianship project at a future Council meeting.</p>	<p>Secretariat April 2009</p>
4.	<p>Comments on the Victorian bushfire response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Hennessy noted that the recent bushfires had highlighted quality issues with the map base. • G Cockerton observed that there has been a lot of activity around use and availability of spatial information associated with the fire effort. • The Chair commented that activity is underway to establish reference stations in fire affected areas to restore control networks. • C McRae reported that a Victorian Bushfires Surveying Taskforce has been established to coordinate a surveying response to the fires. Already 6,000 hours have been volunteered to restore the surveying infrastructure in affected areas. • B Marwick advised that he had been engaged to provide advice to the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA) on spatial data requirements from relevant authorities to support the response. • E Thomas added that SII will be recommending that the VBRRA write to the identified authorities to establish formal arrangements for both the short term need and for long term custodianship and data sharing efforts. 	
5.	<p>B Searle updated members on the organisation of the spatial@gov conference in June 2009. Forty speakers have been identified, among them the Chinese Ambassador to Australia. He also foreshadowed that two significant Ministerial announcements are likely to be made at the conference. The call for abstracts is now open and closes on 16 March 2009.</p>	
5.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 1 April 2009</p> <p>Time: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Venue: Archer Room, 16/570 Bourke Street, Melbourne</p>	

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<p>The meeting was followed by a joint meeting with ANZLIC-the Spatial Information Council.</p> <p>Presentations were given by B Thompson, J Gallagher and M Hale (all from SII) on imagery and data capture for the Victorian Bushfires, the Notification and Editing Service, and GPSnet and a national positioning network, respectively.</p>		
<p>Summary of Actions and Resolutions</p>		
<p>Agenda Item 2</p>		
<p>Action: Prepare a further draft of the 2009 VSC work plan</p>	Secretariat	April 2009
<p>Agenda Item 3</p>		
<p>Council members supported the option of establishing a VSC web site.</p>		
<p>Action: Undertake further investigation of hosting services and prepare a further paper on web site options for the Council.</p>	Secretariat	April 2009
<p>Agenda Item 4.3</p>		
<p>Action: Arrange a presentation on the local government custodianship project at a future Council meeting.</p>	Secretariat	May 2009

Addendum to minutes – 6 March 2009

Further to the discussion at item 4.1, D Broadbent advised that he has followed up G Cockerton's comments on the quality of the electricity transmission data with SII, and wishes to add the following response to the minutes of the meeting.

Further inquiries with Spatial Vision have reported that the dataset is of high quality and complete. It would appear that the dataset referred to may relate to a previous supply of data from SII, not the most recent which includes the SPAusNet dataset supplied as part of the recently signed Custodianship Licence agreement.
