



Victorian Spatial Council
Archer Room, 16/570 Bourke Street, Melbourne
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Wednesday 1 July 2009

Meeting 05/09: Minutes

Chair: Ollie Hedberg
Members: Danny Broadbent, Glenn Cockerton, John Hennessy, Alan Norman, Abbas Rajabifard, Diane Daniell, Geoff Spring,
Apologies: Bruce Thompson, Chris Bellman, Chris McRae, Ben Searle
Guests: Ivan Powell, representing Chris McRae
SII Policy Team Elizabeth Thomas
Secretariat: Joanne Curran

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
1. PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting		
Endorsed		
1.2 Outstanding action items		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 04/09 included (see attached).		
Action Item 193 – The first meeting of the Building Points Dataset was convened on 27 May 2009.		
A date for the second meeting will be confirmed.		
1.3 Conflict of Interest		
Nil		
2. Proposal to make a submission to the Victorian Climate Change Green Paper		
Members discussed a proposal to make a submission to the Victorian Climate Change Green Paper.		
It was agreed that it would be valuable for the VSC to continue to make a contribution to Government policy initiatives as well as raising awareness of the VSC and its activities.		
It was agreed that the framework that the Council has been putting in place should be the starting point, accompanied by demonstration of the practical contributions the framework is making.		
Action: Prepare preliminary material for a VSC submission to the Climate Change Green Paper for discussion at August meeting.	Chair/ Secretariat	August 2009

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<p>3. FIG International Congress 2010</p> <p>Members discussed a proposal to submit an abstract for the FIG Congress that will be held in Sydney in April 2010. As with the Climate Change Green Paper, it was suggested that the link between the framework and some practical outcomes should be considered as the theme of a VSC paper.</p> <p>It was also proposed that the Council consider how its contribution might link to other possible presentations on spatial information-related activities such as Positioning Regional Victoria and the spatial market place.</p> <p>Members agreed to the proposal to submit an abstract for FIG 2010.</p> <p>Action: Prepare draft abstract for FIG 2010 for discussion at the August meeting.</p>	Chair/ Secretariat	August 2009
<p>4. Report of the Parliamentary Inquiry – Improving Access to Victorian Public Sector Information</p> <p>Members discussed their preliminary views on the findings of the final report of the Inquiry into Improving Access to Victorian Public Sector Information and Data.</p> <p>A particular focus of the discussion was on the role the Council sees for itself during the 6 month period that the Government has to respond to the report.</p> <p>There was also a suggestion that there may be an opportunity to combine a response to this Inquiry with one to the initial recommendations of the Bushfires Royal Commission, which are due in August 2009.</p> <p>It was agreed that the first task is to thoroughly review the report’s findings and recommendations, as well as to wait for advice on what is required in terms of the Government response, before making a final decision on the next steps the Council should take.</p> <p>Further discussion will be scheduled once the Royal Commission’s findings have been released.</p> <p>Action: Prepare a thorough review of the report of the Inquiry into Public Sector Information and schedule further discussion at the September meeting.</p>	Chair/ Secretariat	September 2009
<p>5. Report on Conferences</p> <p>5.1 GSDI Conference</p> <p>A Rajabifard reported to Council on the GSDI Conference in Rotterdam from 15 – 19 June.</p> <p>Over 1300 participants attended the conference from over 80 countries. 180 presentations were made and will be available from the GSDI website.</p> <p>The presentations included a significant number on the ‘INSPIRE’ initiative and on Dutch Spatial Information initiatives to coincide with the two conferences held in conjunction with the GSDI.</p> <p>There were 14 participants from Australia and 12 presentations focused on Australian initiatives.</p> <p>At the end of the conference Abbas Rajabifard was assumed the Presidency of the international GSDI Association.</p>		

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<p>Members congratulated Abbas on his election.</p> <p>GSDI 12 will be held in Singapore in October 2010 in conjunction with the UN PCGIAP meeting. The theme will be 'Realising Spatially Enabled Societies'.</p> <p>E Thomas presented the VSC's paper on a Strategic Framework for a Spatially Enabled Victoria at the conference.</p>		
5.2	<i>spatial@gov Conference</i>	
<p>A number of members attended the spatial@gov Conference in Canberra on 15 and 16 June 2009.</p> <p>348 delegates attended the conference, with over 50% coming from outside the ACT. 67 presenters and 19 Exhibitors took part.</p> <p>G Cockerton and D Broadbent both attended.</p> <p>Glenn commented on how the themes of benefits and the necessity of partnerships came through in the presentations.</p> <p>He noted that there were many and varied papers, delivered in four streams; he gave a presentation on behalf of SIBA. Presentations can be viewed at www.spatial.gov.au.</p> <p>Danny reinforced the comment on the variety and excellence of the presentations.</p> <p>He also commented on another theme that came through about the need to communicate our industry in a different way.</p> <p>Glenn commented on how refreshing it was to see a greater use of language that decision makers understand.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any comments on the VSC paper.</p> <p>Glenn remarked that in future VSC presentations a mix of demonstrator projects and the description of the Council would be valuable.</p> <p>The Chair attended the GeoTech Conference in Vancouver.</p> <p>He was able to make contacts in British Columbia on address data.</p> <p>PSMA is also making further contact to provide advice on addressing.</p>		
6.	Positioning Regional Victoria (PRV)	
<p>The PRV promotional DVD was played to members who gave a positive response to it.</p> <p>Copies were distributed at the meeting as well as a brochure.</p> <p>Members were invited to promote the project amongst their sectors.</p> <p>J Hennessey asked if all Councils will be receiving a copy of the DVD. E Thomas informed members that the PRV team is distributing copies widely, which will include distribution to Councils.</p>		
7.	VSC Web Site	
<p>The structure of the new VSC web site was demonstrated.</p> <p>Members endorsed the look and feel</p> <p>The site will now be populated with information prior to a formal release.</p>		

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<p>The Secretariat will put together a series of communications activities to promote the site to stakeholders. The existing site will include a message as well, and will remain 'live' until the formal transfer takes place.</p>		
<p>8. Other Business</p>		
<p>8.1 Forum Program</p>		
<p>Members discussed ideas for future forums based on the theme 'Making Spatially Enabled Victoria a reality'. Suggested topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation – including the Local Government project • Defining the Vision for spatially enabled Victoria • How the private sector can create alliances <p>A significant part of the discussion focussed on the development of a Whole of Government Capability and addressing the range of issues the Government is seeking to address. Council members expressed the desire to more fully understand the direction Government is proposing to take.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that he discuss Government plans further with B Thompson as a precursor to further discussion by the Council.</p> <p>A more detailed proposal for the Forum program will be presented at the August meeting.</p> <p>Action: Develop a more detailed proposal for the 2009-10 VSC Forum Program.</p>		
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<p>8.2 June report on the 2009 VSC work plan</p>		
<p>Members noted that a few items on the work plan had been completed, and that a number of significant activities are scheduled to take place in the second half of the year.</p>		
<p>8.3 Other</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D Daniell informed members that she has been invited by the SSSI to present at the Victorian Spatial Summit in August on behalf of the VSC. Members agreed that this would be a great opportunity to further promote the activities of the Council. 2. A Norman advised members that the work of the Victorian Bushfire Surveying Taskforce is progressing, with all on-site surveys now completed. The information that has been gathered is now being collated. 3. G Spring informed members of the Australian Government's \$60 million Digital Regions Initiatives for using optical fibre as part of improving service delivery in regional areas. The CFA and Victoria Police will be putting forward a concept statement as part of this round of funding by the end of July. 4. A Rajabifard informed members that the Centre for SDI and Land Administration has received ARC funding for their national land infrastructure project. 5. I Powell informed Council that Land Victoria has gone to Tender for the development of a business case for a Survey Accurate Cadastre <p>He also noted that Land Victoria is supporting SII in the rollout and use of the Notification and Editing Service.</p>		

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<p>6. E Thomas brought members' attention to the Market Validation Program being run by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.</p> <p>Two DSE proposals – for smart sensors and early warning systems – have been successful and will now proceed to the call for proposals for feasibility studies. Further discussion will be scheduled at a future Council meeting.</p>		

9. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5 August 2009

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Summary of Actions and Resolutions

Agenda Item 2

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Agenda Item 3

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Agenda Item 4

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Agenda Item 8.1

Action: Develop a more detailed proposal for the 2009-10 VSC Forum Program.

Secretariat

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