

Spatial FOUNDATIONS

Project success recognised with multiple awards

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment's recently completed **Spatial Information Foundations** project is continuing to attract widespread recognition and kudos across government, business and industry sectors, now boasting **three major awards** for excellence in public administration, technical excellence and innovation.

The most recent **Award for Technical Excellence** was presented at the prestigious Tasmanian Spatial Excellence Awards in August. This award represents peer recognition of **Spatial Information Foundations** as a project that "implemented spatial solutions to an exceptionally high technical standard, overcoming significant technical challenges, and delivering outstanding results for the client" through excellence in both technology and methodology.

Hosted locally by the Spatial Industries Business Association in conjunction with the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute, the Tasmanian award is a stepping-stone for nomination in the Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards, to be held in March 2015.

Project business owner and General Manager of the Information and Land Services (ILS) Division, Kate Kent, said that this was the third award won by the project so far.

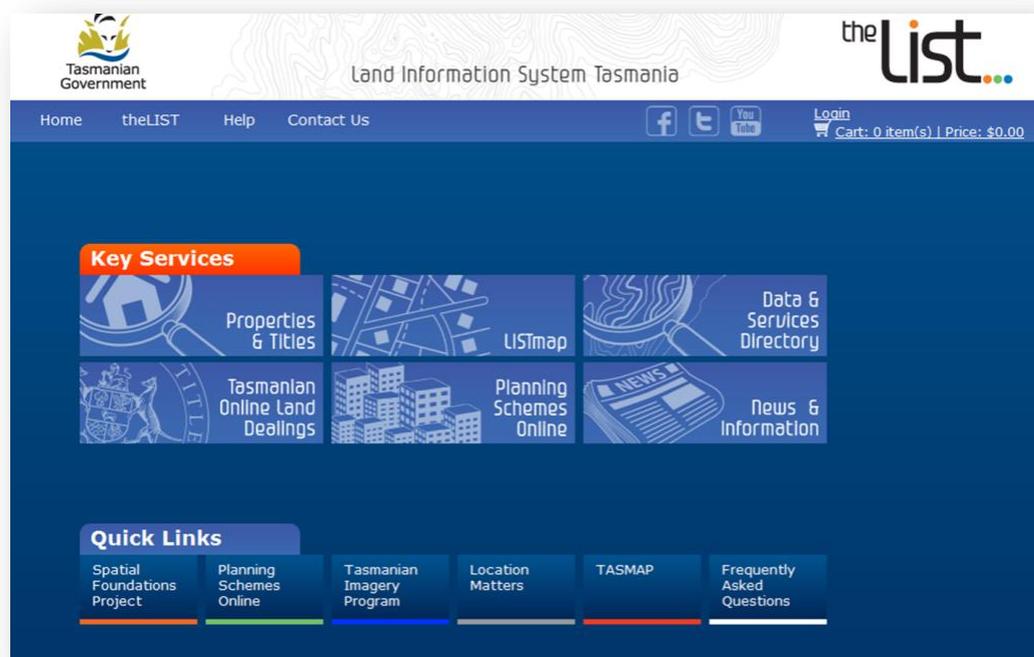
"This is further testament to increasing recognition of the importance of new services available through www.thelist.tas.gov.au, the ground-breaking Common Operating Platform for more effective emergency management, and other key deliverables.

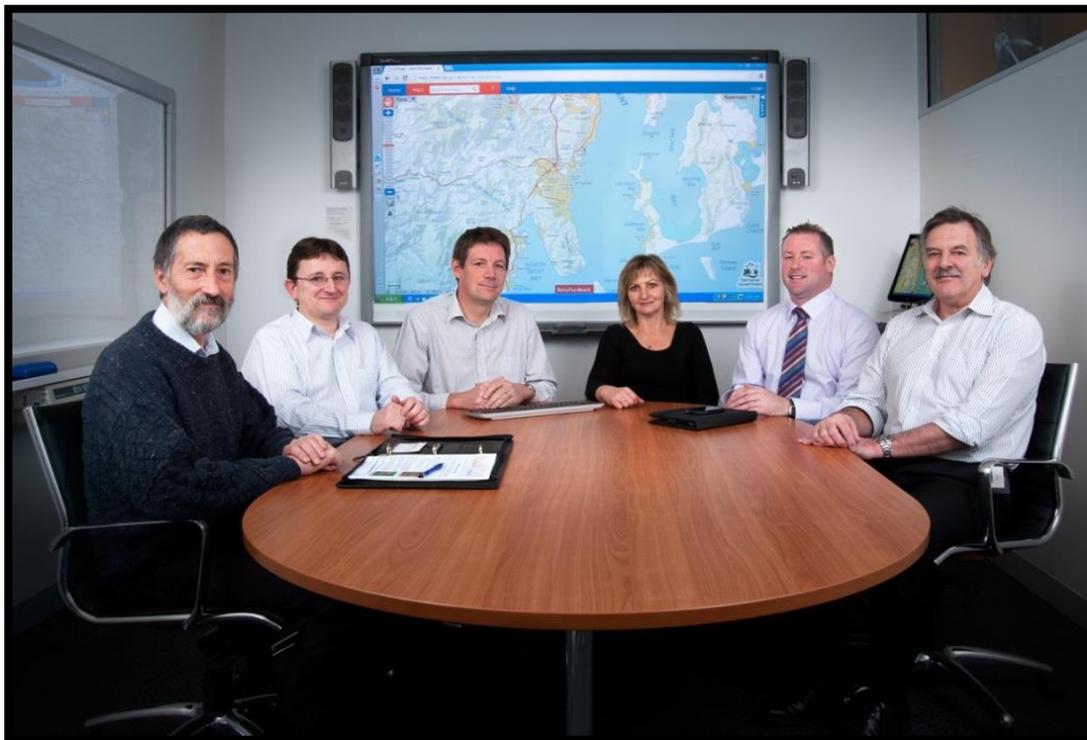
"It is also a credit to the project management team and all other staff involved, for the dedication that was shown during the project and ongoing work that is seeing the outputs being put to good use," Kate said.

The project's highly regarded management and technical methodologies were earlier acknowledged in winning **Best Practice in the Public Sector**, awarded by the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Tasmania) in late 2013, with technical excellence and innovation in information technology recognised at the recent Tasmanian iAwards, which honour "the best and most innovative solutions ... in the ICT industry", with LIST winning the **Government Category 2014 iAward**.

The two-year, \$3 million project was initiated in 2012 to transform Tasmania's spatial information infrastructure (the LIST) to meet the contemporary expectations and increasing demands of government and the community for the delivery of more accessible, more accurate location-linked information.

An ongoing program of presentations focusing on use of the new LIST products and services is being undertaken across a range of public and private sector organisations and industry groups. To arrange a demonstration or training session, please contact ILS' Client Services Unit on 03 6165 4646.





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New LIST Services

New web-based services developed as part of the project allow for the easy integration of maps and spatial analysis tools to support improved government planning, operations and decision-making capability. It is now much simpler for users to discover, manage and use spatial information and services. The new LISTmap application allows public users to create and visualise maps that communicate and share ideas, make decisions, understand what is happening, how and why it's happening. The newly integrated Data and Services Directory also allows members of the public to access and query data that may have previously been 'locked-up' within government.

Common Operating Platform

A key component of the SIF project was development of Tasmania's Common Operating Platform (COP), which seamlessly combines information from different emergency management organisations and delivers the combined information through a common, secure interface. The COP allows Tasmania's emergency services to collaboratively plan, respond, manage and help communities recover from emergency incidents. It is also being used as an effective, day-to-day operational tool by Tasmania Police. For more information, contact Aaron Cashion on 03 6165 4126 or email aaron.cashion@dpipwe.tas.gov.au.

Tasmanian Imagery Program

This new program was established to reduce duplication and increase cost efficiencies in the acquisition, distribution and sharing of remotely sensed imagery across government. The program has already provided significant cost savings across Tasmanian and local government organisations and business enterprises. For more information, contact Malcolm Crawford on 03 6165 4131 or email malcolm.crawford@dpipwe.tas.gov.au.

Cadastre and Planning Schemes

New LIST services have enabled the Tasmanian Planning Commission's *Planning Schemes Online* to customise and embed maps into Tasmania's new planning scheme content management system and enable the transition to new, web-based digital planning technology.

With completion of the project and the delivery of comprehensive new web services, there are now much greater opportunities for all government agencies and business units to take advantage of web services access to hundreds of spatial data layers and the LISTmap application for internal business purposes.

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