



# SPATIAL INFORMATION DAY 2010

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## Spatial Information Day 2010 Abstract

**Title:** SA Council Maps – A Collaborative Local Government Website Project

**Session:** 9 – Community and Planning

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### Abstract:

SA Council Maps is a web site that provides the community with access to South Australian Local Government related spatial information obtained from local and state government.

Initial discussions regarding the feasibility of implementing a spatial website portal for South Australian Councils commenced in early 2007. At Spatial Information Day 2008, a proof of concept website was demonstrated containing data from 7 South Australian Councils that had formed a working party. Since then the project has continued to gather momentum with 38 South Australian Councils participating in a website trial that commenced in November 2009. In May 2010, the SA Council Maps website project was awarded overall winner of the 2010 Australian Government 'Excellence in eGovernment' award.

### Objectives and Benefits for Councils

- Resource sharing of skills, funding, licensing and infrastructure.
- A low cost public solution for Councils that have limited resources.
- Provide the community with an increased level of customer service.
- Fosters working relationships between State and Local Governments.
- Streamlines data acquisition from State Government agencies.
- Reduction of carbon footprint through sharing resources and hardware.

### Benefits for the public

- 24/7 access to information on Council services and planning regulations in their local area
- Enables the community to find answers to such questions as;
  - When is my waste collected?
  - Where is my Council and how do I contact them?
  - Where are the nearest libraries, schools, parks and playgrounds?
  - What is my Council Ward and who are the Elected Members?
  - How do I get to my desired destination by public transport?
  - What properties are for sale in the area?
- Access map data seamlessly across many Council areas from a single application offering a consistent usability experience
- Launch into other web mapping applications (e.g. Google Maps & DTEI's Property Assist) from one portal

This presentation will demonstrate the web site and will provide an overview of the challenges, lessons and future directions of this collaborative project.

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