



# mapped **Out** 2013

## Maps on the move

Showcasing the use of Spatial Data  
to enhance the operation and delivery  
of Government Services

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**Barrett Higman**, Alpine Shire Council

Barrett has worked for Alpine Shire Council for the past 7 years as a GIS Officer.

Tablets and smartphones are ever present in both our personal and professional lives. Who could have guessed that 13 years since selective availability was turned off that every second person would have a location-aware computer in their pocket? Local councils can and should take advantage of the situation by developing custom apps, but there are also other strategic options available that have the potential to save on development time and cost.

**Ron Avery**, Office of Environment and Heritage

Ron is the Senior Team Leader Biodiversity Information Systems, Office of Environment and Heritage

A candid review of progress in establishing a NSW Vegetation Information System (VIS); the resources currently available, and challenges ahead. Ron provides some insights into how to initiate and conduct a major reform agenda such as this.

The VIS has now established a catalogue of vegetation maps, flora survey database and classification database that includes a common NSW vegetation classification nomenclature for use in mapping, planning and regulatory programs. Together with the BioNet-Atlas of NSW Wildlife, the VIS is now delivering synchronised classification, condition benchmarks, threatened species and threatened ecological community data to NSW regulatory tools (e.g. BioBanking, Property Vegetation Planning and BioCertification) and to public web applications (e.g. Save our Species, and Threatened Species web applications).

Focus is now on improving the quality of the underlying vegetation information, establishing standardised native vegetation mapping, and opening up access to standardised biodiversity information through simplified data licensing and smart data delivery technologies such as web services.

**David Baker and Simon Best**, Australian Bureau of Statistics

David and Simon work in the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census Data section.

The Census of Population and Housing is the largest statistical collection undertaken by the ABS. It provides a reliable basis for broad and small area population estimates, which are used for many purposes including electoral boundaries and the distribution of government funds.

Topics covered by the Census are wide and varied including ancestry and country of birth, languages spoken, educational participation and attainment, labour force status, occupation and industry of employment and income. Census data is available through a broad range of sources. This presentation will provide an overview of the various data sources and how they can be used to map data spatially.

**Robert Dahni**, Bureau of Meteorology

Robert has been working with the Bureau for over 30 years. This presentation will take delegates through a selection of maps on the Bureau of Meteorology's website, highlighting how spatial mapping technology has been used, or could be applied to available weather information. The presentation will focus on mapping radar and climate data, with an introduction to MetEye, the Bureau's new interactive web-based weather viewer.

**James Davis**, Junee Shire Council

James is the General Manager at Junee Shire Council

Does this sound familiar? Information driven solutions generally escape the deserving eye of the executive team. Why? Is it that such technology is seen as an officer level tool, is it the IT department being committed to textual databases, or software limitation – or could it be that your executive hasn't seen a spatial response to an executive level issue? Junee Shire Council has recently implemented a new GIS product and instigated mandatory training for all staff who are linked to a PC or mobile device. That training invited staff to be early adopters in developing ways to support organisational outcomes. This case study provides a sneak peek into that experience and what early benefits have been accomplished.

**Greg Windsor**, Land and Property Information

The presentation will cover the latest updates in the delivery of LPI spatial services through SIX maps, CORSnet NSW and imagery programs.



