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HI-TECH ENVIRONMENT SOLUTIONS FOR VICTORIA'S FUTURE

The Melton Environmental Atlas has won this year's Victorian Spatial Excellence Awards, highlighting how high-tech mapping can manage natural resources, Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Theo Theophanous announced.

The Atlas collates and analyses data to steer Melton council's environment, natural resources and agricultural planning strategies, including the Growth Plan for Melton.

"I'd like to congratulate the team behind this fantastic project, which is making an immense contribution to sustainability in regional planning and rural development," Mr Theophanous said.

"This project sets new best practice in behind-the-scenes spatial information management.

"This is just one of the local success stories to be recognised at this annual awards night, which brings to the fore some of the world-class spatial information technologies being developed here in Victoria.

"The awards this year showcase the vital impact that innovation and new spatial technologies are having on the way we deal with some of today's major issues.

"From flood and fire management, to major construction work, farming and water spatial technologies are playing an integral role in delivering solutions to government, business and the community.

"Victoria's spatial information industry is among the world's best. It already turns over \$410 million annually, and comprises more than 220 local businesses."

In June this year, the Victorian Government provided \$100,000 to formally set up the new *Spatial Victoria* cluster under the \$1 million *ICT Linkages Program*.

"Formalising *Spatial Victoria* as a cluster was a huge step in supporting the growth and competitiveness of the local spatial industry. Encouraging collaboration amongst the cluster members was truly evident at the awards and provides credibility on a national and international stage for the Victorian companies," Mr Theophanous said.

For more information go to: www.mmv.vic.gov.au/SpatialVictoria.

Victorian Spatial Excellence Award Winners

Award	Winner
Spatial Strategy Award	Defining a National Standard for Emergency Management Symbolology – The Australasian All Hazards Symbolology Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spatial Vision• Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM)
Measurement and Mapping	"Terrain Data" for Environmental Engineering Wimmera

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Award	Mallee Pipeline Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAMHatch • GWMWater
Infrastructure and Construction Award	Eastlink GIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thiess John Holland (Joint Venture) • ESRI Australia
Education and Professional Development Award	Pat Beeson Head of Geography, Presbyterian Ladies' College
Spatially Enabling Business Award	Web-based Cemetery Mapping Software <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEC Spatial Pty Ltd
Research and Innovation Award	High Accuracy GPSnet Satellite Corrections for Controlled Traffic Farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Sustainability and Environment • Department of Primary Industries • NewSat Limited • A1 Lasers and GPS Pty Ltd • CNG System Pty Ltd • Balliang Controlled Traffic Group • CTF Solutions • Paul Jenz Contract Harvesting • Ultimate Positioning • C.R. Kennedy & Company Pty Ltd
People and Community Award	Wildfire Asset Identification and Consequence of Loss Evaluation Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision • Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner (OESC)
Service to the Spatial Community	Lindsay Perry
Resource and Environment Award	Murray River Floodplain Salt Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinclair Knight Merz • Mallee CMA
Spatially Enabling Government Award	Melton Environmental Atlas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Primary Industries • Shire of Melton Spatial Waste Collection & Incident Recording System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hume City Council
Thornton Smith Award	Soh Keng Peng Chief Surveyor of Singapore
Young Spatial Professional of the Year Award	Dr. Jessica Davies Business Analyst, Geomatic Technologies
Victorian SSI Chair's Award	Peter Ramm
Victorian Government Award for Spatial Excellence	Melton Environmental Atlas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Primary Industries • Shire of Melton
Spatial Professional of the Year Award	Glenn Cockerton Managing Director, Spatial Vision