

## GITA ANZ - Promotion of Conference and Strategic Plan - Position Magazine

### 1. [18<sup>th</sup> Annual Geospatial Solutions Conference](#)

GITA's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual geospatial Solutions Conference was held on August 5 – 7 in Brisbane – A screaming success - Great program. Great networking - everyone had a fantastic time. With over 50 organisations from all over Australia represented coupled with exceptional speakers great displays. GITA wishes to thank all sponsors, the 2013 program committee, speakers and most of all those who came along and shared in the wealth of experience that was the 2013 GITA ANZ Annual Conference.

Theme: Wisdom through the Spatial Sphere – Building on Fundamentals –focused on transition from information through knowledge to wisdom. Put simply - How to leverage your investment in information and technology to achieve real business benefits.

Keynotes:

- The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk
- Chief Executive Officer Energex Terry Effeney
- Chief Executive Officer Ergon Energy Ian McLeod
- Chief Executive Officer Unitywater George Theo
- The Executive Dean, Science and Engineering , QUT Martin Betts

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### 2. Annual AWARDS presented at Conference

Dial Before You DigAward– winner ENERGEX - refer photo: L to R: Antoine Burdett (President GITA ANZ), Chris Woodman (Energex), CarlosCampino (CEO DBYD)

Since 2000, and closely aligned to the national Dial Before You Dig service, GITA ANZ has been active in promoting efforts to improve the processes and standards for protecting and locating underground assets. In 2007, GITA ANZ introduced a new award to recognise high performance by member companies in responding to Dial Before You Dig enquiries. The award is made on the basis of results from a competition conducted anonymously by GITA that compares member company responses to a set of enquiries against a specified set of criteria.

These responses are judged on the basis of speed of response, quality of response, availability, accuracy and quality of material provided to the enquirer. The assessment involved DBYD responses from companies that are GITA members and also part of the national DBYD system (which includes most of the major utilities in Australia).

Energex was presented with the 2013 GITA ANZ Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) Performance Award.

GITA ANZ Excellence Award– winner: ATHERTON TABLELANDS GIS, Finalist: AECOM- refer photo: L to R: Antoine Burdett (President GITA ANZ), Alistair Hart and George Corea (Atherton Tablelands GIS)

GITA is constantly working to raise the profile of spatial technology in all industries and to recognise the efforts of the organisations and people who transform ideas into a working reality and push the technology to increase both business and community benefits.

A hallmark of GITA has long been the stewardship and leadership afforded by its members who have unselfishly shared their experiences, actively filled the mentor role, pushed the technology and increased the business and community benefits. GITA Australia & New Zealand Division introduced the Excellence Award Program in 1992. The Awards Committee comprises GITA ANZ Past Presidents and other invited industry experts, as and when required.

It's with much pleasure that GITA ANZ announce Atherton Tablelands GIS as the winner of the 2013 GITA Excellence Award in recognition for their part in a Disaster Resilient Communications Project, designed to keep information flowing at times of emergency. Atherton Tablelands GIS (ATGIS) undertook a Resilient Communications Study to identify a Resilient Communications Network to facilitate the sharing of critical information post-disaster. ATGIS modelled 24 radio repeater towers across 3 different UHF and VHF radio networks and field testing the results, to develop a communications flow chart to ensure Tablelands Regional Council emergency managers maintained situational awareness during periods of normal communications outages.

### 3. GITA ANZ Strategic Plan 2013 to 2016 Released

At the Conference the President, Antoine Burdett, announced the release of the GITA ANZ Strategic Plan for 2013 – 2016. The Plan represents a set of priorities and actions to address the key areas identified as being most important by our industry and ensure that GITA ANZ remains relevant and provides ongoing value as the industry association for anyone who uses geospatial technology to plan, design, develop, manage, and operate infrastructure.

GITA ANZs' vision is to remain highly relevant to its members through the provision of timely and informative material, driven by leadership and the facilitation of learning and networking forums to share ideas, lessons learnt and raise the overall knowledge base of the spatial industry.

The intended audience includes GITA ANZ members, industry practitioners, global GITA affiliates, and other like-minded spatial associations within Australia and New Zealand.

Plan is available for download by anyone at: [http://gita.org.au/gita\\_strategic\\_plan.html](http://gita.org.au/gita_strategic_plan.html)

The Plan articulates 5 Key Performance Areas:

1. Governance & sustainability – this is the leadership approach and behaviours to be adopted to successfully implement change in this environment and address challenges.
2. Core Practitioner Membership – our approaches to retain and extend membership to organisations and individuals who are seen as core practitioners in the management of infrastructure assets

3. Networking & Learning - the mechanism by which technology and best practice knowledge is shared amongst members and industry.
4. Industry Representation and Collaboration - the way in which we collaborate with like-minded associations and industry groups.
5. Communication - focusing on effective communications with members and industry.