

# location matters

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*A point of reference for Tasmanian land information.*

## Welcome to the 2024 edition of Location Matters

We're thrilled to share with you a number of significant and exciting initiatives currently underway at Heritage and Land Tasmania.

Firstly, the implementation of National Electronic Conveyancing, scheduled for late 2024 and early 2025, promises to revolutionise conveyancing practices in Tasmania. The Land Titles Office is introducing a number of reforms ahead of the implementation and has engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations with solicitors and conveyancers, with more ongoing engagement as we approach the system's launch.

Additionally, for those of you familiar with LISTmap or the Common Operating Platform developed in 2013-14, we've embarked on the modernisation process of these vital information tools as part of the All Hazards Spatial Infrastructure project.

Furthermore, Heritage Tasmania proudly introduced the Built Heritage Grants Scheme this year, offering two separate streams of grants in its inaugural year, with the application period closing just prior to the publication of this edition of Location Matters.

Explore more about these initiatives and other important and informative updates within the pages of this edition of Location Matters.

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need help  
with LISTmap?

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## Back in the AGFEST paddock

Heritage and Land Tasmania will again have a presence at AGFEST. Come see us at site S70 to discover our full range of land-related data, products and services, and see how they help in delivering a sustainable Tasmania for the agricultural sector and broader Tasmanian community.

Our knowledgeable staff can show you how to use LISTmap to find and map your property, describe the extent of the Aerial Imagery and LiDAR program for this year and how the back catalogue of 50 years of aerial photography can be searched.

The team can also talk to you about the exciting new projects that Heritage and Land Tasmania has underway, including National Electronic Conveyancing and what new data is being added to LISTmap.

***We look forward to seeing you in the AGFEST Paddock, site S70 from 2-4 May 2024.***



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## Land Titles Office reform

The Recorder of Titles is responsible for maintaining a Register of registered estates and interests in land (Register). On 7 March 2024 improvements to the property conveyancing process in Tasmania came into effect via the issuing of Directions in accordance with the *Land Titles Act 1980* (Act).

The Recorder's Directions relate to the preparation and lodgment for registration of applications, dealings, instruments, and other documents for the purposes of the Act.

The Recorder's Directions seek to strengthen the safety and security of property conveyancing in Tasmania, introducing more rigour to the process, and preserving the integrity of the Register.

Significant stakeholder consultation has been undertaken regarding the new requirements and processes including the verification of identity, verification of right to deal, client authorisation, certifications, retention of evidence and compliance examination.

As a result of the Recorder's Directions, parties to a conveyancing transaction are, in most cases, now required to be represented by a conveyancing professional – a legal practitioner or a licensed conveyancer – who will prepare registry instruments and other documents, and effect lodgment with the Land Titles Office on behalf of their client.

The key principles guiding the development of these reforms include:

- **Introducing more rigour and security to the conveyancing process and providing a more secure Register of land:**  
The introduction of requirements to undertake verification checks, obtain specific authorisation from a client and retain relevant evidence relating to a conveyancing transaction provides an increased level of security and rigour.
- **Working towards alignment with National Electronic Conveyancing:**  
The requirements and processes being introduced to the paper-based conveyancing process are aligned as closely as possible to the National Electronic Conveyancing process.
- **The introduction of certifications:**  
The introduction of certifications, by which parties will be required to certify to the Recorder of Titles that all relevant laws and requirements have been complied with. Such certification removes the need for documentation evidencing compliance with the Recorder's Directions to be routinely provided.

The Recorder's Directions are an important precursor to the future implementation of National Electronic Conveyancing in Tasmania. Where possible, the Tasmanian conveyancing process will, as a result of the Recorder's Directions, align with the electronic conveyancing processes across Australia.

Information and educational material is being updated regularly on the Land Titles Office website at [Recorder's Directions](#) and [Lodgment Requirements](#).

## All aboard to National Electronic Conveyancing

Good progress is being made towards fulfilling Tasmania's commitment to a National Electronic Conveyancing system.

The National Electronic Conveyancing system is a secure, online environment that allows legal practitioners, conveyancers, financial institutions and other interested parties to electronically prepare and lodge land dealings with title registries, transmit settlement funds and pay associated duties and tax, and removes the need to physically attend property settlements.

Tasmania is scheduled to commence participation in **August 2024** with activation of functionality for Lodgment Instructions, Discharge of Mortgage and National Mortgage. Change of Ownership and Notice of Sale functionality will commence **February 2025**.

A staged rollout of other functionality is planned for May to October 2025, including Change of Name, Caveat and Withdrawal of Caveat, Transmission Application, Notice of Death, Priority Notice and Withdrawal of Priority Notice.





### Aerial imagery capture program

Customers who use LISTmap for their mapping requirements know there are base layers such as topographic, hillshade and the state aerial photo backgrounds. These base layers are fundamental to most mapping requirements and allow the map user to gain spatial awareness by visualising familiar places through placenames, recognisable landmarks, infrastructure and other natural features.

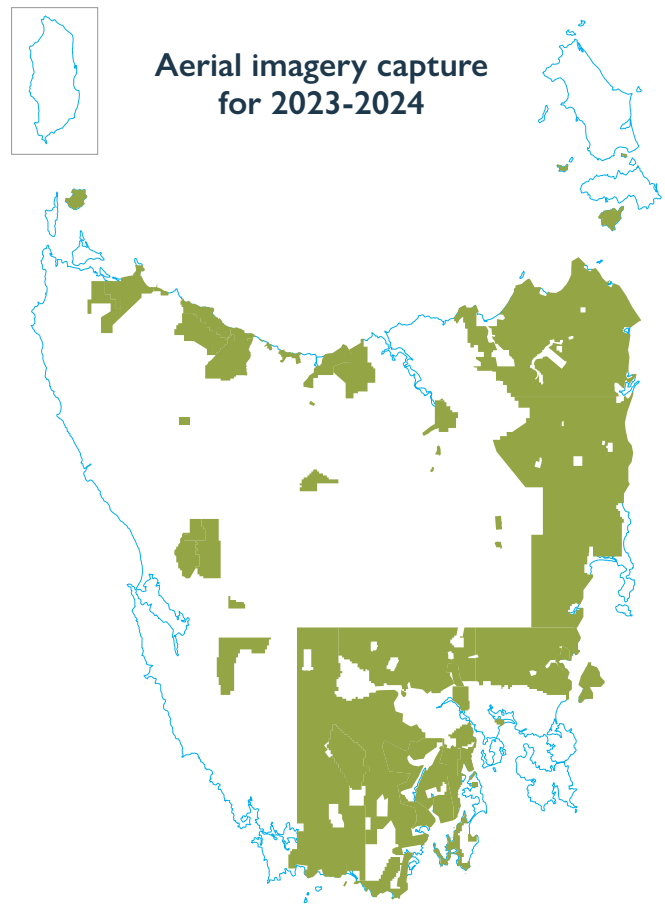
The Topographic Data Unit, within Location Services Branch, is responsible for the procurement, quality assurance and dissemination of the state aerial photo layer. Currently the layer is a combination of recent digital imagery and older analogue imagery captured prior to 2012.

The conventional 2023-2024 aerial imagery program will capture around six per cent of Tasmania (4,396km<sup>2</sup>) including urban areas such as Smithton, Wynyard, Burnie, Penguin, Ulverstone, Latrobe, Launceston, Brighton, Hobart and Kingborough, along with some smaller towns. These cities and towns will be captured at 10cm resolution while some surrounding rural areas will be captured at 25cm resolution.

Additional capture to replace the ageing analogue aerial imagery has also been scheduled. In some areas this imagery is 18 years old. A number of Tasmanian imagery providers have been awarded contracts for the acquisition of 25cm resolution imagery for over 25 per cent of Tasmania (17,018km<sup>2</sup>). This updated imagery of Tasmania will provide an authoritative dataset enabling map users to make informed decisions.

(See map for the 2023-2024 total coverage).

Another significant project currently underway is to provide historical mosaics, through LISTmap, of our historical imagery. Some of this imagery is more than 80 years old and will be a useful tool for change detection analysis in the future. *Watch this space!*



### Environment and Sustainability Award

Heritage and Land Tasmania's Emergency Services GIS team has won the Environment and Sustainability Award at the Tasmanian Geospatial Excellence Awards, for its creation of the Early Fire Detection and Notification System.

State and territory winners are now in the running for the prestigious oceanic Geospatial Excellence Awards, which will be announced at the Locate Conference in May 2024.

The system has provided the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service with an important tool in support of fire response activities, particularly in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

For more information see [Location Matters May 2023 article – Early warnings to attack remote bushfires.](#)



# News in brief

## 2023 Statutory Valuation Program

Fresh valuations are being undertaken for the municipal areas of Derwent Valley, Dorset, Flinders Island, Glamorgan Spring Bay, Glenorchy, King Island, Launceston and Waratah Wynyard. The Office of the Valuer-General has gone out to tender again for the municipal areas of Tasman and Sorell. The tender committee is reviewing the tenders as part of the Fresh Valuation procurement process for Tranche 2 of the program.

For more information go to <https://nre.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/office-of-the-valuer-general>.

## TASSIC workforce development forum

On 9 November 2023 the Tasmanian Spatial Information Council (TASSIC) convened a forum to examine constraints on the spatial workforce and discuss pathways to improved participation. There were 56 participants in a hybrid format, with local and interstate speakers. Presentations ranged from the tertiary education sector through to small and large private enterprises. A panel session convened by Danika Bakalich from the Geospatial Council of Australia proposed a number of initiatives that have already begun to take root, including a nascent partnership with the UK-initiated 'Design, Engineer and Construct' program for schools.

## Built Heritage Grants Scheme

Applications for the first year of the new Built Heritage Grants Scheme, administered by Heritage Tasmania, closed in April 2024. A total of \$1 million is being made available in this first year of the grants scheme to ensure that Tasmania's built heritage places are protected, maintained, and leveraged for the benefit of Tasmania and Tasmanians. Successful applicants will be announced in mid-2024.

For full details go to:

[www.heritage.tas.gov.au/built-heritage-grants-scheme](http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au/built-heritage-grants-scheme).

## Progress towards a new LISTmap and COP

The All Hazards Spatial Infrastructure project team has been collaborating with multiple stakeholder groups to develop and finalise the requirements for a new leading-edge spatial infrastructure. The project will modernise and uplift LISTmap and Common Operating Platform (COP) capabilities while providing a platform with increased system security, reliability and demand scalability which is optimised for native mobile and desktop operations. The new platform will see Tasmania better placed to make more informed operational and strategic decisions, especially regarding improving resilience and adapting to changing climatic conditions and mitigating the impact of natural disasters. A Request for Tender will be released to market in the first half of 2024.



## New products

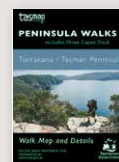
### 1:50 000 Topographic Maps

- Adamsons Ed 2
- Bay of Fires Ed 2
- Green Ponds Ed 2
- Hartz Ed 2
- Wellington Ed 2



### National Park, Walk and Recreation Maps

- Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park Map
- Mount Anne Walk Map
- Peninsula Walks



### Tourist Products

- Visitors Map Tasmania 2024



## Other products

### Digital downloads

- National Park, Walk and Recreation Maps
- 1:50 000 Topographic Maps are available as a statewide coverage on USB drive.

TASMAP products are available for purchase online at [www.tasmap.tas.gov.au](http://www.tasmap.tas.gov.au) or from Service Tasmania shops and TASMAP resellers.

*Images: Top left - Hill shading at 3m of the Franklin River in the vicinity of Convict Peak between Elliot Range (west) and the Princess Range (East). Top right - Section of Visitors Map Tasmania 2024.*

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