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Geoscience Australia Wins 2007 Web GIS Challenge

Geoscience Australia's MapConnect website was announced winner of the 2007 Web GIS Challenge at this week's ESRI Australia national client conference, OZRI 2007. The City of Whitehorse's "Whitehorse Mapping – GIS Online" website was awarded runner up.

The MapConnect website received the most votes from the Australian GIS community, and was voted as having the best mapping website in the country in terms of innovation, ease of use, clarity of information, functionality and overall look.

MapConnect was introduced to the public just over a year ago, and is designed to provide an interactive online mapping service that allows users to investigate, interrogate and download the GEODATA TOPO 250k series 3 data.

The website is aimed at the general public who are interested in seeing Australia-wide GIS data coverage, and downloading this free, quality data. The website includes Gazetteer search, map markup tools, session saving and free data downloads. .

The City of Whitehorse was voted a close runner up, with their Whitehorse Mapping – GIS Online website delivering council services information to local residents, ratepayers, real estate agents, valuers, schools students and prospective property owners, all with minimal or no GIS experience.



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For their win, Geoscience Australia was presented with a number of prizes, including a trip to the 2008 ESRI User Conference in San Diego, California, travel and registration for two representatives to OZRI 2007, and a RedBalloon Days Team Building Experience. The City of Whitehorse also won a number of prizes, including travel and registration to OZRI 2007 and a RedBalloon Days Team Building Experience.

Congratulations to both organisations, and to all organisations who took part in this year's Web GIS Challenge.

To access Geoscience Australia's MapConnect website, visit www.ga.gov.au/mapconnect.

To access The City of Whitehorse's "Whitehorse Mapping – GIS Online" website, visit - www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=680&h=0.

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