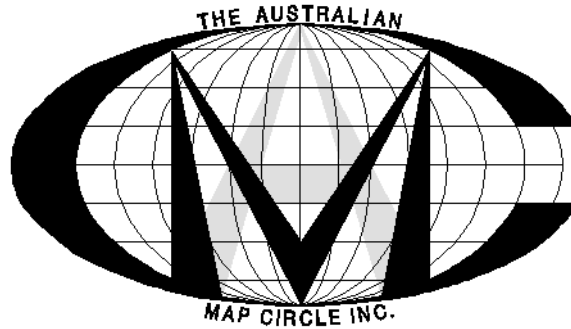


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Welcome to the first electronic only issue of the AMC Newsletter

As advised in issue 100, with the advances in technology, increased use of the internet the AMC newsletter has become an e-newsletter.

AMC CONFERENCE 2008

Next issue will have a report on the conference held in Wellington this year. The minutes from the AGM are included at the end of this newsletter.

MAPS AND MAP PUBLICATIONS

The Globe

Back issues of *The Globe* can be purchased for \$15.00 per copy, including postage and handling (world-wide). Pre-payment is required.

The following back issues are available: nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, and all issues from no. 33 onwards except no. 47. We may also be able to supply photocopies of issues which are out of print, please enquire.

MAP NEWS

The International Antiquarian Mapsellers Association have created a Missing and Stolen Map Database. For more information visit: www.missingmaps.info.

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MEMBERS NEWS

Sydney Map Symposium 8 February

Based on the idea that Sydney is a vital node point between Australia and the Pacific Ocean, a symposium was organized by well known Sydney map collector, Robert Clancy. The symposium was attended by members of the Sydney Map Group and some thirty overseas map collectors and enthusiasts, many from the USA.

The symposium was preceded by a delightful reception at Kirribilli on Thursday 7 February. On Friday morning a session called "Escaping Sydney" was held at the NSW State Records office in The Rocks. The four papers presented were:

- "Filling-in a Void" by Robert Clancy AM
- "Why would anyone want to escape Sydney" by Paul Ashton and Louise Di Bartolomeo, University of Technology, Sydney
- "The Escape Routes" by Paul Harcombe, Chief Surveyor, Lands Dept
- "It's on the Records" by Christine Yeats, State Records

After lunch the Governor of New South Wales, Hon Marie Bashir, launched *From Sails to Satellites*, a history of the 27 Surveyors-General of New South Wales. During her speech the Governor noted that the first Surveyor General, Baron Augustus Alt, was actually appointed before the first Governor, Arthur Phillip.

The current Surveyor General, Warrick Watkins announced a plan to add three statues to the 13 currently occupying niches in the Lands Department Building in Bridge Street, Australia's largest sandstone building. Ideas on who should be honoured are sought.

On Friday afternoon, three papers were presented at the Mitchell Library on the theme "Pacific is Terrific":

- "The Surveyor General, a Fulcrum of Australia Discovery" by Surveyor General Warrick Watkins
- "Pacific Discovery: a Question of Inheritance?" by Paul Bruton, Senior Curator
- "Pacific Discovery: Contemporary Visions" by the State Librarian Elizabeth Ellis

Many unique maps were on show throughout the day and a symposium CD was presented to participants.

Frank Urban

AMC Canberra Event 4 April

On Friday 4 April the Friends of the National Library hosted a 'Maps White Gloves' evening, with good attendance from the Canberra AMC members. The event was fully subscribed a week in advance, and limited to 110 attendees due to the space available.

The evening commenced with a spotlight session on the Library's new publication, 'Australia in Maps', by Maura O'Connor and Terry Birtles, and Michael Pearson author of great Southern Land and other publications spoke to this. Then followed a viewing of some 100 or so items from the Library's rare maps collection, across four 'themes':

- Ptolemy's Terra Incognita: The Southern Continent that Wasn't
- The Golden Age of Dutch Mapping
- Two views of Australia - charting French and British Pacific rivalry
- Knights of the Hammer - Real Estate Auction Plans of Early Sydney

The array of material was truly impressive, a beautiful selection of maps, plans, atlases, globes etc. The audience seemed very interested, and although for those of us behind the display tables it was difficult to measure 'success', the feedback since has been very positive and the crowd stayed far longer than the scheduled time. Many thanks to Damian Cole (French and British Pacific maps), Stuart MacKenzie (Real Estate Auction Plans) and Allen Mawer (Ptolemy) for their selection of materials, and for their stand up-routines. The smooth running of the evening was also due to the input of many library staff and volunteers who assisted both beforehand and on the night, answering questions, assisting with care of the items and generally making the event work. The Friends have reported increased numbers joining up in association with the event, and it was equally pleasing from an AMC point of view to see the Canberra contingent out in force.

Upcoming Canberra AMC event:

The next event associated with Canberra AMC will be hosted by ANU Cartographic Services, Coombs Building Fellows Road Wednesday 2 July, 6pm. Head of Cartographic services Kay Dancey and her staff will talk about and demonstrate some of the stages of their digital map production. Those attending will also be welcome to browse the map collection and view a display of some of the University's older maps. There will be a brief meeting to schedule the next AMC Canberra event (September).

AGM Minutes

Australian Map Circle Inc. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting

3:30pm, Wednesday, February 13, 2008, Te Papa Museum, Wellington New Zealand

1. Attendance and Apologies

1.1 Present

Michael Ross, Dorothy Prescott, Adella Edwards, Bernard Whitfield, Martin Woods, Greg Eccleston, Anthony Bright, Glenys McIver, Allison Holland, Bill Richardson, Robert J. King, Victor Prescott, John Cain

1.2 Apologies

Judith Scurfield, Brendan Whyte, Denis Shepard, David Jones, Roger Rees, Effie Rees, Frank Urban, Dianne Rutherford, Bill Stinson

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2007 AGM were circulated with AMC Newsletter #97 (April 2007) and copies were distributed at the meeting.

The minutes were accepted by the meeting (Moved Adella Edwards, Seconded Robert King)

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

4. Presidents Report (Michael Ross)

The Presidents report was tabled and presented by Michael Ross.

The President invited Martin Woods to expand on the Canberra conference. Martin highlighted the importance of successful sponsorship and collaborative funding from the Spatial Sciences Institute of Australia. He suggested this should be flagged as a model for the consideration of future conference conveners. The executive unanimously moved a vote of thanks to Greg Wood for his role in raising sponsorship for the Canberra conference.

The President also reported that AMC + NZMS was being considered and discussed. Martin Woods and John Cain will enter into discussions with the executive of NZMS, and a report will be generated with recommendations to the membership.

A motion "The membership agree that the Executive begin discussions with the NZ Map Society on the proposal, and prepare a proposal for consideration by the membership. A special postal/electronic vote may be held following the distribution of that report"
(Michael Ross moved, Dorothy Prescott seconded) was accepted by the meeting.

Adella Edwards spoke to the possibility of replacing Institutional Membership with sustaining partnerships with better recognize the importance of the AMC in identifying and providing continuing professional development to a very specialized membership. She identified the need for the AMC executive to develop a portfolio for the AMC as a first step to achieving this.

Martin Woods spoke to the importance of Scholarships, and being proactive in supporting postgraduate research and student involvement in the organization.

Michael Ross concluded with a short statement on the executives work to develop policies and procedures for the organization, and the creation of a budgeting approach to reviewing and setting future membership fees.

The meeting accepted the report.

5. Business Managers Report.

The Business Manager's report was tabled and presented by John Cain. As of 31 Dec 2007 the audited accounts show total funds of \$33,641. John alerted members that membership fees were last increased in 1996 and it is likely an increase in membership fees will be needed to match income to expenditure.

The meeting accepted the report.

6. Publication Report

The publication report was tabled and presented by Greg Eccleston.

The meeting accepted the report. (Michael Ross moved)

The meeting accepted a motion which records the AMCs gratitude to Greg for his work on publications, particularly as editor of the Globe (Michael Ross Moved, John Cain Seconded).

John Cain reported on other publications. Management of the AMC website has been handed to Adella Edwards. The Newsletter will continue to be produced by Diane Rutherford. As detailed in issue 100 on the Newsletter, print production has ceased with this issue. This will result in considerable financial savings, and allow more timely distribution of the newsletter.

Dorothy Prescott raised the issue of lodgement of archival copies of the newsletter. Martin Woods informed the group of the option of using the Pandora Project to lodge electronic copy.

7. Branch Reports

Melbourne had the only branch activity in 2007, with their annual Christmas function and quiz.

8. Returning Officers Report

No nominations were received by the returning officer, and the delay in delivery of the notice of meeting may have prevented some members from nominating. The 2007 Executive offered themselves for election. There were no other nominations from the floor. The current executive were re-elected.

Denis Shepard has indicated that he may be unable to serve out the entire year. Michael Ross indicated that 2008 will be his last year as President, and John Cain also indicated that he would be pleased to be replaced as Business Manager.

2008 Executive:

President:	Michael Ross
Vice-president:	Martin Woods
Business Manager:	John Cain
Secretary:	Denis Shepard
Relationship Coordinator/ Web Manager:	Adella Edwards
Newsletter Editor:	Dianne Rutherford

9. General Business

9.1 The Globe

Greg Eccelston invited questions from the floor. None were forthcoming. Michael Ross assured those present that the Executive would take on board all of his recommendations and move forward.

9.2 Name Change

Michael Ross suggested we await the recommendation from Martin and John before this matter is considered. This was agreed.

9.3 Future Conferences

Adella reported that she and Amy have found it impossible to coordinate a remote investigation of possibilities for a conference in Adelaide. The State Library was visited by Brendan, who had reported that their offer was for a venue only.

Adella suggested we may have to consider joining with another conference rather than trying to provide our own. Greg Eccelston pointed out that this must take place in the first five months of the calendar year. The membership should be canvassed for appropriate 2009 conferences to join with, or the willingness to organize an AMC conference in 2009.

9.4 Public Officer

Greg Eccelston has resigned as Public Officer. John Cain has agreed to act in that role. It was arranged for Greg to transfer all necessary paperwork to John.

9.5 Auditing of AMC accounts

It was moved (Greg Eccelston) that the AMC should provide a gift to Ewan Smith for his auditing of the AMC accounts. Seconded by Victor Prescott, moved.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.