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An occasional series of newsletters produced to keep members of the Australian Map Circle informed about matters of immediate interest and to supplement *The Globe*, journal of the AMC. Please send reviews, notices and other items of general interest for inclusion in future *Newsletters* and *The Globe* to John Cain:

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The Australian Map Circle, Inc. Notice of Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Australian Map Circle Inc. will be held during the 28th Annual Conference, at 8:30 am on **Wednesday 2 February 2000**, at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT. An agenda and other papers will be available at the AGM. A nomination form for the 2000 Executive is included with this *Newsletter*, and additional forms are available from the Returning Officer. Nominations must be received by Monday 17 January 2000 by the Returning Officer: David Jones, Map Section, University of Melbourne Library, Parkville, 3010. Fax: (03) 9347 0974.

28th Annual AMC Conference

"Mapping Beyond 2000"

The National Library of Australia, Canberra

30 January - 2 February 2000

A registration brochure for the 2000 Australian Map Circle Conference has been posted to members. Additional brochures and further information are available from:

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Graham Baker grahambaker@auslig.gov.au (02) 6201 4299
Postal: AMC Conference, 50 Fullerton Crescent, Richardson, ACT, 2905, Australia.

Or check the AMC Web page where you can find additional information:

www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/maps/amc2000.htm

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Provisional Conference Programme

Sunday 30 January 2000

1:00 - 5:00pm - Mapping Workshop - Australian War Memorial

5.00- 9.00 pm - Early registration and Welcome Barbecue

Monday 31 January 2000

8.30 am Registration

9.10 am Welcoming Address - Mr Greg Eccleston, President, AMC

9.20 am Opening Address - Ms Jan Fullerton, Dir-Gen, NLA

9.30 am Keynote Address - Prof George Cho, University of Canberra

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Technical Session 1

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Technical Tour - AUSLIG

Tuesday 1 February 2000

9.00 am Technical Session 2

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Technical Session 3

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Technical Tour - AGSO

7.30 pm Conference Dinner - School of Arts Café, Queanbeyan - dinner and show

Wednesday 2 February 2000

8.30 am Annual General Meeting - AMC

9.00 am Technical Session 4

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Technical Session 5

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Technical Session 5

3.00 pm Closing Address by AMC President

3.15 pm Afternoon tea/drinks and Poster Session

5.00 pm Conference Close

Abstracts of selected papers are now available on the web site.

Pre-Conference Workshop and Tours

An interesting workshop has been developed in conjunction with the Map Section at the Australian War Memorial, on Sunday afternoon, 30 January 2000. Canberra is home to some of Australia's leading government mapping agencies and technical tours have been arranged to AGSO and AUSLIG.

Accommodation

There is ample accommodation to meet the budget of any delegate within reasonable distance of the National Library. See the Canberra tourism web site for a broad range:

<http://www.canberratourism.com.au>

Delegates should make their own accommodation bookings. The committee has selected the following establishment as the "official" conference accommodation venue: **Forrest Inn**, 30 National Circuit, Forrest, ACT 2603, Ph: 1800 676 372, Fax: 02-6295 2119. <http://www.forrestinn.com.au/>

Registration

Early bird registration closed on 1 December. All conference registrations now cost \$225 per person.

More Information

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Estelle Canning Memorial Prize

As a tribute to our recently departed Vice President, Estelle Canning, certain AMC members have donated funds to be used to award an annual **Estelle Canning Memorial Prize** for the next ten years. The \$250 annual prize will be awarded for the best paper presented during each AMC Conference, as judged by the AMC President. Further details on the award will be available at AMC 2000.

News

AURISA 2000

The next Australian Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (AURISA) conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Coolumb, Queensland from 20-24 November 2000. Closing date of proposals for papers is 1 March 2000. Further information on the AURISA conference from: GPO Box 2200, Canberra, 2601. Email: aurisa@ausconservices.com.au Phone: 02 6257 3299

New Zealand Map Society Seminar 2000

6-9 February 2000, Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre, 1043 Beach Rd, Long Bay, Auckland, NZ. The seminar will deal firstly with some fundamental aspects of mapping in New Zealand. More information: Jan Kelly, Geog Dept, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, NZ. Phone: (09) 373 7599, extension 8447. Email: j.kelly@auckland.ac.nz

Selected Map Bookmarks

***Place Finder – Microsoft Expedia Maps* www.expdiamaps.com/PlaceFinder.asp**

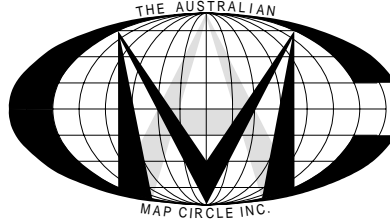
Just to prove that the “evil empire” ☺ has a few somewhat useful products. Place Finder will quickly generate a location map of a place anywhere in the world you ask it to locate. In my quick test, it could not locate the You Yangs (a granite outcrop and nation park near Melbourne) but could locate the more widely known Grampians in Western Victoria. In urban areas, testing for suburbs of Melbourne, it was unable to locate even major suburbs such as Carlton or Brunswick, which was rather disappointing.

***Microsoft Terraserver.* www.terraserver.microsoft.com**

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Terraserver.com is an overtly commercial web site, arising out of the joint research project between Microsoft, USGS, Aerial Images and Compaq to place huge amounts of satellite imagery on line. Microsoft Terraserver is its less commercial predecessor. Ownership of Terraserver.com is unclear (no doubt the “evil empire” ☺ has a sizeable stake) and the two sites are at present cross-linked so that a search on one will find material on both. Data can generally be viewed for free and purchased (though viewing may require installation of Microsofts Active-X which has a number of security concerns). Still, a useful site to find imagery of a wide variety of places. The Microsoft version includes a clickable map to select data, while the Terraserver.com site

Readers are invited to submit useful sites for inclusion here to John Cain, cain@lib.unimelb.edu.au



Call for nominations for the National Executive, 2000

Nominations are invited for the Australian Map Circle National Executive for 2000.

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer no later than Monday 17 January 2000. Should more than one nomination be received for any of the positions, an election will be necessary and members will be advised, so that postal and proxy votes are received before the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8:30 am on Wednesday 2 February, at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT.

Nomination forms should be signed by the nominator, a seconder, and the nominee. All three must be financial Ordinary or Emeritus members, or Honorary members, of the Australian Map Circle.

The positions to be filled are: **President**
 Vice-President
 Business Manager
 Secretary

The Returning Officer is: David Jones
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Nomination for office of the Australian Map Circle National Executive, 2000

I, _____, hereby nominate _____ for the
office of _____ in the National Executive of the Australian Map Circle for 2000.

I, _____, second the above nomination.

I, the nominee am able to serve on the National Executive if elected.

Signed,

Nominator: _____

Secunder: _____

Nominee: _____