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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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AMC E-mail group

Adella Edwards has kindly set up an e-mail listserver for the AMC. This e-mail group allows any member of the group to send e-mail to all other members with one message. It is hoped that this group will allow members to ask questions, or promote discussion of issues of relevance to AMC's interests. Currently, all those who attended the recent Canberra AMC conference are signed up to the group. To post to the group, send an email to [<amcircle@egroups.com>](mailto:amcircle@egroups.com). For those who wish to join, send an empty email, from the address to which you want your subscription to be based, to [<amcircle-subscribe@egroups.com>](mailto:amcircle-subscribe@egroups.com). To unsubscribe, send an empty email to [<amcircle-unsubscribe@egroups.com>](mailto:amcircle-unsubscribe@egroups.com), again this must be sent from the address from which you wish to unsubscribe.

Only members of the group can post messages. At the recent AMC executive meeting it was decided that the group would be open to the public, not just AMC members, but that all new members would have to be approved by a moderator (so self-subscription is possible, but requires the approval of a moderator). Currently Adella Edwards, John Cain and Brendan Whyte are moderators. Thus when someone subscribes as above, their request is sent to a moderator automatically, who can then approve or disapprove of the membership.

All messages are archived at the website, and are viewable there, but only by group members. To view our archive, you must first be subscribed to the group. Then you can register at the egroup website [<http://www.egroups.com>](http://www.egroups.com) (this process is self-explanatory). Registration with your subscribed email address will automatically give you access to the AMCircle archive, where you can view the group policies, and the group membership list. There are various other features of an egroup, like a calendar, events, polls, etc, but we have not fully investigated these yet. It is hoped that members will refrain from making explicitly commercial posts to the group, though queries for valuation, where to buy, etc are acceptable. For those new to listservers, remember to check whether you are replying to the poster or the entire group if you hit the reply button! Any questions on the list, our group policies, etc should be sent to John Cain in the first instance: [<cain@lib.unimelb.edu.au>](mailto:cain@lib.unimelb.edu.au).

28th AMC Conference, Canberra

Many thanks are extended to Maura O'Connor, Graham Baker, Roger Rees, Gayle Young and Gail Hill for a very successful conference at the National Library in Canberra. Thanks are also extended to the conference sponsors Intergraph. About 40 delegates registered, and enjoyed three days of very interesting papers, on a diverse range of mapping topics, as well as field trips in an old school bus to AUSLIG and AGSO, and a tour of the map collection at the Australian War Memorial.

The latter featured a tour of the storage facilities, a display of several intriguing maps from the collection (from a Boxer Rebellion plan of Peking to WW2 escape maps produced in POW camps), and the chance to view the current WW2 display in the Memorial itself, which incorporates specially designed maps in the display labeling. The AUSLIG tour included the maritime boundaries mapping unit, and the privatised 1:250k mapping program, besides the obligatory AUSLIG shop stop! AGSO's tour was as much about their new and impressive building as about their facilities, and featured a decent into their basement to view the several km of water-cooling pipes, besides the 10m high specimen archive shelving room, which was truly awe-inspiring. Their current geological mapping is winning international awards for its digitization expertise and aesthetics.

The conference included the inaugural award of the Estelle Canning Memorial Award for 'best paper' presented to Dianne Rutherford of the War Memorial for an intriguing talk on escape maps produced in Allied POW camps.

The AGM of the AMC was also held on the last day of the conference, and the minutes are included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Qui cartographiet ipsos cartographes?

(with apologies to anyone who actually *knows* Latin.)

As the new and temporary editor of this Newsletter, it seems appropriate that we include a map. So here for your pleasure and education is one, a map of the locations of the 28 conferences to date of the AMC; and as a special bonus, this being issue 80 after all, I have included at no extra cost the centre of gravity of those 28 conferences, which comes out to be at 34°44' S, 147°1' E, between Wagga Wagga and Griffith in NSW, near Coolamon. Send no money now. We'll bill you. But wait. There's more. Order in the next fifteen minutes, and I'll throw in the centre of gravity for the 27 *Australian* conferences (after all, it isn't really proper to include Christchurch, is it?). So without that far-flung foreign locale, the centre of gravity shrinks to 34°24' S, 146°4' E. Not much different, one-third of the way from Griffith due south to Darlington Point.

As a question this raises, has anyone ever seen a *population* centre for Australia? The US has calculated them for each of its censuses, and it is interesting to note the westward progression of the centre, more recently turning south. New Zealand also calculated its centre for the last census, and the *NZ Herald* sent its reporters to the isolated Waikato valley which was named, for a photo shoot. That centre is moving north, and is now halfway up the North Island. I would be interested to see the current and historic centres for Australia.

((The map of the location of AMC conferences can be found on the back page of this *Newsletter*)).

I can't understand all this writing; bring me a map.

-Pakistani President Ayub, during peace talks in London with India over the Rann of Kutch, c.1965

The Estelle Canning Memorial Prize

The inaugural winner of the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, presented at the AMC Annual Conference at the National Library of Australia, was **Dianne Rutherford**, for her paper "Captive Cartography: Map Production in Prisoner of War Camps in World War II".

The Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, donated by Victor and Dorothy Prescott, commemorates our Vice-President who passed away on 20 September 1999. The prize is an award of \$250.00 for the author presenting the best paper, as judged by the AMC President, at each AMC conference for the next ten years.

Fellowships and Prizes

The NEBENZAHL PRIZE for DISSERTATIONS in the HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY

Deadline: 1 November, 2000

The prize is awarded every two years to the author of a recently completed dissertation, in any field, which is judged to have made the most significant contribution to the study of the history of cartography. The prize includes US\$1,500 presented at the time of the award, as well as a fellowship (US\$800/month stipend) to support research related to revision or expansion of the dissertation to be done in residence at the Newberry Library. The winner will also be offered a review of the dissertation by the University of Chicago Press. A significant portion of the dissertation should be concerned with the history of cartography. The dissertation must have been approved during the two year period prior to the competition deadline (Nov. 1, 1998-Oct. 31, 2000). Judging criteria include the dissertation's originality, scholarship, and writing quality. Submissions from outside the United States are welcome, so long as the copy submitted is in English.

Contact: James Akerman, Director, The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St, Chicago, IL 60610-3380, USA. akermanj@newberry.org

The HELEN WALLIS FELLOWSHIP at the BRITISH LIBRARY (2001)

Closing date: 1 May 2000

This annual award allows the fellow staff privileges at the British Library, including extended access hours, a workstation, email and Internet access, and a £300 voucher. The fellow's work will promote the extended and complementary use of the British Library's book and cartographic collections. Preference will be given to proposals relating to the Library's collections, and having an international dimension. The fellowship may be held part or full time, and would normally be for 6-12 months.

Contact: Tony Campbell, Map Librarian, British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London NW1 2DB, United Kingdom. tony.campbell@bl.uk

The WALTER W. RISTOW PRIZE

In the HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY and MAP LIBRARIANSHIP

Deadline: June 1, 2000.

This prize is open to full or part time upper-level undergraduate, graduate and first-year postdoctoral students. Entries are to be research papers or bibliographic studies related to cartographic studies or map librarianship, not exceeding 7500 words. Four unbound copies must be submitted. Entries will be judged on importance of research, quality of research and quality of writing. The prize will be US\$500, one year's membership of the Washington Map Society, and the publication of the winning paper in "The Portolan", the journal of the Society.

Contact: John Doktor, Ristow Prize, 150 S. Strathcona Dr, York, PA 17403-3833, USA. jdoktor@cyberia.com

Selected Map Bookmarks

Space Shuttle Endeavor's Shuttle Radar Topography Mission

<http://www.spatialnews.com/features/shuttle/>

Updates, a map of the satellite's track and the first 3-D mapping image (of White Sands, New Mexico).

McDonald's Restaurant Locator

<http://www.vicinity.com/mcdonalds/>

Mentioned by Adella Edwards in her paper at the recent conference, this nifty webgizmo produces zoomable maps of the nearest McDonald's to a specified location, and even gives driving instructions. US addresses only, but how else to find the nearest Maccas to Key West?

New York Digital Map Directory

<http://www.sunysb.edu/libmap/nypath1.htm>

Links to 200 digital maps of NY state online...

Animated NY County formation

<http://www.academic.marist.edu/ssp97/animated.htm>

...including this animated map of historical NY county formation.

Animated Maps

<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Animation/animation.html>

A site designed to showcase someone's animation skills includes several maps including Washington and Oregon state county formation, US county formation as a whole, the formation of the territory of the US (most interesting!), development of the California missions, Alexander the Great's campaigns, and on a truly spatial plane (!) the relative revolutions of the planets.

Railway Map of Victoria

<http://www.cdi.com.au/~johnc/railmap.htm>

A map of all of Victoria's railways (not just at one particular date), colour-coded by date of construction.

Railway Map of NSW

<http://www.triode.net.au/~rolfeb/nsw/index.html>

Animated maps of the NSW and Sydney rail systems showing chronological construction and closure, with much information and photos for individual lines.

Rail and Public Transit Maps of Australia

<http://people.enternet.com.au/~cbrnbill/maps/austrail.htm>

Excellent site covering the whole country, showing passenger trains, suburban and intercity, ferries, airport shuttles, tourist railways etc, with frequencies, some timetable information and much more. Check out the Melbourne city map for its veritable cornucopia of information. Beats the London Tube map hands down. One of my favourite sites, and frequently updated.

Historic Maps of the Americas

<http://www.davidrumsey.com>

This site now has over 2,300 very high-resolution digital images of historic North and South American map. By year-end, they hope to have over 5,000 images online. Among the new additions are the Jefferys' "American Atlas" (1776), Vancouver's "Voyage of Discovery" Atlas (1798), Humboldt's "Atlas Geographique" (1811), Burr's "American (Postal) Atlas" (1839), Colton's "Atlas of the World" (1856), and King's "Atlas of the Fortieth Parallel" (1876).

Telephone Area Code Maps

http://www.nanpa.com/number_resource_info/area_code_maps.html

<http://www.cnac.ca/mapcodes.htm>

The North American Numbering Plan Administration covers Canada, the USA and many Caribbean nations, all of whom use country code 1. This page includes area code maps of the US states, while the Canadian Numbering Administration Consortium page maps all of Canada's area codes. There is also a link from the NANPA homepage to the CNAC page.

Map Humour

Dated mid-late 1998:

DALLAS (AP) Hard-core pornography is banned in Texas prisons. So are hate writings or magazines that teach how to build weapons. Also off-limits: The Texas Almanac. The annual book of lists, statistics and boiled-down information isn't permitted behind bars because its maps are so detailed that prison officials fear they could help escapees. "A map would be of great assistance if you were planning to go over the wall," said Larry Fitzgerald, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "Once they're outside the walls, they go, 'Ooh, I'm out here. What do I do now?' A lot of times they won't have any idea really where they are, what road leads to where," Fitzgerald said.

Would-be escapees would be well-served with the almanac, officials said. Take its map for Polk County, the densely forested East Texas home of the Terrell prison unit. The map is so thorough it includes the tiny towns of Pluck and Ace, Piney and Menard creeks, an Indian reservation and several railroad lines. The publisher of the almanac, The Dallas Morning News, isn't upset about the ban. The newspaper sees it as a marketing opportunity. The Morning News recently ran an advertisement for the almanac that bragged: "The powers-that-be feared that inmates might use the detailed county maps to plot escape routes. We're not making this up. If the maps are so good prisoners aren't allowed to read them - imagine what they can do for you." Fitzgerald said the almanac (\$12.95 in paperback, \$19.95 in hardcover) has been banned for years - at least the five he's been with the prison system. The American Civil Liberties Union doesn't think the ban treads unfairly on inmates' rights. Says Jay Jacobson of the ACLU of Texas: "I think one might be able to express a legitimate security concern with a detailed map that shows nooks and crannies, every hill and dale." But defence attorney Tom Mills of Dallas complains that the restriction is just another example of how prisons focus on punishment rather than education.

It was through a 1996 letter from officials at the Terrell unit that almanac editor Mary G. Ramos learned of the restriction. "They sent us a form saying the almanac had been banned because it contained contraband," she recalled. "We had a good laugh over it and put the form in a frame and hung it on the wall." The way she figures it, "it's a great tribute to the accuracy and detail of our county maps."

Note: This is not another 'only in America' story. Your editor has checked with an immigrant detention centre here in Melbourne: "Melway" or any other street maps or directories, are likewise prohibited items for visitors to bring onto the premises. Even in Australia, we have places which while able to be shown on maps, are not able to have maps shown in them!

But to ensure we *do* have an 'only in America' story, the following disclaimer comes from the front of the recent De Lorme topographic atlases of the various united states: "To avoid accidents, always pay attention to actual road, traffic and weather conditions and do not attempt to read these maps while you are operating a vehicle." Well, duh!

In 1812, during the Napoleonic Wars, the Russian General Markov was relieved of his duties because "on maps he confused roads with rivers"!!!

Mary Kay is one of the secret masters of the world: a librarian. They control information. Don't ever piss one off.
Spider Robinson, "The Callahan Touch"

Book Review

Hunt, Peter, 1983, The Maps of Time, London, Julia MacRae Books

Reviewed by Brendan Whyte

"You know, you were right, what you said yesterday," Deb said. "If *somebody* was doing it... You could pick out all the bits you didn't like, and change them back into countryside. Just think of the problems you could solve."

"It would rather depend who's doing it," said El.

Maps being "to learn you facts", tend to spawn non-fiction. While many fictional works incorporate maps to help the reader understand the local geography, especially in the case of unfamiliar geographies in fantasy and science fiction genres, it is particularly rare for a fictional work to be *about* maps. This short book (137 not particularly close-typed pages) was written for young adults, 12 to 15 year olds, and that is the age at which I first read it, after discovering it on the shelves of my high school library. I have since found a second hand copy on the web, and re-read it one evening recently when the heat of the night did not permit sleep. This was a particularly appropriate time, as the spooky atmosphere of the novel is aided by all the bumps in the night that seem so amplified when one's senses are heightened by a gripping read.

The story begins on the border of England and Wales, with a group of five youths and a young curate on a cycling trip, exploring the countryside as a recce before organising a camp for a youth club they belong to. Sam, at eleven the youngest of the group, is less interested in the canoeing and horse-riding they organise, preferring to visit the nearby town of Hay, famous for its many second-hand bookshops. In one dusty shop, in a forgotten corner he discovers the maps... perfectly ordinary maps, just old: "Cruchley's reduced Ordnance Survey Map of England & Wales". Of the 65 sheets in the set, only 33 are ferreted away in the shelving. Sam is intrigued by the find, though he had come in for books, not maps, and decides to buy them once the shopkeeper tells him they are but two shillings each. Not a bad buy for 33 maps from the 1860s. Sam cycles back to the riverside camp of his friends and spreads them out in his tent:

"He opened the top one, No. 40, which showed RFOLK. Or most of Norfolk. There was a yellow line on the coast, and blue on the sea which was marked with arrows and sounding numbers. It was difficult to see the Broads because they were the same colour as the land. The only red railways came into the southern end of a small town called Norwich, forming a Y shape under the town, with stations at the end of each arm. Sam picked up the pencil and idly traced the railways, joining them with an invisible line between the stations.

Somewhere away to the east, over the mountains, a faint but distinct snarl of thunder."

Sam's doodling results in the embedding of the time of the maps into the time of the present, and the disappearance of a triangular section of the city of Norwich reported in the papers next day is only the start of a series of events that draw ever closer to the campers, as the author skilfully entwines the concept of a map as a snapshot in time, and the paradoxical problems of time-travel. Does Sam realise what he is doing? Will his companions be able to stop him? What if the past escapes into the present, or vice versa? Will they be able to restore time to its normal course? Will they want to? Why are the maps the catalyst?

While long out of print, "The Maps of Time" should be available second hand fairly easily, and is sure to be in better public libraries. Peter Hunt has lectured in the US and Australia, and his interests in camping, derelict railways and maps are brought together perfectly in this exciting read for all young adults and map freaks of any age. You'll never look at those old one-inches again without a tingling of your spine ...

Sydney Map Exhibition-cum-Sale

Gowrie Galleries have put together the most comprehensive pre-settlement collection of early Australian maps ever to be displayed. And they are for sale! Simon Dewez has kindly offered a special session for the Sydney Map Group, when he will be our host and informally discuss the exhibition and maps.

5-6pm, Saturday 15th April, 2000. Victoria Rooms, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney.

RSVP to Robert Clancy, 11 High St, Newcastle 2300, ph 2-49236135, fax 2-49236998, email: rclancy@mail.newcastle.edu.au

Map Quotes

I do so want to see what Corsica's like, it looks so silly on the map.

- Saki, "The Brogue"

Laploshka said nothing, but his eyes bulged a little and his cheeks took on the mottled hues of an ethnographic map of the Balkan Peninsula.

- Saki, "The Soul of Laploshka"

Hotspur: A plague upon it! I have forgot the map.

-Shakespeare, "Henry IV, part 1", 3:1

Queen Elizabeth: Welcome, destruction, death, and massacre! I see, as in a map, the end of all.

- Shakespeare, "Richard III", 2:4

Maria: ...he does smile his face into more lines than is in the new map with the augmentation of the Indies: you have not seen such a thing as 'tis. I can hardly forbear hurling things at him.

- Shakespeare, "Twelfth Night", 3:2

Fluellen: I think it is in Macedon where Alexander is porn. I tell you, captain, if you look in the maps of the 'orld, I warrant you sall find, in the comparisons Macedon and Monmouth, that the situations, look you, is both alike. There is a river in Macedon; and there is also moreover a river at Monmouth: it is called Wye at Monmouth; but it is out of my prains what is the name of the other river; but 'tis all one, 'tis alike as my fingers is to my fingers, and there is salmons in both.

- Shakespeare, "Henry V", 4:7

George: *Magellan?! You like Magellan?!*

Jerry: Oh yeah! He's my favourite explorer... Round the world! Come on! ... Who do *you* like?

G: I like De Soto

J: De Soto? What did he do?

G: He discovered the Mississippi.

J: Oh yeah, like they weren't going to find that anyway.

- "The Boyfriend, part 2" (episode 35), "Seinfeld"

[available as a sound clip at: <<http://members.aol.com/seinfeld/magellan.ram>>]

Lord Melchett: Farewell, Blackadder. The foremost cartographers of the land have prepared this for you. It's a map of the area that you will be traversing.

Blackadder: It's blank!

LM: They'd be very grateful if you could just fill it in as you go along. Goodbye.

- "Potato" (episode 5), "Blackadder II"

Gen. Melchett: Look, this is the amount of land we've recaptured since yesterday.
 Lt. George: Oh, excellent. [They lean over a large map, a mixture of grass and earth]
 GM: What's the actual scale of the map, Darling?
 Cpt. Darling: Umm... one to one sir.
 GM: Come again?
 CD: Ahm... the map is actually life size, sir. It's superbly detailed - look there's a little worm.
 GM: Oh, yes. So, the actual amount of ground retaken is...?
 CD: Excuse me, sir. [He jumps forward to measure the map] About seventeen square feet, sir.
 - "Private Plane" episode, "Blackadder Goes Forth"

I will confute those blind geographers that make a triple region in the world excluding regions which I meane to trace, and with this pen reduce them to a map, calling the provinces, cities and townes after my name...
 - Marlowe, "Tamburlaine the Great, part 1", 4:4

Give me a map, then let me see how much is left for me to conquer all the world, that these my boies may finish all my wants.
 - Marlowe, "Tamburlaine the Great, part 2", 5:3

"What a useful thing a pocket-map is!" I remarked.
 "That's another thing we have learned from your nation," said Mein Herr, "map-making. But we've carried it much further than you. What do you consider the largest map that would be really useful?"
 "About six inches to the mile".
 "Only six inches!" exclaimed Mein Herr. "We very soon got to six yards to the mile. Then we tried a hundred yards to the mile. And then came the grandest idea of all! We actually made a map of the country, on the scale of a mile to the mile!"
 "Have you used it much?" I enquired.
 "It has never been spread out, yet," said Mein Herr: "the farmers objected: they said it would cover the whole country, and shut out the sunlight! So we now use the country itself, as its own map, and I assure you it does nearly as well"
 - Lewis Carroll, "Sylvie and Bruno Concluded", chapter XI, The Man in the Moon.

"Now when I was a little chap I had a passion for maps. I would look for hours at South America, or Africa, or Australia, and lose myself in all the glories of exploration. At that time there were many blank spaces on the earth, and when I saw one that looked particularly inviting on a map (but they all look that) I would put my finger on it and say, 'When I grow up I will go there.' The North Pole was one of these places, I remember. Well, I haven't been there yet, and shall not try now. The glamour's off. Other places were scattered about the Equator, and in every sort of latitude all over the two hemispheres. I have been in some of them, and... well, we won't talk about that. But there was one yet - the biggest, the most blank, so to speak - that I had a hankering after.

"True, by this time it was not a blank space any more. It had got filled since my boyhood with rivers and lakes and names. It had ceased to be a blank space of delightful mystery - a white patch for a boy to dream gloriously over. It had become a place of darkness. But there was in it one river especially, a mighty big river, that you could see on the map, resembling an immense snake uncoiled, with its head in the sea, its body at rest curving afar over a vast country, and its tail lost in the depths of the land. And as I looked at the map of it in a shop-window, it fascinated me as a snake would a bird - a silly little bird. Then I remembered there was a big concern, a Company for trade on that river. Dash it all! I thought to myself, they can't trade without using some kind of craft on that lot of fresh water - steamboats! Why shouldn't I try to get charge of one? I went on along Fleet Street, but could not shake off the idea. The snake had charmed me."
 - Joseph Conrad, "Heart of Darkness"

"... if we was going so fast we ought to be past Illinois, oughtn't we?"

"Certainly."

"Well, we ain't."

"What's the reason we ain't?"

"I know by the color. We're right over Illinois yet. And you can see for yourself that Indiana ain't in sight."

"I wonder what's the matter with you, Huck. You know by the COLOR?"

"Yes, of course I do."

"What's the color got to do with it?"

"It's got everything to do with it. Illinois is green, Indiana is pink. You show me any pink down here, if you can. No, sir; it's green."

"Indiana PINK? Why, what a lie!"

"It ain't no lie; I've seen it on the map, and it's pink."

You never see a person so aggravated and disgusted. He says: "Well, if I was such a numbskull as you, Huck Finn, I would jump over. Seen it on the map! Huck Finn, did you reckon the States was the same color out-of-doors as they are on the map?"

"Tom Sawyer, what's a map for? Ain't it to learn you facts?"

"Of course."

"Well, then, how's it going to do that if it tells lies? That's what I want to know."

"Shucks, you muggins! It don't tell lies."

"It don't, don't it?"

"No, it don't."

"All right, then; if it don't, there ain't no two States the same color. You git around THAT if you can, Tom Sawyer."

- Mark Twain, "Tom Sawyer Abroad", Chapter 3, Tom Explains

Getting maps of India 'right' is a real headache. In early 1995 imported atlases and copies of Encyclopaedia Britannica were banned in India because the Indian government didn't like the way they portrayed the country's borders. We have the same problem with this book. The main problem is Kashmir where Pakistan claims they own the lot, India claims it owns the lot and the reality is there's a 'line of control' through the middle with Indian troops on one side and Pakistani troops on the other. Showing the actual line of control is not good enough; the whole lot has to be shown as part of India and even then a disclaimer has to be added to the map, presumably in case the government decides their border extends even further.

We used to put 'Government of India Statement - the external boundaries of India are neither correct nor authenticated' on any potentially problematic maps with disputed borders, but midway through the life of one edition of this book the government decided that this wasn't good enough. By saying it was a government statement perhaps it could be interpreted that only the government believed it! So we had to reprint books for the Indian market with a new disclaimer. The absurdity of these rules is indicated by history books with disclaimers about the borders of India tagged on to maps of India under Emperor Ashoka two milleniums ago! Turn on the BBC satellite TV news and you'll see maps the government can't put statements on; it's said the politicians just have to close their eyes or switch off the TV.

Lonely Planet's "India" guidebook , 7th ed, Nov 1997, p57.

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2 February 2000, National Library of Australia, Canberra

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

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| Greg Eccleston | Effie Rees | Frank Urban | Victor Prescott |
| Marie Morden | Roger Rees | Graham Baker | Richard Miller |
| John Cain | Lean Jackson | David Jones | Les Isdale |
| Brendan Whyte | Joanne McLachlan | Paul Treloar | Maura O'Connor |
| Judith Scurfield | Gayle Young | Bill Cartwright | Denis Shephard |
| Adelle Edwards | Don Somerville | Dorothy Prescott | Jeanette Condon |

Apologies were received on behalf of: Joe Lines, David Hancox, Stuart Duncan, Margaret Eva, Chandra Jayasuriya, Ian O'Donnell, Stephen Waite.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 1999 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- 1999 Conference Resolutions – see President's report.

4. President's Report.

Copies of the President's Report were distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Greg Eccleston spoke to the report. Major matters included the establishment of the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, donated by Victor and Dorothy Prescott, in memory of our Vice-President who passed away on 20 September 1999. The prize is an award of \$250.00 for the author presenting the best paper, as judged by the AMC President, at each conference for the next ten years. The President's Report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited financial statement was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Marie Morden spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts as at 31 December 1999 was \$31,385, excluding the AMC99 accounts (1998, \$21,708). This represents a surplus for 1999 of \$9,677. It should be noted that this includes surpluses of \$2181 from the 1998 conference (see 1999 AGM minutes) and \$5000 from the 1999 conference; and that only one issue of *The Globe* was paid for during 1999. The accounts were audited by Mr. Ewan Smith, CPA. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Report of *The Globe* Editors.

The report of the Editors was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Two issues of *The Globe* were prepared during 1999, numbers #48 and #49, however publication of these has been delayed. The Editorial Committee apologized for this delay in publication, which is due to a variety of reasons including in particular a very long delay in receipt of permission to reproduce an illustration; and then in receipt of a copy of the illustration suitable for publication. *The Globe* #48 is currently at the printers and #49 is in final proof-reading. The Editors' report was accepted by the meeting.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Brisbane: Les Isdale reported that there is no demand for an AMC branch in Queensland.

7.2 Sydney: Apparently the Sydney Map Group has met on several occasions.

7.3 Melbourne: Greg Eccleston reported that the Victorian Branch met three times during 1999, at the University of Melbourne Library (maps and atlases of China), the University of Melbourne (Trench mapping by Steve Kelly) and a Christmas function, with an average of 15 members at each meeting.

8. Returning Officer's report.

The Returning Officer, David Jones, reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The following were therefore declared elected:

President: Greg Eccleston

Secretary: John Cain

Vice-President: Brendan Whyte

Business Manager: Marie Morden

The meeting congratulated Brendan Whyte on his election as the new Vice President.

9. Next AMC Conference.

Greg Eccleston reported that negotiations are currently underway regarding a venue for the next conference and it is hoped that the State Library of Tasmania will agree to host this in Hobart in Jan/Feb 2001.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Memento of 1999 Conference: Les Isdale presented a photo album of the 1999 conference to the Executive, this will be placed on file. It was suggested future conferences may wish to produce similar memento's.

There being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

End-of-Conference Resolutions.

At the conclusion of the conference resolutions were taken from the floor to allow members to discuss issues arising during the conference. The following motions were approved:

- **Revision of National Mapping:** That the AMC Executive write on behalf of the Circle to the Federal Minister to congratulate him on the allocation of \$2 million for map revision during 1999, and express our hope that this program will be continued in future years as much work remains to be done.
- **Deposit of Census Mapping in State Libraries:** That the AMC Executive write to the Federal Minister and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to request that a hard copy of Census Collection District maps for the 2001 Census be deposited in each of the State Libraries, to improve access to these materials for researchers, bearing in mind that digital census mapping products are likely to become obsolete and unusable after several years.
- **Map to Commemorate Centenary of Federation:** That the AMC Executive write to kindred organizations, such as MSIA, ISA and AURISA, to express support for the production of a map to commemorate the Centenary of Federation.