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## **AMC 2002 CONFERENCE**

**James Cook University, Cairns, Queensland, 14-17 July 2002**

<http://www.tesag.jcu.edu.au/cartography/amc2002.html>

Adella Edwards and Peter Griggs of James Cook University are organising the 30<sup>th</sup> AMC Conference at the JCU campus in Cairns. The July dates will allow non-tropical Australians a warm winter getaway, without the excessive heat and humidity of the tropical summer. Cairns also offers plenty of pre-and post-conference carto-tourism opportunities, from the Atherton tableland tourist railways and the Undara lava tubes, to expeditions to Cape York or the Burke and Wills cairn near Normanton.

You can register anytime, including at the door. Further details, including the call for papers and accommodation information are available on the conference website above.

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting of the Australian Map Circle Inc., will be held during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, at **1pm, Wednesday 17 July 2002**, at the conference venue on the Cairns campus of James Cook University. An agenda and other papers will be available at the AGM. A nomination form for the 2002 AMC Executive is included with this *Newsletter*, and additional forms are available from the Returning Officer. Nominations must be received on or before 1 June 2002 by the Returning Officer: David Jones, Map Collection, University of Melbourne Library, 3010. Fax: (03) 9347 0974.

## **AMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SUPPORT POLICY**

The AMC has adopted a new policy to support conference attendance by paying the conference registration fees of student, retired and other non-wage-earning members. For full details see page 7.

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The Australian Map Circle's ABN is **19 046 516 617**. As a not-for-profit association with an annual turnover of less than \$100 000, the AMC is not required to register for, or charge, GST and does not do so.

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**OTHER UPCOMING AMC EVENTS**

**2003 Conference:** The 31st Annual AMC Conference will be held in Sydney, at Macquarie University Library, 3-5 February 2003. A committee convened by Bill Stinson will organize the conference.

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**The Sydney Map Group** has scheduled a talk on Friday, May 3, 2002, 5pm-7pm "Antique Maps - Collectibles with a difference": Seminar Room, L3, State Records, Nurses Walk, The Rocks.

Special Guest: Jenny Harvey, President of IMCoS. Three speakers will cover the topic from a collector's, dealer's and IMCoS viewpoint.

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**AMC PUBLICATION NOTES**

**AMC Newsletter** current and previous issues back to #71 are now available online, at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/newsletter/>

**The Globe** is now available on APAIS (Australian Public Affairs Information Service) Full Text. This allows users of APAIS, for example in subscribing Libraries across Australia, to read the complete text of articles from *The Globe*. This database is available for subscription on the Informit Online Internet service or on CD-ROM. For the former, see <http://www.informit.com.au> for the latter, see: <http://www.rmitpublishing.com.au> You can also contact RMIT Publishing directly on: ph: 3-99258100, fax: 3-9925 8134 or [info@rmitpublishing.com.au](mailto:info@rmitpublishing.com.au)

**The Globe** back issues are available at \$10.00 per copy, plus postage. The following issues are still in print: #9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, plus all issues from no. 33 onwards. We may also be able to supply photocopies of issues that are out of print. Enquiries to the AMC Secretary, John Cain, email: [j.cain@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:j.cain@unimelb.edu.au).

An up-to-date list of available back-issues, together with the Contents of issues 41 on, and Notes for Authors can be found on our website <http://www.australianmapcircle.org.au/globe.htm>

## MAP NEWS

**Matthew Flinders' Voyage Bicentennial.** The Victorian branch of the AMC recently enjoyed a viewing of the State Library of NSW's 'Matthew Flinders: the Ultimate Voyage' exhibition at the State Library of Victoria. The exhibition, commemorating the bicentennial of Flinders' Australian voyage, has now moved on to Adelaide and will tour nationally (eg Gladstone in August), ending up at the NLA in Canberra in 2003.

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The Mitchell Library of NSW has recently purchased a **personal letter from Flinders to George Bass**, in which the former declares a perhaps over-ardent admiration for the latter, and the letter is included in the displays, along with an audio recording of it being read aloud by an actor.

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*Matthew Flinders: personal letters from an extraordinary life*, edited by Paul Brunton, is a book of Flinders' letters is being published by Hordern House (a Sydney rare book dealer), in a limited edition of 2000 copies, for \$138. It is the first in a new series of Mitchell Heritage books. Orders are accepted online. See <http://www.hordern.com/publications/flinders.htm>

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In keeping with the Flinders' voyage bicentennial theme, the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland is running a **Flinders trek** 10 August to 7 September 2002, from Brisbane to Thursday Island. Cost \$2995. See <http://www.rgsq.gil.com.au/whaton.htm>

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George Antonijevic of the Hornsby Shire Council has edited **Flinders' "General Chart"** of Australia to indicate exactly which parts were first explored by Flinders himself. This 220kb digital image is available on request by email from George: [gantonijevic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gantonijevic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

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On 3 December 2001, *The Age* ran a story on a bulldozed artwork, near Silverton, NSW, in the tradition of the Readymix logo near Caiguna, WA and the 'Marree Man' Aborigine in SA. Ando, a Broken Hill artist who trained as a mining engineer, created a 4.3 million square metre figure of a smiling stockman furrowed into the Mundi Mundi plains 30km outside Silverton. The work was recently unveiled in time for the Year of the Outback. Peter Anderson, who prefers to be called Ando, was inspired by the Nazca lines of Peru and the film *Chariots of the Gods*.

"I purposely did not want to see it while I was working on it. I left it until it was almost done before I went up in an airplane to view it. The reason that it was said that the Nazca lines in Peru had to have been made by aliens was that there were no mountains close enough to see them from above, and obviously they had no flight back then. I wanted to know if it would be possible to find out if a man could do such a thing."

A tractor fitted with a simple device to score the ground created Eldee Man. It created a series of parallel furrows separated by vegetation to prevent erosion. From above, the series of parallel lines blurs to look like one smooth brushstroke. "Aside from the tractor, I had no modern technology whatsoever," Ando said. "Basically, I used a tape measure, some mathematics and a lot of interpreting between lines. I was imagining that I was up above it and I could see down."

See also <http://www.nationalpost.com/artslife/story.html?f=/stories/20011231/1002670.html>  
Unfortunately the photo on the *Age's* website is no longer available.

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Steven Jodoin of Ozemap Pty. is compiling a list of sister cities of Australian municipalities for a **sister-city map**. His list as at December 2001 is viewable at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amcircle/message/469> If you can help him complete the list, please contact him at [sjodoin@ozemap.com.au](mailto:sjodoin@ozemap.com.au) or ph (03) 5447 2908.

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An recent article from "Cartographic Perspectives" no.38, Winter 2001, entitled "The Map Library's Future" by Peter Keller, Dept of Geography, University of Victoria, British Columbia, has generated a storm of correspondence recently. The article can be viewed at <http://www.nacis.org/cp/cp38/CP38Keller.pdf>

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Online maps of the location of the NSW bushfires over Christmas/New Year are available at: <http://www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au/quenchfiles2/SydneyRegionFireLocations.jpg> and <http://www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au/quenchfiles2/NSWFireLocations.jpg>

## MAPS AND MAP PRODUCTS

**Venus Globe**, a new globe (size unknown) published by Replogle has just been released. It is selling at Stanford's, London, for £140. "For the exo-geologically minded person in your life"

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For something truly unique in cartographic giftware, see [www.peasley.com](http://www.peasley.com), a chap in the US who has programmed his router to carve **wooden relief maps** based on USGS data.

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The visitors' centre/museum at Whyalla has facsimile copies of **Freycinet's chart of SA** for \$33. Contact Paul Mazourek, museum curator, PO Box 126, Whyalla, SA, 5600. [paul.mazourek@whyalla.sa.gov.au](mailto:paul.mazourek@whyalla.sa.gov.au)

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Colliers Jardine in Adelaide have produced a free 1:4500 cadastral/property map of that city's CBD colour coded by business type. The reverse side has a colour low-level oblique aerial photo of the CBD. The map can be obtained in person from the receptionist, level 10, 99 Gawler Pl, Adelaide; or by written application to Andrew McIntyre, CEO, Colliers International (they changed their name in December 2001), Level 10, 99 Galwer Pl, Adelaide, SA, 5000. The company has also produced similar property maps of Auckland and Sydney. These are presumably obtainable from those respective branches.

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The SA government produce an excellent 'State Guide' fold-out map showing inter-city bus routes, complete with timetables, and a 'Metro Guide' booklet, using UBD street mapping overlaid with Adelaide metro bus, train and tram routes.

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The Map Shop, 6-10 Peel St, Adelaide 5000 has a clearance sale on "Swiftmap volume 1", being a CD of seamless standard SA Govt 50k topographic mapping. This was to be a series of 6 or 7 CDs, but only volume 1 was ever produced, back in 1998. The CD covers the Adelaide region, from Auburn in the NE to Cape Jervis in the SW. Originally \$200, sale price is \$49.95, and it covers \$500 worth of paper 50k mapping.

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Print out RACV strip road maps of Australia at <http://journeys.racv.com.au/racvrt/maps/stripmaps.cfm>

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The USGS EROS Data Center (EDC) has an exhibition of 41 Landsat 7 scenes currently hanging in the Art Hallway at USGS headquarters, Reston, VA. The images were selected for their aesthetic value rather than their scientific information. Due to popular demand, EDC is selling copies of the images. A list is available at [http://edcwww.cr.usgs.gov/17dhf/ias\\_folder/artscenecatalog.pdf](http://edcwww.cr.usgs.gov/17dhf/ias_folder/artscenecatalog.pdf). Each colour image is printed onto printer (not photo) paper by a light jet printer, is approx 26" x 27," and includes a brief description of the scene. Each scene is US\$30.00 plus \$5.00 p&p. To order call EDC Customer Services at 1-605-594-6151.

## MAP TRIVIA

A chap in Bunning St, Victor Harbour, SA has made his front lawn into a map of Australia, marked out state boundaries, and used blue painted pebbles to surround it as sea. It's on the SW corner of the last intersection before Bunning St becomes the Hindmarsh Island Bridge.

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*The Age* of 24 January reported that M-SAT, a small French company into artistic satellite photography claim the map on the reverse of the new Euro currency notes is their property. They have filed suit for counterfeiting and copyright abuse in Clermont-Ferrand claiming the map has been copied from their poster "The European Union from Space". They seek compensation, but are not, as yet, requesting the offending notes become M-SAT property or be withdrawn.

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"Old London Bridge", a new book by Patricia Pierce, Headline, London, 2001, notes two interesting map anecdotes.

On page 208, in reference to the Great Fire of 1666, "When they heard about it, the enemy, the Dutch, were delighted by the fire and produced a succession of sensational maps and prints depicting its progress, including an unlikely one of weeping watermen, who in reality were making fortunes" [by extorting huge fares from people desperate to cross the river to safety].

On page 210, Pierce states that after "the restoration of Charles II, Wenceslaus Hollar had petitioned the King for work, and specifically for financial support to enable him to finish a very large, very detailed map of London, which he himself described as being a stupendous '10 Foot in breadth, and 5 Foot upward' in extent. The King, who as a child had been taught to draw by Hollar, heartlessly sidestepped the artist's appeal by passing it on to the Lord-Mayor. Tantalisingly, the progress and fate of what Hollar intended to be his masterpiece is unknown."

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The library of the University of Texas has placed online a scan of an 1838 proposal for the division of Australia into 8 colonies. [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/australia\\_1838.jpg](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/australia_1838.jpg) The map, titled "Australia, according to the Proposed divisions", accompanied an article in the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society, Volume 8, 1838, pp157-69: "Considerations on the Political Geography and Geographical Nomenclature of Australia by Captain Vetch, Royal Engineers, F.R.S.", which forecast an Australian population of c.150 million by 2038, and argued in favour of retaining Aboriginal placenames instead of the artificiality of, for example, New South Wales.

## MAP HUMOUR

### British Marines Storm Spanish Beach by Mistake as Residents Watch in Astonishment

Feb 18, 2002: The Associated Press

The British military apologized Monday for invading Spain over the weekend - by mistake. About 20 Royal Marines went slightly off course in an amphibious exercise and stormed a Spanish beach Sunday morning near the British colony of Gibraltar, a British Defence Ministry spokesman said. Residents of the Spanish border town of La Linea watched in astonishment as the beach filled with combat-ready troops wielding mortar launchers and SA 80 assault rifles, according to Spanish press reports, which said at least 30 troops were involved. Spanish television station Telecinco showed footage of an advance team in combat fatigues dashing through the surf to a beach several yards from the border, with paratroopers dotting the sky in the background. Spain's Efe news agency said the soldiers left after several Gibraltarian fishermen and local police officers told them they were on Spanish soil.

The accidental incursion came at a delicate time in negotiations between Spain and Britain over the future of Gibraltar, where Britain established a military base in 1704. The 2.5-square-mile territory was formally ceded to Britain under the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Gibraltar is an irritant to British-Spanish relations and the two countries are trying to reach an agreement, which would include the colony's internal self-governance, by summer.

The spokesman, who could not be identified under Defence Ministry rules, said the "regrettable and embarrassing" error lasted no more than five minutes. He said the mishap was likely caused by a map-reading error, although details of an investigation carried out on board the HMS Ocean helicopter carrier, where the soldiers came from, were being kept secret. However, a statement from the British Forces Gibraltar office blamed the incident on "poor visibility due to local weather and a number of local fishermen being seen on the intended target beach." It added that there was a second border breach Sunday when a similar landing craft lost power and "drifted outside Gibraltar waters." Local police spokesman David Iria said the mistake was understandable, because it is "difficult to know exactly where you are" on the poorly marked coastline. The HMS Ocean, which had stopped at Gibraltar for maintenance, was heading to the Indian Ocean to support military operations in Afghanistan, the spokesman said.

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BBC Radio 4 finished its report on the incident with "... this may serve to confirm the suspicion of many soldiers, that the most dangerous thing in the army is an officer with a map."

## MAP QUOTE

Having some time at my disposal when in London, I had visited the British Museum, and made search among the books and maps in the library regarding Transylvania; it had struck me that some foreknowledge of the country could hardly fail to have some importance in dealing with a noble of that country. I find that the district he named is in the extreme east of the country, just on the borders of three states, Transylvania, Moldavia, and Bukovina, in the midst of the Carpathian mountains; one of the wildest and least known portions of Europe. I was not able to light on any map or work giving the exact location of Castle Dracula, as there are no maps of this country as yet to compare with our own Ordnance Survey maps; but I found that Bistritz, the post town named by Count Dracula, is a fairly well known place. I shall enter here some of my notes, as they may refresh my memory when I talk over my travels with Mina.

-- "Dracula", Bram Stoker

## AMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SUPPORT POLICY

The AMC has adopted a policy of assisting members of the AMC who are students, retired, or other non-wage-earning members to attend AMC annual conferences, by waiving the cost of conference registration fees, according to the following rules:

- 1) The person requesting annual conference attendance support must be a member of the AMC and must be a student, retired, or other non-wage-earning member.
  - 2) The conference location must be at least 500 km (as the crow flies) from the member's normal place of residence.
  - 3) Each request for payment of the conference registration fee, received in writing by the Secretary prior to one month before the start of an annual conference, will be considered by the AMC Executive.
  - 4) The approval of such payment will be entirely at the discretion of the AMC Executive. If the payment is approved, the AMC will pay the member's conference registration fees.
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Rizzi-Zannoni, Giovanni Antonio (1736-1814), *La Romelie et les environs de Costantinople*, published 1774. Reproduced with permission from the University of Melbourne Library Map Collection. <http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/maps/walker>



## Call for nominations for the AMC National Executive, 2002

Nominations are invited for the Australian Map Circle National Executive for 2002.

**The Returning Officer must receive nominations no later than Monday 3 June 2002.** 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 during the AMC 2002 Conference, on Wednesday 17 July 2002, at the conference venue at James Cook University, Cairns.

The nominator, a seconder, and the nominee should sign nomination forms. 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.**

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### Nomination for office of the Australian Map Circle National Executive, 2002

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the National Executive of the AMC for 2002.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, second the above nomination.

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

Signed,

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_