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AMC 2003 CONFERENCE

The Australian Map Circle's 31st Annual Conference was held at Macquarie University, Sydney, from 2-5 February 2003. The conference was organised by Bill Stinson, Graeme Aplin and Glenys Oxlee of Macquarie University, Cheryl Evans of the State Library of NSW, and Joanna Lee and Margaret Pavincich of the University of NSW. Besides the excellent selection of papers, delegates visited the State Library and State Records offices of NSW, and were given guided walks around Homebush Olympic Park and The Rocks. In addition, Professor Di Yerbury, Vice Chancellor of Macquarie University opened an exhibition of Australian maps collected by Robert Clancy. The executive of the AMC would like to thank all the organisers, particularly Bill Stinson, for an excellent job.

The Estelle Canning Memorial Prize for the best paper presented at the conference, was awarded to Grant Kleeman for his paper "Topographic mapping skills: the classroom challenge"

AMC 2004 CONFERENCE

The AMC's 32nd annual conference, for 2004, will be held in conjunction with the New Zealand Map Society at Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand, from 9-11 February 2004. An initial sheet of information was distributed at the Macquarie conference just held, and discussed at the AMC's AGM. Contact: John Robson, Map Librarian, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, ph 64-7-8562889 x8173, or 64-7-8564807 ah. Email jrobson@waikato.ac.nz A call for papers will be distributed shortly.

Membership of the New Zealand Map Society, including an annual journal and a newsletter, can be obtained via Karen Churton, Massey University, Palmerston North, NZ. email: K.D.Churton@massey.ac.nz

OTHER CONFERENCES

2003 International Conference on the History of Cartography will be held in two locations: 15-17 June 2003 in Cambridge, Mass. and 18-20 in Portland, Maine. info@ichc2003.org <http://www.ichc2003.org> or contact David Cobb, Harvard Map Collection, cobb@fas.harvard.edu

Spatial Sciences Coalition (AURISA/IEMSA/ RSPAA/ MSIA/ ISA) will host a joint conference in 2003. Conference 23-25 Sep, Workshops/Site Visits 21, 26/27 Sep. The largest spatial technical and vendor exhibition ever in the Southern Hemisphere, 23-25 September. Up to 1000 delegates are expected. <http://www.spatialscience.org/Conference/>

FIG World Mapping Colloquium, National Maritime Museum, Sydney, Sat 20 September. Fax enquiries to Linke & Linke, 61-2-91303278. http://www.fig.net/figtree/hsm/news/mash_2003.pdf

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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.

This issue of the newsletter was produced by Brendan Whyte, email: b.whyte@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au

OTHER UPCOMING AMC EVENTS

Robert Clancy is hosting renowned cartographic historian Prof. David Woodward (University of Wisconsin - Madison) in Sydney in September. David's CV is available from Robert. AMC members interested in inviting David to their city to give a talk or workshop should contact John Cain or Brendan Whyte with a proposal by the end of February, as the executive has agreed to pay the airfare from Sydney for David and his wife to up to two other Australian cities if there is an interest.

See Woodward's website: <http://www.geography.wisc.edu/woodward/>

For more information on Prof Woodward's visit, contact Prof Robert Clancy on Ph: 61 2 4923 6135
 Fax: 61 2 4923 6998 Email: rclancy@mail.newcastle.edu.au

OTHER UPCOMING CARTOGRAPHIC EVENTS

MERGER: Five major professional bodies in the spatial sciences, already working together as the Spatial Sciences Coalition, are proposing to merge as a new association, the SPATIAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE

The organisations are:

- Mapping Sciences Institute Australia (MSIA)
- Institution of Surveyors Australia (ISA)
- Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Association of Australasia (RSPAA)
- Australasian Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (AURISA)
- Institution of Engineering and Mining Surveyors Australia (IEMSA)

Members of these organisations will probably vote on merging in late 2002, with the SSI to form in early 2003.

EXHIBITION: STREET MAPPING: AN A TO Z OF URBAN CARTOGRAPHY, 3 February to 26 April 2003 Exhibition Room, Bodleian Library, Oxford

SEMINAR: THE OXFORD SEMINARS IN CARTOGRAPHY "The Admiralty Chart in the nineteenth century: a neglected resource?" Andrew Cook (India Office Records, The British Library), Thursday 27 February, School of Geography and the Environment, Mansfield Road, Oxford at 5pm.

AMC PUBLICATION NOTES

AMC Newsletter issues back to #71 are 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

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 John Cain, email: 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/>

AMC MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

AMC member-authored publications

Bowden, Jim, 2002(?), **Getting There From Here, a history of commercial mapping in Australia, 1788-2000**, Rex Publication, Seaforth, NSW. \$25+\$4.50p&p, Email jimbow@smartchat.net.au, fax 02-99485397.

Eccleston, Gregory C., 1992, **Major Mitchell's 1836 'Australia Felix' Expedition: a Re-evaluation**, Monash Publications in Geography #40. Available through School of Geography and Environmental Science, P.O. Box 11A, Monash University, Vic 3800 (attn. Gary Swinton), ph (3)99052922, email gary.swinton@arts.monash.edu.au A\$19.80 (inc GST) + \$5.50 p&p.

Johnson, Richard, 2001, **The search for the inland sea, John Oxley, explorer, 1783-1828**. Melbourne Uni Press, 320pp, 23cm, 8 b&w pics & 2 maps. ISBN 0-522-84959-8. \$49.95 HB. Available from Melb Uni Press, 268 Drummond St, PO Box 1167, Carlton, Vic 3053. Ph: (3)93420300, fx:(3)93420399, email: mup-info@unimelb.edu.au Website: <http://www.mup.unimelb.edu.au/ordering.html>

Judge, Barbara. 2002, **WA map bibliography, Perth and districts by David Whiteford, Barbara Judge, Joy Jones**; [edited by Deborah Gare, Katrina Lyon and Gillian O'Mara]. Friends of Battye Library Inc, Northbridge, W.A. vi, 75, facsims, 21 cm. Friends of Battye Library occasional paper ; no. 5. ISBN 0958098603. Available from: Friends of the Battye Library, Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, WA, 6000. Postal address: PO Box 216, Northbridge, WA 6865. Ph: (8)94273278. Fx: (8)94273276. Email: jcarter@liswa.wa.gov.au A\$15??

Marshall, Brian, 1998, **New Zealand maps published in nineteenth century periodicals: a checklist**. Department of Geography, University of Auckland. Occasional Publication no.41. ISBN 0-908672-61-6. pb. \$NZ25. Available from The Secretary, School of Geography and Environmental Science, The University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand. Prepayment required.

Prescott, J.R.Victor, 1975, **Map of Mainland Asia by Treaty**, Melb Uni Press. hb, xx, 518, 24cm, maps. ISBN 0-522-84083-3. Documentary history of Asian land boundaries. A\$40, Available from Victor and Dorothy Prescott, 44 Lucas St, East Brighton, Vic 3187. Ph: (3)95925156, fx: (3)95931624, email: dorothy@unimelb.edu.au

Prescott, J.R.Victor, Collier, H.J., & Prescott, D.F., 1977, **Frontiers of Asia and Southeast Asia**, Melb Uni Press, pb, xi, 106, 31cm, maps. ISBN 0-522-84116-3. History of Asian land and some sea boundaries. Good

maps. A\$20, Available from Victor and Dorothy Prescott, 44 Lucas St, East Brighton, Vic 3187. Ph: (3)95925156, fx: (3)95931624, email: dorothy@unimelb.edu.au

Robson, John, **Captain Cook's world: maps of the life and voyages of James Cook R.N.**, available from bookshops worldwide. NZ ed: Random House NZ, Auckland, 2000. ISBN 1869414098. NZ\$59.95 Aust. ed: Random House Aust., Milsons Pt, NSW, 2000. ISBN 1740514130. A\$49.95 US ed: Uni of Washington Press, Seattle, 2000. ISBN 0295980192. \$US40.00 UK ed: Chatham Publishing, London, 2001. GBP25.00

Scurfield, Gordon, 1995, **The Hoddle Years; Surveying in Victoria, 1836 -1853**, Institution of Surveyors, Australia Inc., Canberra. pb A\$20.00, hb A\$45.00. Available from Judith Scurfield, Map Librarian, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000. Ph (3)86647010 Fx (3)96396829 email jscurfield@slv.vic.gov.au

Thomas, Ross, 1999, **The Classic Robert Logan Jack Map Collection**, Ross Thomas, Charters Towers. Facsimile reproductions of late 19th century Queensland geological maps produced by R.L.Jack, Qld Govt Geologist. Individually numbered limited edition. A3 landscape, leather binding, 24ct gold lettering, magnification lens bookmark. xii, 106 :ill., maps ; 31x43 cm., hardcover. ISBN 0646370146. A\$300 including p&p. Available from: Ross Thomas, Operations Manager, Mansell Mining and Shotcrete Services, PO Box 308, Mount Isa, Qld 4825. Email: rossjthomas@bigpond.com

Whyte, Brendan, 2002, **Waiting for the Esquimo, an historical and documentary study of the Cooch Behar enclaves of India and Bangladesh**, Research Paper 8, Sch of Geog, Anthro & Env'tl Studies, University of Melbourne. Hb, xvi, 502, photos, maps, A0 colour map insert. ISBN 0-734-02208-5. Price (inc airmail) Australia: A\$100 (inc GST), NZ: A\$105, Asia-Pac: A\$115, Europe/Americas: A\$120. Available from: SAGES, University of Melbourne, Vic 3010. Email Erika Mueller: efm@unimelb.edu.au Abstract/order form online at <http://www.geography.unimelb.edu.au/research/papersabstracts.html>

Other privately-published map-related publications:

Monash Uni Dept of Geography (for ordering see entry for Eccleston above).

<http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/ges/about/monpig1.html>

- Morris, Jennifer, 1974, **Mental Maps of Victoria**, Monash Publications in Geography #8, \$5.50 + \$5.50 p&p.

- Clark, Ian D., 1990, **Aboriginal Languages and Clans: An Historical Atlas of Western and Central Victoria, 1800-1900**, Monash Publication in Geography #37, \$33+p&p (Vic \$5, interstate \$7, international \$14)

- Wesson, Sue C., 1994, **An Overview of the Sources for a Language and Clan Atlas of Eastern Victoria and Southern New South Wales**, Monash Environmental Papers #11, \$16.50 +p&p.

- Wesson, Sue C., 2000, **An Historical Atlas of the Aborigines of Eastern Victoria and Far South-eastern New South Wales**, Monash Publications in Geography #53, \$27.50 + \$5.50 p&p.

Assoc of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives sells books and facsimile maps (world, Canada)

<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/facsarea.html>

<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/books.html>

- **Explorations in the History of Canadian Mapping**. Barbara Farrell, Aileen Desbarats. 1988. ISBN 0-9690682-5-5 (284 Pages) \$25.00

- **Guide for a Small Map Collection, 2nd/2e ed.** Barbara Farrell, Aileen Desbarats. 1984. ISBN 0-9690682-3-9 (101 Pages) \$8.00

- **Directory of Canadian Map Collections/Repertoire des Collections Canadiennes de Cartes, 7th/7e ed.** Melissa S. A. Leitch. 1999. ISSN 0070-5217 (169 Pages) \$20.00

- **Early Canadian Topographic Map Series: Geological Survey of Canada, 1842-1949.** Occasional Paper #1. Lorraine Dubreuil. 1988. ISBN 0-9690682-8-X (77 Pages) \$15.00
 - **Sectional Maps of Western Canada, 1871-1955.** Occasional Paper #2. Lorraine Dubreuil. 1989. ISBN 0-9690682-9-8 (63 Pages) \$15.00
 - **Standard Topographical Maps of Canada, 1904-1948.** Occasional Paper #3. Lorraine Dubreuil. 1991. ISBN 0-9695062-3-6 (37 Pages) \$10.00
 - **Canada's Militia Defence Maps, 1905-1931.** Occasional Paper #4. Lorraine Dubreuil. 1992. ISBN 0-9695062-0-1 (50 Pages) \$10.00
 - **Canadian Fire Insurance Plans in Ontario Collections, 1876 - 1973.** Occasional Paper #5. Lorraine Dubreuil, Marcel Fortin, Cheryl Woods. 1995. ISBN 0-9695062-6-0 (108 Pages) \$22.00
 - **Catalogue of Canadian Fire Insurance Plans 1875 - 1975.** Occasional Paper #6, Lorraine Dubreuil and Cheryl A. Woods. 2002. ISBN 0-9695062-7-9 (516 Pages) \$90.00
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MAP NEWS & WEBSITES

Directory of Australian Map Collections: www.nla.gov.au/mapdir/

Cpt. Cook's NZ map t-shirts for sale from John Robson, Waikato University, Hamilton, NZ. L and XL only. A\$15 inc. postage. jrobson@waikato.ac.nz

Historic map wallpapers, created by David Jones from holdings at Melbourne University's map library. <http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/maps/digital/wallpapers.html>

The Fictional Road Maps of Adrian Leskiw <http://www.geocities.com/ontheroadtocairo/>

Qld transport maps:

A nice map of Qld railways showing managers and operators:

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railsafe.nsf/files/images/\\$file/Accred_Railways2.pdf](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railsafe.nsf/files/images/$file/Accred_Railways2.pdf)

Another two maps of Qld railways:

<http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/0f122c06d5c309324a2565ca00059c43/775095de1c99801d4a256a5c0003a597?OpenDocument>

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/b61987be056b4fd94a2566fd0020418f/758365c5a79c72a14a256a7e0083d4e0/\\$FILE/Rail+Map+QLD.pdf](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/b61987be056b4fd94a2566fd0020418f/758365c5a79c72a14a256a7e0083d4e0/$FILE/Rail+Map+QLD.pdf)

A map of the proposed high-speed rail link from Gowrie (near Toowoomba) to Grandchester (halfway to Ipswich): http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/rtpweb.nsf/index/ggrcs_corridor_map

Port Limit maps for Queensland (pdf files):

<http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/index/portlimitsmaps>

Map of regular public transport air routes in Qld

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/b61987be056b4fd94a2566fd0020418f/758365c5a79c72a14a256a7e0083d4e0/\\$FILE/Rail+Map+QLD.pdf](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/railport.nsf/b61987be056b4fd94a2566fd0020418f/758365c5a79c72a14a256a7e0083d4e0/$FILE/Rail+Map+QLD.pdf)

MAPS AND MAP PRODUCTS FOR SALE

The Hereford Map by Scott D. Westrem. lxxxiv + 476 pp., 210 x 270 mm, Brepols, 2001, HB, ISBN 2-503-51056-6, euro77 / US\$ 77 / £ 47. Because of its thorough examination of all aspects of the Map, this book is a tribute to the richest, most complicated surviving example of medieval cartography, as well as an essential tool about medieval culture. <http://www.brepols.net/catalogue/index.jsp?mpk=20295&art=73326>

New Zealand railway and tramway atlas, by John Yonge; Quail: Exeter; 3rd ed, 1985. Available from the NZ Railway Enthusiast's Society, for NZ\$18. Credit cards accepted, but cheques preferred to save commission. Contact: RES Publications, c/- F Hulena, P O Box 13-684, Onehunga, Auckland, NZ.

1938 Railway Map of Western Australia, facsimile produced in 1993. \$5 from ARHS(WA) Railway Museum, 136 Railway Pde, Bassendean, or by mail order: The Secretary, Australian Railway Historical Society WA Division, PO Box 363, Bassendean WA 6054; arhs_wa@yahoo.com.au

Aerial Atlas of Ancient Crete by Myers J. Wilson, Thames & Hudson, 1992, hardcover. orig pub @US\$135, now US\$34.95 <http://www.strandbooks.com/base/base.php?keywords=405242&q=keywords&stock=in>
Item 405242: Strand Books, ph 1800-366-3664, press '0' (Mon-Sat 9:30-6:00 EST)
email orders@strandbooks.com fax 1-212-473-2591 or mail to 828 Broadway, NY, NY 10003-4805, USA

Plastic Relief Maps: Australia & Italy: sizes in cm.

Australia	60x84	1:6m (horiz scale)	1:100k (vert scale)
NSW	65x84	1:1.6m	1:100k
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Greater Sydney	57x76	1:150k	1:50k
Newcastle/Hunter	62x89	1:350k	1:100k
Victoria	62x90	1:1m	1:100k
Canberra & Snowys	65x84	1:300k	1:100k
Tasmania	65x85	1:550k	1:100k
Brisbane & Environs	63x78	1:300k	1:70k
Northern Territory	64x88	1:2.15m	1:150k

Above are \$93.50

Australia	30x44	1:13.5m (h)	vert not given
NT	32x44	1:4.3m (h)	1:75k (v)
NT top end	32x44	1:1.6m	1:50k

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Europe (Italian ed)	74x100	1:7.5m (h)	\$99			
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Sicily	Sardinia	Rome	Florence	Puglia & Basilicata	Reggio Calabria	

All c.60x85 \$93.50

Lipari Id	Salina Id	Ischia & Procida Is
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All c.32x44 \$16.50

Available from: Geomaps Company, 122 Castelreagh St, Sydney, NSW 2000, ph 2-92641139, fx 2-92673644
www.citysearch.com.au/syd/geomaps

GEOSCAPES_a new journal for geography/geospatial-data users. The goal of Geoscapes is to provide a peer-reviewed forum for papers concerning geography, map, remote-sensing image, etc., information and collections. The scope is worldwide, not solely North America; and illustrations for articles are encouraged. There will be 2 issues per year; one issue will be a general issue edited by co-editors Paige Andrew and Mary Larsgaard, and the other will be a theme issue, with a guest editor. A premiere issue will be published in January 2004. The journal will be published by Haworth Press.

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MAPS IN THE NEWS

Gavin Menzies' controversial book **1421: The Year China Discovered America** is reviewed at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A972-2003Jan16.html>

Centroids of GB, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/2271914.stm>

In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie... *Reproduced from AUSGEO NEWS #66, June/July 2002, pp14-15. At http://www.ga.gov.au/about/corporate/ausgeo_news.jsp a map and satellite image can be found but their quality is better in the hardcopy version:*

The shadowy land of Mordor sketched in Tolkien's 1950s book, *Lord of the Rings*, is not a myth. Mordor is 68 kilometres north-east of Alice Springs in the middle of Australia rather than in Middle-earth, and it is a wild place for dingoes and camels instead of Tolkien's hobbits and dark lords. Mordor is an extraordinary area that the geology fraternity has kept quiet about for 30 years.

A team of government geologists and field hands mapped Mordor in 1972–3. At the time, locals called the place Spring Pound, probably because it is said to have an unusual spring that comes and goes. Bureau of Mineral Resources geologist Alan Langworthy was the ringleader when it came to officially naming the place. He suggested Mordor because of the remarkable similarity between the area's geological features and the Mordor map published in *Lord of the Rings*. Mordor Pound (also called Mordor Igneous Complex) is a region of low relief surrounded by sheer cliffs of sandstone and conglomerate. The cliffs form a distinctive rectangular pound that is open-ended to the south-west.

To enter Mordor, one must follow a rugged four-wheel-drive track that passes through a gap in the cliffs called Wild Dog Pass (Cirith Gorgor in Tolkien's tale). In the valley floor there are conical hills of black rock. One is called Mount Doom because it resembles its namesake in Tolkien's book. The rocks of Mordor Pound are ultramafics and some unusual rocks called shonkinites. Like the original Mordor, they would have been forged in a very hot environment where, according to Tolkien's description, 'great steam and smoke belched...and all about it the Earth gaped'. The rocks are unusually rich in potassium, aluminium, rubidium, strontium and barium. They surfaced as molten rock from deep in the Earth's crust, but were not extensively contaminated by country rocks. They have not undergone the degree of deformation and alteration that is normally expected of such old rocks.

Geoscience Australia geologists determined that Mordor rocks are 1.13 billion years old. But there are opposing views on the order in which the major rock groups were emplaced (ultramafics, shonkinite, then syenite, or whether the ultramafic bodies postdate the felsic bodies). Minerals of economic interest may be associated with the rocks, including nickel, copper, platinum-group elements, diamonds, uranium and rare-earth elements.

From the *Guardian*. Also online at <http://theage.com.au/articles/2002/08/02/1028157843300.html>

Stanley's words priceless

by Maev Kennedy, London, August 3 2002

When Henry Morton Stanley went across half the African continent in 1871, to meet a man and immortally inquire "Dr Livingstone I presume?" he was not travelling entirely without comforts.

The grubby, frayed sofa cushion on which he slept, which went with him across thousands of kilometres of unexplored jungle, mountain and river, is among a remarkable collection of memorabilia, which will be auctioned at Christie's next month.

Although Stanley is now generally only remembered for that one phrase - it haunted the rest of his life, and he bitterly regretted it - his life was as extraordinary as a Boy's Own adventure story, from a desolate childhood in a

workhouse, to a career in journalism and exploration, ending as a member of the British Parliament and a funeral service in Westminster Abbey, London.

One of the highlights of the sale is a tattered and water-stained fragment of a commercial printed map. When Stanley bought it, it had a great blank over much of the African interior. On it, he pencilled and inked in the course of the Congo River as he discovered it, marking in dozens of dated reference points as he checked his position with sextant and chronometer. The value of the map is now estimated at up to \$US23,000 (\$A42,646).

The entire collection, which includes paintings, photographs, furniture, presents from kings and emperors, African spears and arrows, the Winchester rifle and Reilly pistol that he was carrying when he met Livingstone, lantern slides from his lecture tours and books, has been at his family home in Surrey, south of London, since he bought the house in 1898. His descendants are selling the house.

Christie's books expert, Tom Lamb, spent months examining the contents of cupboards and attics. He was the first to open many boxes since Stanley shipped them home. Mr Lamb suspects much of the collection may go to an institution in the United States, Stanley's adopted homeland.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/2446907.stm> Tuesday, 12 November, 2002, 08:26 GMT

Africa's oldest map unveiled

by Alastair Leithead BBC correspondent in Cape Town

The oldest map of the African continent, dating back to 1389, has gone on display in Cape Town. It is part of an exhibition drawing attention to the history of South Africa and the way it is perceived around the world. The Chinese map, covering more than 17 square metres, was produced in silk. It is thought to be a copy of a map sculpted into rock 20 or 30 years earlier. It is never been shown to the public before anywhere in the world, and the South African government was given special permission to take a full size facsimile of the delicate historical artwork.

The Da Ming Hun Yi Tu, or Amalgamated Map of the Great Ming Empire, is a unique snapshot of history. Created in China in 1389, and clearly showing the shape of Africa, more than 100 years before Western explorers and map-makers reached the continent.

The full-size facsimile of the silk map forms the centrepiece of an exhibition, Perspectives on and of Africa, at the South African parliament. Up to now, only a small number of people have been allowed to see the original. The speaker of the National Assembly, Frene Jinwala, said it was an important exhibit for South Africa. "We're trying to illustrate perspective. There is no north or south in space," she said. "It's a political decision that places the northern hemisphere on top of a globe and that collectively South Africans have to find their own perspective, and accept the validity of perspectives of others." Organisers hope the exhibition challenges Western perspectives of Africa, of slavery and colonial exploitation. It is using the Chinese map alongside South African rock art to illustrate the history of the continent before the time it was discovered by Europeans.

China's first map delineating legally-binding provincial boundaries was recently completed. A joint project of the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, the 1:4,000,000 scale map will be printed by the China Cartographic Publishing House. The provincial boundaries of the new map incorporate some 3,104 demarcation agreements recognised by the bordering provinces and approved by the State Council. (Xinhua, December 25)

ANTIQUE MAPS FOR SALE

Mr Philippe de Roberti of France has contacted the AMC wishing to sell 3 early original maps of Australia.

"Plan du Port du Roi George (King George 3rd Sound)", Freycinet, Faure & Ransonnet, 1803; "Carte de la Baie des Chiens Marins (Shark's Bay du Dampier)", Freycinet & Faure, 1801/03; "Plan de la ville de Sydney", Lesneur & Boullangerm 1802. He hopes for Euro1000 each. Contact him direct (he speaks/writes reasonable English)

M. Philippe de Roberti, Rue Saint Pierre aux Liens, 73460 Grésy-sur-Isère, FRANCE ph 0479379258, email itre@infonie.fr

MAP HUMOUR

The sealing of the Eyre Highway across the Nullarbor was completed in 1976. Soon after, the following letters appeared in the Melbourne Age:

"Sir,

Few people living in Melbourne this summer could have failed to observe that the tendency of Melbourne's weather to follow that of Perth by a few days as it usually does has not occurred as it usually does. I have devoted a considerable time to investigation of this phenomenon, discussing it with an applied physicist and other informed people and performing complex meteorological calculations. I have concluded that the root cause for the breakdown in our weather patterns is the recent completion of the bitumen surfacing of the Eyre Highway across the Nullarbor. The basic mechanism behind this effect revolves around the black body radiation from the road surface causing thermal updrafts in an unbroken line across the continent... The obvious solution to this problem is to paint the entire surface white to reduce the black body radiation and hence thermal updrafts...

C A Mullett

Sir,

I was most interested in the theory advanced by C A Mullett in his letter (27/1/). My interest in the subject stems from my recent doctoral thesis in which I mapped the Nullarbor on a scale of 1:1. As the only place I could lay out my map was, naturally enough, the Nullarbor, I had considerable occasion on which to study the Eyre Highway and the black-body phenomenon. In my opinion, Mr Mullett has overlooked two important factors - the curvature of the Earth and the speed of weather transfer. The sealing of the Eyre Highway has reduced the weather differential between the two cities to 53.5 hours (a reduction of 4.93 hours)... The solution is to slow the weather to its former speed by installing "speed bumps" on the highway... If painted white, will also break the continuity of the black body radiation and will be the world's longest pedestrian crossing in the Guinness [sic] Book of Records.

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from: **Exploring the Eyre Highway across the Nullarbor : extended via the Lincoln Highway, Flinders Highway, Southern Highway, Albany Highway, South Coast Highway, Great Eastern Highway**, Balhannah, SA : Tourist Information Distributors Australia, 2000, p50. Copy held in State Lib of WA.

MAP QUOTE

I may here speak of some attempts by myself, made hitherto in too desultory a way, to obtain materials for a "Beauty-Map" of the British Isles. Whenever I have occasion to classify the persons I meet into three classes, "good, medium, bad," I use a needle mounted as a pricker, wherewith to prick holes, unseen, in a piece of paper, torn rudely into a cross With a long leg. I use its upper end for "good," the cross-arm for "medium," the lower end for "bad." The prick-holes keep distinct, and are easily read off at leisure. The object, place, and date are written On the paper. I used this plan for my beauty data, classifying the girls I passed in streets or elsewhere as attractive, indifferent, or repellent. Of course this was a purely individual estimate, but it was consistent, judging from the conformity of different attempts in the same population. I found London to rank highest for beauty; Aberdeen lowest.

-John Galton, scientist, in his memoirs.

Australian Map Circle Inc. Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting

4:15 pm, Wednesday 5 February 2003, Macquarie University, Sydney

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

John Cain	Marie Morden	Brendan Whyte	Victor Prescott
Adella Edwards	Judith Scurfield	Effie Rees	Roger Rees
Don Somerville	Majorie Somerville	Les Isdale	Richard Miller
Frank Urban	Barbara Wojtkowski	Maura O'Connor	Dorothy Prescott
Greg Eccleston	Bill Stinson	George Antonijevic	Damian Cole
Dan Jaksa	David Johnson	Ron Furness	Jim Bowden
Bernie Joyce			

Apologies were received on behalf of: David Jones, Stuart Duncan, David Hancox, Chandra Jayasuriya

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 2002 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted, after noting the incorrect spelling of Marjorie Stone's name.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Re: 3. Pronunciation field in the Australian gazetteer. Daniel Jaksa of Geoscience Australia says National Mapping is likely to take this on for the Gazetteer in 2004. John Cain reminded the meeting that David Blair's conference presentation on Monday 3rd on the Australian National Placenames Survey, had indicated that that project would also include a pronunciation field.
- Re: 10.2. It was noted that the conference presentation by Daniel Jaksa of Geoscience Australia had updated this item, such that revision of the 1:100,000 scale mapping of Australia was on hold due to funding shortages, after completion of 70 sheets. It has not been discontinued as was earlier feared.
- Re: 10.3. after the 2002 AGM, John Cain contacted Ian O'Donnell, Director of Mapping and Maritime Boundaries, National Mapping Division, Geoscience Australia. Mr O'Donnell agreed that conference organisers should contact him, or Peter Holland, Head of the National Mapping Division, to ensure representation, if not a speaker, from Geoscience Australia attended each conference.

4. President's Report.

AMC President John Cain noted that two executive meetings had been held since the previous conference last July: one immediately after that conference, and one immediately before the present conference.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited 2002 financial statement was distributed at the meeting. The Business Manager, Marie Morden, spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts at 31 December 2002 was \$30 092 (2001: \$32 585) comprising \$10 092 cash at bank and \$20 000 term deposit NAB. This represents a deficit for 2002 of \$2493 (2001: \$2964 deficit). This deficit includes the 2003 conference seeding funds which have yet to be recovered, and does not include the \$2590 profit of the 2002 Cairns conference, so in fact the AMC achieved a slight surplus overall. It was clarified that the final entry "less deficiency for you" should read "less deficiency for year". The 2002 accounts were audited by Mr Douglas McQualter of Law Little & Associates, CPA, and cost \$425. Marie Morden asked if anyone knew of cheaper auditors. The 2002 accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Publications Report.

John Cain spoke briefly to the Publications Report, which covered *The Globe*, the *Newsletter*, the AMC Web Site and the AMCIRCLE list. With regard to *The Globe*, #53 had just been returned from the printers, and copies were distributed to members at the conference to save time and postage. The remaining copies would be posted the next week. Several papers are already in hand for #54, which it is hoped to publish mid-year. The Secretary, Brendan Whyte, prepares the *Newsletter* and only one issue has been produced since the last conference six months ago. The

AMCircle email list continues to prove an excellent way to redistribute surplus maps between libraries and individuals, as well as to communicate events and news items of interest, and to help map librarians obtain answers to patron queries. The AMC website at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au> has also proved popular, with conference details and back issues of the Newsletter available. The publications report was accepted by the meeting.

Dorothy Prescott asked is a listing of members' publications collected by the Secretary in 2002 would be available on the website. Brendan Whyte replied that the list had been circulated on the AMCircle list, and would be included in the next newsletter, and that the newsletter would be available on the website.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported there have been one meeting of the Sydney Map Group since the Cairns conference, organised by Robert Clancy in a room kindly provided by the State Records Office.

7.2 Melbourne: Marie Morden reported three Victorian branch meetings since the Cairns conference: two visits to State Library exhibitions (Flinders, and Bourke and Wills), and the annual Christmas dinner and quiz.

7.3 John Cain reminded the meeting that the executive encouraged the formation of local branches and was happy to help with mailouts or seeding funds.

8. Returning Officer's report.

On behalf of the Returning Officer, David Jones, John Cain reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The entire executive was returned unopposed.

President: John Cain Vice President: Adella Edwards

Secretary: Brendan Whyte Business Manager: Marie Morden

9. Next AMC Conference.

2004: Members expressed their continued commitment to the joint AMC/NZMS conference to be held at Waikato University from Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 February 2004. An initial information sheet sent by John Robson, the Map Librarian at Waikato, and conference organiser, was distributed to conference attendees in their conference satchels. About two-thirds of AGM attendees (15 of 26) indicated their intention to travel to NZ for the conference. It was noted that Freedom Air flies direct to Hamilton from several Australian cities.

2005: The State Library of South Australia had indicated a couple of years ago their willingness to host a conference once earthquake strengthening of their building was completed. This work has been finished, and John Cain will chase up this offer.

Bill Stinson said Joanna Lee of UNSW was also interested in hosting a conference, but this would be several years away given the present conference was in Sydney.

Jim Bowden suggested a Brisbane conference and was to supply Marie Morden with contact names after the AGM.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Motion re Placenames Frank Urban proposed that the following resolution be sent by the AMC. John Cain suggested it also be addressed to the director of the Australian National Placenames Survey. The motion to send the resolution was carried.

Resolved:

Noting that field surveyors of Land and Property Information [the NSW govt agency] and numerous other agencies, the royal Australian Survey Corps, councils, forms and the general public in New south Wales have systematically collected geographic names information for many decades,

Noting that LPI has published over 1000 rural topographic/cadastral maps and continues to revise them, and has produces over 2000 urban maps,

Noting that the Geographical Names board has been meeting regularly since 1966 and has assigned over 80,000 place names in New south Wales which it makes freely available on the internet,

The Australian Map Circle commends the organisations involved for undertaking this fundamentally important work,

Urges that there be no diminution of this effort in the future, and

Requests that this resolution be forwarded to the Head of DITM [NSW Department of Information Technology and Management], Surveyor General of NSW, and Chairman of the Geographic Names

Board, Mr Warwick Watkins; and to the Director of the Australian Place Names Survey, Mr David Blair.

10.2 Visit of David Woodward. John Cain raised the forthcoming visit of cartographic historian David Woodward to Sydney and Canberra, hosted by Robert Clancy, in September. Robert has proposed the AMC and others could invite David to give workshops or presentations in other Australian cities. The AMC Executive has decided to pay the airfare for David and his wife to two other Australian cities, if these are arranged by local AMC members. Proposals should be presented to the executive via John Cain or Brendan Whyte by the end of February. The local members would be responsible for the Woodward's food, accommodation and topic of talk. David's CV with ideas for possible presentations can be obtained from Robert Clancy or John Cain. Applications will be processed in the order received. George Antonijevic suggested members could club together their frequent flier points to obtain free tickets for the Woodward's, although this cannot be done in all frequent flier programmes.

10.3 1:100,000 mapping Daniel Jaksa suggested that David Hocking, the CEO of ASIBA (Australian Spatial Information Business Assoc) in Canberra would be a good lobbyist to enlist regarding renewed funding for revision of 1:100,000 topographic mapping of Australia.

10.4 Australian Standard for bibliographic elements on maps: John Cain said the proposed new standard would be raised on the AMCircle email list due to lack of time at the AGM.

There being no more business, the meeting was then closed at 5pm.

OBITUARY

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson passed away at the age of only 59 (fifty-nine) on September 23rd 2002. He was among the early group of surveyors to qualify through the university degree system rather than by means of articles obtaining a Bachelor in Surveying from the University of New South Wales while employed by the Department of Lands. He was appointed a Research Surveyor in the Research Division of the Central Mapping Authority.

When the CMA relocated from Sydney to Bathurst Dick, as he was then known to his colleagues, was among those who moved inland, setting up home with his wife and daughter in Bathurst. Dick was promoted to Officer-in-Charge of the Research Division becoming responsible for assisting production divisions with the development and improvement of programs such as geodetic adjustment and analytical aerial triangulation, as well as research into topographic map revision and a proposal by Mike Elphick of Newcastle University to obtain cadastral data by survey data adjustment rather than digitisation of cadastral maps derived from orthophotomaps or other sources.

In his free time Dick obtained a Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from Charles Sturt University.

When government sought to reduce staff numbers Richard took early retirement and moved to Port Macquarie where he commenced research into the life of the Colony of New South Wales' third Surveyor General John Oxley. After three years in Port, during which time Richard served as Secretary of the Hastings Region of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, he moved to Canberra where he continued his research into Oxley's life. This was recently published by Melbourne University Press as "The Search for the Inland Sea" a book that fills a major gap in our early history. Richard intended to follow up the publication with further historical research.

Richard is survived by his wife Val, a successful artist, and their daughter Heather. A private man, a conscientious public servant and a dedicated historian, Richard Johnson will be missed by his professional colleagues - surveyors, writers and historians.

- Frank Urban.