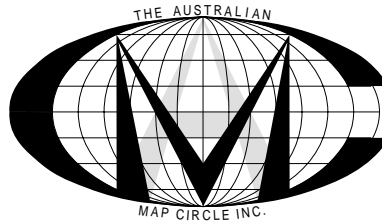


## NEWSLETTER 97



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### Newsletter news

We're changing the newsletter to a quarterly newsletter. It will come out in March, June, September and December. Some important issues were raised at the AGM relating to the future of the AMC (see the minutes at the end of this newsletter). More details will be in the June newsletter. In addition, the December issue will be our 100th issue! So if anyone has any memories or stories about the AMC they would like to share, I will be collecting articles until November, so get your thinking caps on!

### CONFERENCES

#### **36th AMC Conference (Wellington NZ, 10-13 February 2008)**

**“Te Taki o Autahi - Under the Southern Cross”**

36th Annual Conference of the **Australian Map Circle**  
 Annual Conference of the New Zealand Map Society  
 25th International Symposium of the International Map Collectors Society  
 Conference website, <http://www.underthesoutherncross.org>.

#### **35th AMC Conference (Canberra, 11-14 February 2007)**

Congratulations to **Greg Wood**, who was awarded the Estelle Canning Prize for best conference paper *Mr Scrivener's Predecessors*, at the 2007 AMC conference in Canberra.

#### **Australian Map Circle conference: *Finding the Limits***

On 12–14 February the National Library hosted the annual conference of the Australian Map Circle. The 2007 conference, "Finding the Limits", was well attended, with 49 full registrations, 14 day day registrations and some donations received for individual session attendance. A warm Canberran welcome (pardon the rain!) was held at the Australian War Memorial on Sunday February 11, including tours of the galleries, afternoon tea and a tour of Mt Ainslie lookout hosted by staff of the National Capital Authority.

The programme was typically diverse, with 20 papers across a broad range of subjects. The first day had an ACT flavour, and was opened by Annabelle Pegrum, CEO of the National Capital Authority. The address, "Miracles, Maps and Memory", provided an excellent overview of Canberra's development. Papers by David Headon, Terry Birtles, Matthew Higgins and Greg Wood related the past planning issues to current Canberra development. Greg was subsequently awarded the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, awarded to the author presenting the best paper. The initial session was open to the public, and attracted 200 conference attendees and visitors. The afternoon session included Judy Scurfield's paper on documenting the SLV's collection of

hydrographic charts, and was rounded off with a visit to Surveyors Park on Capital Hill, and tours of the National Museum of Australia's galleries hosted by Museum staff.

Subsequent days featured papers on the state of national mapping and marine charting (Geoscience Australia) and advancements in spatial sciences practice. Avan Stallard presented a paper on the role of maps in European imagining and discovery of Australia, and Michael Ross spoke to his paper "The Edge of the Ocean", taking the view of the the ocean-based explorer. Allen Mawer related his recent excursion with the Australian Navy to examine early evidence of European discovery of Torres Strait. A Q&A followed featuring all three speakers. The afternoon session included a trip to Geoscience Australia, including tours of its mapping groups, 3D Theatre and Tsunami warning system.

Tuesday night's conference dinner held at the Ottoman restaurant was well attended, and all were entertained by Mr Jeff Brownrigg, whose all singing renditions of Tarzan and related imaginary landscapes threatened to overwhelm the Ottoman's diners.

On the final day of the conference a session was devoted to the uses of atlases, across topics as diverse as sport, war and Australian birds. An interesting panel session addressed some of the methodological issues of atlas work. Current research included the Mapping the Southern Skies Project being conducted by Dr Paul Francis at Mt Stromlo, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' mapping of census data, and Reconstructing the Early Melbourne Landscape. The conference closed in the usual fashion with the AGM, and awarding of the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize.

Congratulation are in order to the organising committee, Denis Shephard, Greg Wood, Di Rutherford and Joyce Bradley. Well done!!

John Cain subsequently reported on the addition of 13 new members arising from the 2007 Conference.

Martin Woods

**The Australian Map Circle Inc. Newsletter. ISSN 0811-9511.**

A quarterly 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. Edited by Dianne Rutherford. Material for the Newsletter can be forwarded to:

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**GST:** 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 registered for and does not charge GST. Consequently, the AMC does not issue 'tax invoices', as these may only be issued by organizations that are registered for GST.

## Call for Papers

### New World Cartographies: Mapping America, 1500-1776

2-3 November 2007

The American Museum in Britain, Claverton Manor, Bath, UK

The American Museum in Britain at Bath and the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford welcome proposals for papers for a symposium "New World Cartographies: Mapping America, 1500-1776," to be held at Claverton Manor, Bath, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd November, 2007.

This symposium, which will be held in conjunction with an exhibition of maps of early America at the Museum, will focus on cartographic representations (and misrepresentations) of America before the Declaration of Independence in 1776 which gave rise to the present-day United States. Please send titles of proposed papers, with a brief (250 words) description and a short CV, to the Assistant Director, Rothermere American Institute, 1A South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3TG (email: [academic.programme@rai.ox.ac.uk](mailto:academic.programme@rai.ox.ac.uk)) by 15 May 2007.

## MEMBER NEWS

### Harold White Fellowship

Title: Harold White Fellowships  
Sponsor: National Library of Australia

Each year four to seven Fellowships are awarded to enable established scholars and writers to undertake research in the Library for periods of from three to six months. Most Fellows have undertaken research in the humanities and history, especially Australian history. However, research projects can be in any discipline or area in which the Library has strong collections.

Deadline(s): 30/04/2007

Contact: Secretary, Harold White Fellowship Committee National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Canberra ACT, 2600

E-mail: [fellowships@nla.gov.au](mailto:fellowships@nla.gov.au)

Program URL: <http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/haroldwhite/information.html>

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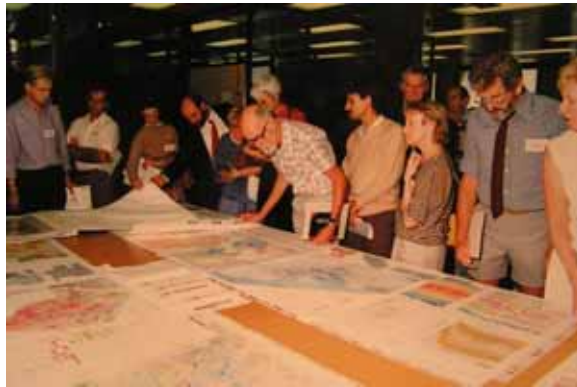
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## OBITUARIES

### TOM KNIGHT

Tom Knight died on Dec. 27 2006. He was the National Map Curator at the National Library at the time that the Australian Map Curators Circle was established in April 1973. The first meeting of map keepers was held at the National Library in Canberra for invited practitioners. In 1982 the Circle changed its name to reflect the wider interests that it offered to others than map keepers. He was the first Chairman and gave *The Globe* its name.

## PETER DUNBAR (1926-2007)



Peter was an active member of the AMC in Victoria throughout the 1980's and 1990's, and attended Victorian branch meetings and several conferences. He, with members of family, was a very enthusiastic bushwalker and orienteer, and shared with us his knowledge about mapping for these activities in particular. Several Victorian members remember him for growing wonderful vegetables, and also sharing *these* with anyone who visited him! Peter died, aged 80, in Melbourne on 20 January 2007, and the Circle sent its condolences to his wife Margaret, his daughter and two sons, who occasionally attended our meetings with him.

Judith Scurfield

## DR PETER MALING

Dr Peter Maling, George Medal winner, geologist and map scholar who died recently aged 94. Maling was the author of several books including *Early Charts of New Zealand* (1969) and *Historic Charts and Maps of New Zealand* (1992). Dr Maling had many interests, including New Zealand history and collecting early editions of maps.

## DONALD BAKER

Historian, Donald Baker, who shed light on indigenous and secular politics of colonial Australia and the relationship between white settlers and aboriginal peoples has died aged 84. He was educated at Geelong Grammar School and Melbourne University. During the Second World War joined the Australian Army Medical Corps, working mostly in New Guinea and Bougainville with the Australian Malaria Control unit. After the war he returned to his studies completing his degree with first class honours. He then completed his master's thesis on the development of New South Wales Land settlement in the 1860s. In his later years his interests turned to the impact white settlers had on indigenous Australians, writing *The Civilised Surveyor: Thomas Mitchell and the Australian Aborigines* in 1997.

## MAPS AND MAP PUBLICATIONS

### The Globe

Back issues of *The Globe* can be purchased for \$15.00 per copy, including postage and handling (world-wide). Pre-payment is required. <http://www.australianmapcircle.org.au/globe-backissues.html>

The following back issues are available: nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, and all issues from no. 33 onwards except no. 47.

“Map New Zealand : 100 magnificent maps from the collection of the Alexander Turnbull Library”. Auckland, N.Z. : Godwit, 2006. 9781869621261 (hbk.) : \$69.99

R.J.Howgego, "Encyclopedia of Exploration, 1850-1940: the oceans, islands and polar regions". Horden House, \$245 hb, 724pp, ISBN 1875567410

"The finest atlas of the heavens" by Andreas Cellarius, edited by Robert H.VanGent; a collection of celestial maps and astronomical illustrations first published in 1660, and now reprinted in a multilingual edition with an introductory text. Taschen. 3-822-85290-2

M. Estensen, "The Life of George Bass: surgeon and sailor of the enlightenment". Allen & Unwin, \$50 hb, ISBN 1741141303

S. Nasht, "The last explorer: Hubert Wilkins, Australia's unknown hero". Hodder, \$35 pb, ISBN 0733618316

D. Branagan, "T. W. Edgeworth David: a life". NLA, \$40 pb, ISBN 0642107912

"LinesMan, is selling a digital archive of geo-referenced Great War mapping in 1:10,000 scale LinesMan is also the most comprehensive archive of 750 trench maps of the Great War of 1914-1918 for France and Belgium and includes GPS, PDA interface, and trench vector overlays. As well as these features, LinesMan (in conjunction with Memory-Map companion DVD) provides IGN maps, modern day aerial photography, and stunning 3D views. [www.greatwardigital.com](http://www.greatwardigital.com)

David E Parry, "The Cartography of the East Indian Islands" 2005, United Kingdom, ISBN: 0955170117

William A. R. Richardson, "Was Australia charted before 1606? : the Jave la Grande inscriptions". Canberra: National Library of Australia, 2006. ISBN 0 642 27642 0 (pbk). [RRP \$29.95].

David Taylor "The States of a Nation: The Politics and Surveys of the Australian State Borders". Available from the author at the NSW Dept of Lands, PO Box 143, Bathurst, NSW 2795. 2006. ISBN 0646456814. 352 pp. \$45 plus postage.

The Journal of Maps would like to announce the publication of a special issue, entitled "Maps in Motion", on mapping and spatial aspects of transport research. <http://www.journalofmaps.com>

## MAPS ON THE WEB

Soil maps from around the world scanned and online. Scroll down to 'projects' for links to continent-wise listings/indexes and thumbnails <http://eusoils.jrc.it/Data.html>

MAPCO Map And Plan Collection Online - free map website displaying high quality scans of rare 18th and 19th century maps of Australia, London and the British Isles: <http://archivemaps.com> . Australian State and City Maps are at <http://archivemaps.com/mapco/aust.htm> .

Holy Land Maps. This project, based on the Eran Laor Cartographic collection at the The Jewish National and University Library, contains over 1,000 maps dating from 1462 through the early 20th century.: <http://www.jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/maps/pal/html>

The Library of Congress has just mounted online its current exhibition, 'Maps in our lives': <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/maps/maps-home.html>

The Aerial Reconnaissance Archives (TARA) at Keele University currently hold over five million World War II aerial reconnaissance photographs of Western Europe that have been deposited by The UK Ministry of Defence. <http://www.evidenceincamera.co.uk/>

## MAP PRIZES

**Second Imago Mundi Prize awarded:** The Directors of Imago Mundi Ltd are delighted to announce that the second Imago Mundi Prize has been awarded to George Toliás for 'Nikolaos Sophianos's "Totius Graeciae Descriptio": the resources, diffusion, and function of a sixteenth-century antiquarian map of Greece,' which appeared in *Imago Mundi* 58, no. 2 (2006): 150-182. Dr Toliás is Research Director of the Institute for Neohellenic Research, The National Hellenic Research Foundation, in Athens.

The prize is offered every two years. The winning article is the one judged 'to have made the most significant contribution to the discipline'. Full length articles are eligible for the prize as only full length articles are automatically subjected to the (anonymous) external refereeing process before acceptance for publication. The winner receives \$1000, and qualifies for a J.B. Harley Travel Award to the next biennial International Conference on the History of Cartography (Berne, 8-13 July 2007). The Imago Mundi Prize is sponsored by Kenneth Nebenzahl.

By courtesy of their publishers, Routledge Journals (Taylor & Francis/Informa), Dr Toliás's article is being made available free of charge at: <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a748000442~db=all~order=page>

### Australian Map Circle Inc

#### Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

3:10PM, Wednesday 14 February 2007, National Library of Australia, Canberra

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#### 1. Attendance and Apologies

##### 1.1 Present.

Michael Ross, Martin Woods, Greg Eccleston, Adella Edwards, John Cain, Denis Shephard, Bill Stinson, Barbara Wojtkowski, Bernie Joyce, David Jones, Frank Urban, Alison Holland, Amy Griffin, Keith Barnes, Kay Dancey, Richard Miller, Hannah Gason, Greg Wood, Avan Stallard, Judith Scurfield, Robert King, Victor Isaacs, Bill Richardson.

##### 1.2 Apologies.

Don & Marjorie Somerville, John & Nancy Stone, Victor & Dorothy Prescott, Robert Clancy, John Brock.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were circulated with AMC Newsletter 95 (March 2006) and some copies were distributed at the meeting.

The Minutes were accepted by the meeting (Moved Greg Wood; Seconded Amy Griffin)

#### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) programmes of past conferences are gradually being added to the AMC website in PDF format
- ii) audio recording of future conference proceedings discussed ~ a decision for individual conference organisers
- iii) production of CDROM record of powerpoint presentations discussed ~ a decision for individual conference organisers
- iv) brief discussion of 2010 conference being held in Sydney and possibility of co-operating with FIG
- v) 10.2 from previous meeting (Australian standards for bibliographic elements on maps) ~ still under discussion

#### 4. President's Report (Michael Ross)

President Michael Ross reported verbally on activities since the February 2006 Annual General Meeting. Highlights include:

- i) thank you to John Cain and Adella Edwards for agreeing to stay on the executive at the February 2006 AGM thus easing his transition into the president's position
- ii) executive had several discussions through the year re. the AMC's future particularly in relation to encouraging youth, a repositioning of the organisation, development of relationships with other organisations and raising the AMC's profile.
- iii) the executive had received an approach from a committee formed at the Darwin 'Four Hundred Years of Mapping Australia' conference regarding the cultural heritage aspects of cartography to which they responded. There has been no subsequent contact from that committee.
- iv) need to encourage local member activities

## 5. Business Manager's Report (John Cain)

John Cain presented the financial statement for the AMC for the 2006 calendar year as audited by Law, Little and Associates (Certified Practising Accountants). The audited cash position for the AMC at 31 December 2006 shows:

Total Income for 2006:	\$9159
Total Expenditure for 2006:	\$9694
Deficiency for 2006	\$535

The AMC has total of \$30,229 which represents a decrease of \$85 from 31 December 2005.

Comments:

- i) Current membership stands at about 200. Non-financial members will be contacted by June 2007 to ascertain whether they wish to remain members
- ii) Although incorporation under the Victorian Associations Act (1981) does not demand that the accounts need to be audited there was general agreement that this should continue. The annual auditing costs are about \$600 (about 10% of the annual income). Greg Eccleston offered to investigate a less expensive option.
- iii) Simplification of fee structure. Under the Victorian *Associations Incorporation Act* (1981) any change to membership categories may require approval of the Registrar. To be investigated.

The Financial Statement was accepted (Moved John Cain; Seconded Judith Scurfield)

[The meeting was in adjournment from 3:15 to 4:00]

## 6. Publications Report (John Cain)

John Cain presented a verbal report. In summary:

- i) Two newsletters were circulated in 2006. It is planned to publish the newsletter quarterly. Dianne Rutherford was editor in 2006.
- ii) The Globe No 58 is in production and should be ready for distribution in March. Greg Eccleston now convenes the Editorial Group. The group is aiming to produce three editions in 2007. An index for nos 1-50 will be ready for publication later this year after which the aim is to publish in May and November. The current format of the journal is currently being reviewed. Current distribution of the journal, including an electronic version, was discussed.

## 7. Branch Reports

- i) Melbourne: David Jones reported on one general meeting and a Christmas meeting. Papers were presented by Greg Eccleston and Victor Prescott as part of the Australia on the Map celebration.
- ii) Sydney: Michael Ross presented a paper discussing the 'Menzies' thesis' at the Australian National Maritime Museum
- iii) Brisbane: Avan Stallard will investigate possibility of forming a Queensland branch

- iv) Adella Edwards mounted an AMC-branded exhibition of maps of significance at the recent Spatial Sciences Institute conference.

## 8. Returning Officer's Report

Not all members had received nomination forms prior to the Annual General meeting. The following nominations were put to the meeting:

President:	Michael Ross
Vice-president:	Martin Woods
Business manager:	John Cain
Secretary:	Denis Shephard
Relationships Coordinator	Adella Edwards
Newsletter Editor:	Dianne Rutherford
Globe Editor:	Greg Eccleston

No further nominations being received the above were declared elected (Moved Barbara Wojtkowski; Seconded Frank Urban)

Michael Ross thanked John Cain, Dianne Rutherford and Adella Edwards for their work over the past twelve months.

## 9. Future Conferences

- i) 2008. Will be held in Wellington (10-13 February) in partnership with the New Zealand Map Society and the International Map Collectors Society. A preliminary statement re the conference ~ Under the Southern Cross ~ was circulated.
- ii) 2009. Adella Edwards (with assistance of Amy Griffin and Martin Woods) agreed to investigate the possibility of holding this meeting in Adelaide.
- iii) 2010. Bill Stinson agreed to investigate the possibility of holding this meeting in Sydney, possibly close to but not in conjunction with the FIG conference.

## 10. Any Other Business

- i) Name change.  
It was moved Michael Ross and seconded by John Cain 'that the name of the Australian Map Circle be changed to the Australian Map Society'. Following discussion they agreed to withdraw the motion.  
It was then moved by Greg Wood and seconded by Greg Eccleston 'that the name of the Australian Map Circle be reviewed; that member's views on alternative names be canvassed; and, that a proposal be put in accordance with the constitution for consideration at the next annual general meeting'.  
Passed
- ii) Honours system.  
It was moved Adella Edwards and seconded by Michael Ross 'that the Executive investigate and report on an honours system that would enable the Australian Map Circle to recognise significant contributions to the organisation and/or to the cartography'.  
Passed.
- iii) Passing of past members.  
The passing of Peter Dunbar and Tom Knight was brought to the attention of the meeting by Judith Scurfield and Michael Ross, respectively.
- iv) Cartographic Journal  
Amy Griffin invited contributions for the 'Map Collections' of the above journal.

## 11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5:15PM.