

Map Collection Users' Group

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Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2002

1. Attendance

Richard Pennell – Chair (History), Tony Sagona (Archaeology), Bernie Joyce (Earth Sciences), Brian Finlayson (Geography), Chandra Jayasuriya (Geography), John Cain (Map Collection), Peta Humphreys (Melbourne Branches), Priscilla Stott (Collection Management), John Maidment (Archi Library).

2. Apologies

Brendan Whyte (Student rep), Nigel Flannigan (Archi & Planning), Lisa Sukkel (IAO).

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

4. Business Arising

Walker Collection online images: As requested by Richard Pennell, John Cain has provided a new interface allowing online browsing of thumbnail images of the Walker Collection. Thumbnails can be clicked to view a larger JPG image, or alternatively there is a link to the full sized image in the Map Images Database.

5. Progress of the Map Collection 2002 Operational Plan

John Cain spoke about progress of the operational plan, highlights include:

- **Information Literacy**: four classes have been offered in conjunction with TeLaRS and advertised via the School of Graduate Studies. Each is limited to 12 persons and so far a total of 32 people have booked.
- **Lectures and Seminars**: six seminars have been arranged for academics for delivery in class time. The Map Curator is always happy to deliver seminars on a range of map and digital data related topics on request by academic staff.
- **Web Site Update**: The Map Collection web site has been updated, particularly the digital mapping area. Online content provided by the Map Collection now includes:
 - 1945 Photomaps of Melbourne
 - Online Index Maps (to 100 selected hardcopy map series)
 - Map Images Database (scanned images of over 250 historical maps)
 - Outline Maps (40 outline maps of parts of Australia for downloading)
 - Walker Collection (browse thumbnails and view maps)
 - Map Wallpapers (for downloading and installing on your computer)

6. Additions to the Collection

Recent arrivals include:

- **Geodata 9 second DEM 2nd edition** – Australia-wide grided 250m digital elevation model.
- **VicMap DEM** – Victoria-wide grided 20m digital elevation model.
- **Australia's River Basins** – digital data, from AUSLIG.
- **VicMap Digital** – large amounts of new data continue to be ordered and received from Land Victoria under our research and education license. While some data is ordered on the initiative of Map Collection staff, mostly we order data “on demand” as requested by library users. Recent arrivals include: Parish500 (parish boundaries), EVC1750 (ecological vegetation classification in

1750), EVC (ecological vegetation classification in mid-1990s), WETLAND1788 (wetlands in 1788), WETLAND (wetlands in mid-1990s), VicMap DEM (see above) and many others.

John Cain also briefed the meeting on the new *Commonwealth Spatial Data Access and Pricing Policy*, which will allow access to a wider range of Commonwealth spatial data at much more reasonable prices. See: <http://www.csd.gov.au/>

7. Departmental Map Needs (standing item).

Any requests for maps or spatial data can be emailed to John Cain at any time.

Tony Sagona requested some more detailed maps of an area in North Eastern Turkey. He will email the coordinates to John Cain, who will look into Soviet 1:100,000 and 1:50,000 maps of this area.

8. Other Business

It was suggested that an email be circulated to members listing new materials received in the Map Collection. John Cain will look into hooking into some general library initiatives in this area.

9. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 2:15 pm on **Tuesday 28 May 2002** in the Map Collection.