

Map Collection Users' Group

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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2002

1. Attendance

Bernie Joyce – Acting Chair (Earth Sciences), Joe Leach (Geomatics), Brendan Whyte (Student rep) Peta Humphreys (Melbourne Branches), Priscilla Stott (Collection Management), John Maidment (Archi Library), John Cain (Map Collection).

2. Apologies

Richard Pennell (History), Ian Thomas (Geography), Brian Finlayson (Geography), Tim Meredith (Melbourne Branches), Leanne Howard (TeLaRS), Lisa Sukkel (IAOS).

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

4. Business Arising

Walker Collection images: John noted that he hopes to have a CDROM of the Walker Collection images available later this year. It will include all the images, plus an interface (web page based) to allow browsing.

Information Literacy classes: John reported that a range of classes have been run, some more successful than others. The more successful were those organized on specific requests from staff, where bookings were not allowed too far in advance, and actual tours of the map collection itself. We will learn our lessons and offer classes again next year.

Request for maps of NE Turkey: John reported that an order has been placed for maps of NE Turkey as requested by Tony Sagona. Soviet 1:100 000 has been ordered as the best available scale.

5. Progress of the Map Collection 2002 Operational Plan

John Cain reported on progress of the operational plan, highlights included:

- The collection security upgrade is now complete, with physical locks installed on the rare map cabinets to supplement the monitored alarm system.
- Four new map cabinets have been approved. These will allow us to have the entire collection in its proper classification sequence for the first time.
- A range of new equipment for client use has been approved and will be purchased shortly including an A3 flatbed scanner, two new computers (upgrading existing old computers), four new ergonomic chairs, and a new computer desk. These, particularly the A3 scanner, will improve our IT facilities.

6. Additions to the Collection

Recent arrivals include:

- *Geodata 9 second DEM 2nd edition* – Australia-wide grided 250m digital elevation model; this has now arrived and is available for use.
- *VicMap DEM* – Victoria-wide grided 20m digital elevation model has now arrived and is available for use.
- *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 academics and students.
- *Victoria Geological Map Series* – approximately 80 maps have been ordered to complete holdings.

7. Departmental Map Needs (standing item).

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

No specific requests were made at this meeting. John will forward an email to academics for them to circulate to their departments.

8. Other Business

Earth Sciences Map Collection: Bernie Joyce mentioned that at some stage he thinks it likely the School of Earth Sciences will get rid of its non-Australian map holdings. This has already been discussed with the Map Curator. John noted that the Library will accept these maps as an outright gift – we expect many/most of them will be duplicates and will thus be disposed of in the usual way.

PDATA. John Maidment reported that the library is considering cancelling *PDATA*, a CDROM of Victorian Planning Scheme maps, as the planning schemes are now all available online and the CD is very expensive. The meeting supported cancellation of the CD.

land.vic.gov.au John Cain noted that land.vic.gov.au (Land Channel) provides government information and services about land and property anywhere in Victoria. It gives access to a very wide range of online resources including:

- Interactive map of Victoria
- Vicnames official place names register
- Heritage register
- Planning schemes online

And a wide range of other information and data. Highly recommended.

9. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 2:15 pm on **Tuesday 29 October 2002** in the Map Collection.