

Map Collection Users' Group

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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 1 June 2004

1. Attendance

David Jones (Map Collection), Bernie Joyce (Earth Sciences), Louise Hitchcock (Classics & Archaeology), Joe Leach (Geomatics), Priscilla Stott (Collection Management), Peta Humphreys (AEEIS), Nigel Flannigan.

2. Apologies

Chandra Jayasuriya, John Cain

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

4. Business Arising

- A0 Photocopier: David Jones reported that a new Plan Printer photocopier has been installed and is operational in the public area of the Map Collection. David proposed that Richard Penell as the MCUG chair write a letter of thanks to Tim Meredith for his assistance.
- Public Access Computers: David Jones reported that the Map Collection has received two new Public Access computers had arrived in the 2004 ID PC rollout. The remaining old public computers are to be replaced next year and in the meantime have been upgraded to Windows XP to solve compatibility issues.

5. Report from the Acting Map Curator

David Jones reported a range of issues:

- David Jones is remaining as Acting Map Curator while John Cain is continuing on secondment to another role in the Information Division (until the beginning of December). There is full time backfill by Brendan Whyte for David's position. John continues to look after Collection Management to a lesser degree.
- Operational Plan: The 2004 Operation Plan for the Map Collection has been revised and most goals will be completed by the Acting Curator or Acting Assistant Curator. Goals unable to be completed in remainder of the year to be completed next year.
- Series Maps: Brendan Whyte as the back-fill for the Maps Assistant has completed a shelf check of all series map sheets currently held in the collection. An estimated 40,000+ sheets. Indexes have been amended as necessary.
- Material Consolidation: report on the consolidation of the CP collection to be integrated into M location. No objections raised.
- Public Area: a re-deployment of furniture in the Map Collection general public area is necessary due to the new plan printer, and the addition of new large atlas shelving. The new atlas shelving will make available atlases previously kept in the closed collection due to size restraints.
- New Materials: Several new series of JOG maps have been received for several countries. A great deal of new material has been ordered as a result of shelf check of the series location.

6. Departmental Map Needs (standing item).

No requests were made.

7. Other Business

7.1 – There was interest in the holdings of digital GIS data in the map collection when the query was raised about acquiring the Melways in digital format. David Jones to email out Map Collection web page link concerning digital datasets to those interested.

8. Close of Meeting.

The next MCUG meeting will be Tuesday 19 October, 2:15pm, ERC Seminar Room.

9. Post-meeting data demonstration.

Plan Printer demonstration of photocopying quality and abilities.