

Map Collection Users' Group

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Minutes of meeting on Thursday 9th June 2005

1. Attendance

Richard Pennell (History, chair), John Maidment (Archi Library), Brian Finlayson (SAGES), Peta Humphreys (Info. Div.), Joseph Leach (Geomatics), David Jones (Map Collection).

2. Apologies

John Cain, Nigel Finlayson, Chandra Jayasuriya, Louise Hitchcock.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

4. Business Arising from the minutes

- David Jones reported on A0 Plan Printer. A service technician was called earlier this year and extensively adjusted the printer for significantly clearer line work.
- In reply to Richard Pennell's request, the current map image server was assessed and David Jones is now investigating possibilities for its upgrading. Several test images using the application 'Zoomify' were made and experimented with by persons before the meeting. While functional, it was noted that images could not be copied from the screen and that this would be a highly desirable feature. Also that the viewable area of the image should be increased.

5. Report from the Map Curator

The arrangement with David Jones as Acting Map Curator while John Cain is on secondment to another role has been further extended to the end of August, 2005. There is full time backfill by Brendan Whyte for David's position. David will look after Collection Management, and undertake Information Literacy Activities.

David Jones reported a range of issues:

- Maps 2004 Materials Vote : The funds have been committed for the year with a small amount remaining for urgent student and staff requirements.
- Feb 2005 Baillieu Library Historic Map Exhibition : David Jones reported on the Map Collection 2005 historic exhibition held in the Baillieu Library on Mon 7th Feb at 6:30pm. This was held in conjunction with the Australian Map Circle Conference was a great success with many positive comments from attendees .
- Australian Map Circle Conference: The Australian Map Circle 2005 conference at Graduate House and The University of Melbourne was well attended by both local and distant members. The speaker list was extensive and of a very high standard on a broad range of topics. <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/amc2005/index.html>
The 2006 conference will be in Perth, 12-15 February 2006. Further details are on the AMC web site. <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/>
- Original Map Cataloguing : 52 Roll Maps previously used for teaching (in what was the Teachers College before becoming the Education Faculty) have been catalogued and are now available for viewing in the Map Collection.
This year 300 maps, the majority rare Australian and Victorian items have been added to the catalogue. An effort is being made to completely catalogue all rare Australian and Victorian state material.

- Public Access Mapping Computers : Two new computers replacing significantly out of date models have been acquired through the Information Division rollout of new computers.

6. Departmental Map Needs (standing item).

None

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Close of Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be arranged for either approximately September/October 2005, or at the discretion of the Map Curator.

DEMONSTRATION

1945 Aerial Photography of Melbourne

Update of current Melbourne 1945 aerial photography web site currently still in production. This updated site will significantly increase the area of coverage of historical Melbourne aerial photography to the majority of the then urban area. Expected completion date for public release is later this year.