

# Map Collection Users' Group Meeting

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## Minutes of meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007

### 1. Attendance

Richard Pennell, Peta Humphreys, Chandra Jayasuriya, David Jones, Amy Hahs, Joe Leach, Belinda Nemec, Steve Wealands, Bernie Joyce.

### 2. Apologies

Dr. Louise Hitchcock, Andrew Saniga, Brian Finlayson, Dorothy Prescott.

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

- David to circulate minutes of previous meeting via email. Amendments to be taken at the next meeting.

### 4. Report from David Jones

- **Staffing** – The position Senior Information Consultant – Map/GIS has been created to provide the University with advanced mapping information and resource support. David Jones was successful in filling this position when advertised nationally.  
The Assistant Map staff member position has not been resolved. Two staff members, from Engineering and Earth Sciences have been trained to provide support in the Map Collection.
- **Miegunyah Trust Grant** (cataloguing and conservation) – A proposal to catalogue all material in the Maps Cultural Collection was successful. This collection is the last remaining part of the Map Collection with uncatalogued material. Arrangements to begin this project are current in progress.
- **Walker Collection Donation** – The Walker Collection of Asia minor is an internationally significant collection of original items from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century of Asia Minor by the most notable cartographers of the time. This collection was donated in 1992. David Jones met Mr. Walker in Canberra at the Australian Map Circle Conference and was invited to view the maps Mr. and Mrs. Walker have retained of Asia Minor. In June David was contacted by Mr. Walker with the intention of donating these remaining maps to Melbourne University. Currently valuers have been located and it is hoped that these additional Maps will be in the Map Collection by the end of the year. These maps are intended to be digitalised and added to the online Walker Collection of maps.
- **Requests for Purchases** – Please forward any requests for Semester One 2008 to David to make sure they are available for the new teaching year.

### 5. Eastern Learning Hub

The Eastern Learning Hub is a new initiative of the Melbourne University encompassing the ERC library and the Frank Tate Building. The ERC Library will be closing in September to re-open in 2008. During this time the Map Collection will be, in part, relocated to the Baillieu Library, second floor, in the discussion room next to the lifts.

- Only a selection of highly used material will be moved to the temporary location in the Baillieu,
- The date of the closure of the ERC Library is still to be confirmed,
- Rare maps will be stored in a separate safe secure location accessible to a cataloguer,
- Remainder of the material will remain in the ERC library, with the possible opportunity to retrieve material on request,
- On re-opening on the ERC in 2008 the Map Collection will be on level 2.

### 6. New material

As listed.

### 7. Other business

- Dorothy Prescott is currently writing a history of the University of Melbourne Map Collection.

### 8. Close of Meeting.