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### AGM news

The 2010 AGM passed a series of resolutions for changes to the ANZMapS Constitution. The revised Constitution has now received formal approval and has been added to the website. Key changes include amendments to the Purposes of the Society, voting and committee representation for tertiary students, a revised structure for the Committee, and changes to membership categories. These and other changes follow a lengthy period of deliberation and my thanks to all for their input, and particularly to Greg Wood for his work in drafting the resolutions. As flagged on other occasions, the revisions not only formalise the merger of the Australian and New Zealand societies, a process commenced in 2008, but it is anticipated will also make the Constitution a more relevant and forward looking document.

The revised Constitution and Minutes of the 2010 are available on the website at

<http://www.anzmaps.org/documents-policies/>

The AGM approved a new Committee format, enlarged from the previous setup. Congratulations to several new Committee members, and I'm sure thanks are extended from the Australian and New Zealand membership for the service offered to our Society. The Committee and their current affiliations are as follows:

Martin Woods, National Library of Australia (President)

Maggie Patton, State Library of NSW, (Vice President)

Amy Griffin, UNSW-ADFA (Business Secretary)

Karen Craw, University of Otago (Secretary)

Brendan Whyte, National Library of Australia (Member, Editor The Globe)

Larry Robbins, Auckland, Museum Freelance/Consultant (Member)

Chandra Jayasuriya, University of Melbourne (Member)

*Martin Woods*

## Constitutional changes

At the 2010 ANZMaps Annual General Meeting in Adelaide a series of resolutions were passed on changes to the Society's Constitution. These changes were required following the merger of the New Zealand and Australian Societies earlier in 2009 and a discussion paper was circulated to members in October 2009.

The first resolution to be discussed and passed unanimously was a change to the purpose of the Society with a renewed focus on the importance of promoting and supporting map collections throughout Australia and New Zealand.

*The purposes of the Society shall be;*

*(a) to promote public interest within Australia and New Zealand in historical and contemporary cartography and in map collections;*

*(b) to promote the development, maintenance and preservation and effective exploitation of map collections throughout Australia and New Zealand;*

*(c) to improve the skills and status of persons working with map collections; and*

*(d) to promote communication between producers, users and curators of maps.*

Resolutions to the voting and committee representation for tertiary students, a revised structure for the Committee, and changes to membership categories were also adopted.

The committee would like to thank Greg Wood for his invaluable work on redrafting and finalising the changes to the Constitution.

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*Maggie Patton*

## New ANZMapS website goes live!

It's alive! <http://www.anzmaps.org/>

I warmly encourage all to test links and provide feedback through the list.

The site is run from a generic content management system and is easier to update ourselves than our previous arrangement, so changes should be more immediate. This is a first iteration and we expect to add features before too long, so suggestions are very welcome. We will be able to add news items regularly, and include photographs, even maps if that is desired.

*Martin Woods*

## Conference reports and Map Collection Management Workshop feedback

**Australian and New Zealand Map Society 2010 conference. Mapping climate: an environment for change, Wednesday 7 April – Friday 9 April 2010: State Library of South Australia**

ANZMapS was formed last year by the amalgamation of the Australian Map Circle and the New Zealand Map Society. This was the second annual conference of the new Society.

### **A review from Ruth Gardiner in Sunny Queensland-**

The Australian and New Zealand Map Society held their annual conference in Adelaide this year. The title of the conference was *Mapping Climate: an Environment for Change*. The conference papers were delivered by an interesting mix of cartographers, historians, scientists and librarians.

The conference was opened by the Hon Dr John Bannon AO, the former South Australian Premier (1982-1992) who is also a respected historian. His paper entitled *Highly Favoured by Nature? Mirageous South Australia*, was an informative and excellent introduction to the non South Australians – Dr Bannon is a charismatic personality and an eloquent speaker.



**Keynote Speaker Dr John Bannon**

Two papers of interest to me were by Martin Woods, the Curator of Maps at the National Library of Australia, and Maggie Patton, Map Librarian, Mitchell Library. Martin's paper *The National cartographic collection as a resource for climate analysis*, discussed the uses of older, historic maps and their use when looking at climate change – he mentioned some Queensland maps held here at the State Library that have their uses for mapping climate. One such map is the [1900 Queensland Artesian Waters map](#), which shows towns, rivers, some physical features and artesian waters. Martin also mentioned the wonderful [Atlas of the colony of Queensland, Australia, 1865](#) and the old and new series of the Queensland 4 Mile Series published from the 1930-s through to the 1970's (also held at SLQ).

Maggie's paper, "*Primary evidence- rare surveys of Eastern Australia from the Sir William Dixon Collection*" looked at the incredible map collection held in the Mitchell Library of the State Library of New South Wales. This collection is currently being digitised, and the map below (which unfortunately the State Library of Queensland does not hold!) is a fine example of what is held in the collection. This map is the George Barney 1839 Plan of Brisbane Town –



#### **Plan of Brisbane Town 1839**

A common thread through many of the papers was the influence of George Goyder in South Australian climatic history. Goyder was the Surveyor-General of South Australia from 1861 until 1893. He analyzed the patterns of South Australian climate, and drew his famous "line" that delineated the areas of rainfall and suitability of the state for agriculture. I especially liked Goyder's comment of the South Australian climate when he claimed "this country is nomadic"! What a perfect description of Australian weather patterns!



The Conference attendees were lucky to have a guided tour of the Library of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia. This is housed in the beautiful Mortlock wing of the State Library. The Library's collection is awesome!

#### **Mortlock Wing of the State Library of South Australia which houses the Library of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia**

*Ruth Gardiner*

Map Collection Co-ordinator, Heritage Collections, State Library of Queensland

## And a review from the chilly south-

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The topics provided a good mix of the old and new, which mirrors what is happening in the world of maps. Wonderful rare early maps and atlases alongside the up to the minute use of GIS, disaster tracking and climate predicting data analysis tools. The use of historic data and modern mapping methods to enable future predicting of climate change, flood modelling and sustainable water management were especially interesting and relevant to many collections.

### State Library of South Australia, Adelaide

## Some of the highlights:

Dr John Bannon gave a summary of the development of the Adelaide settlement which had a lot of similarities to New Zealand settlements in that it was a Wakefield colony, with the added need for water for sustainability. This theme of water limitations was going to be echoed throughout the conference

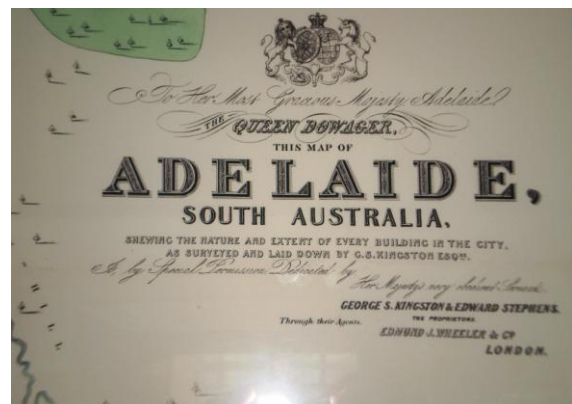
Beginning with George Goyder and his mapping of the South Australian line/zone of reliable rainfall in the 1850's, beyond which crops would not grow. Many had tried to grow wheat beyond this line and had eventually failed.

Dr Rob Allan, from the UK Meteorological Office, who is coordinating an international effort (ACRE) to capture climate related information from historical documents gave an interesting overview of this huge undertaking. Historic resources from all over the world are being painstakingly mined such as diaries from expeditions, ships log books, early weather stations, and newspapers.

It was also interesting to hear how modern satellite based mapping techniques are used for disaster prediction and tracking by commercial businesses and government agencies for events such as flooding and oil spills.

Visits to the Adelaide town hall to see Colonel Light's original survey maps, the State Library of South Australia map collection and their treasures wall, The Royal Geographical Society of South Australia Collection housed in the upper floors of the historic Mortlock wing of the State Library, and the State Records of South Australia.

### Map of Adelaide, Adelaide Town Hall



As part of the conference National & State Libraries Australasia sponsored a half day **Map Collection Management Workshop** for map curators, managers and librarians. This was especially valuable to people in my position that work in isolation and a great way to find out what others are doing in practical terms, share ideas and suggest solutions to common problems.

*Karen Crow*

Map Curator, Uare Taoka o Hakena/Hocken Collections,  
University of Otago  
Dunedin, NZ



**Map collection management workshop**



Visit to Royal Geographical Society SA, during which Ruth Gardiner adorns RGSSA President's throne. The throne (not Ruth), made entirely of Australian blackwood and upholstered in Australian leather by Messrs. Pengelley & Co., of Edwardstown, was offered to the Society as a gift in June, 1927, by the then President of the Society, Mr. A. A. Simpson.

### **Map Collection Management workshop feedback**

The workshop, at the SLSA Adelaide April 9, was designed around responses to a survey circulated through the ANZMapS list before the Conference. There were 20 map curators, librarians and map library staff in attendance, from State, university and specialist map libraries. The workshop included a formal training session provided by the National Library on minimal level cataloguing for mapping formats, and a 'how to' session for creating series indexes. The workshop also included discussions on techniques for managing backlogs, de-accessioning, collecting contemporary and digital material, storage, copyright issues and skills retention. Follow up actions included:

- ANZMapS committee be asked to consider creating a page on their website for Collection management issues/tools/training
- National Library to post minimal level records schema to ANZMapS website
- Workshop organisers to circulate participants with request for preferences for further communication and contact.

## **Useful publications for Map cataloguers**

Further to the ANZMapS workshop notes, I would like to add that there are two essential publications any map cataloguer should have to hand on their reference shelves (apart from AACR Cartographic materials!):

Map librarianship: an introduction / Mary Lynette Larsgaard. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Englewood, Col.: Libraries Unlimited, 1998.

Maps and related cartographic materials : cataloguing, classification, and bibliographic control / Paige G. Andrew, Mary Lynette Larsgaard, editors. New York : Haworth Information Press, 1999.

Other useful works include Tooley's dictionary of mapmakers / editor, Josephine French ; consulting editors Valerie Scott, Mary Alice Lowenthal ; picture research Valerie Scott. Rev. ed. Tring, Herts. : Riverside, Ct.: Map Collector Publications ; Early World Press, 1999-2004.

The map library in the new millennium / edited by R. B. Parry & C. R. Perkins. London: Library Association Publishing, 2001.

Kia pai to ra

*Julie Senior*

Tamaki Paenga Hira/Auckland Museum

## **Map series indexes to the National Library's online catalogue**

Following up on my brief talk at the workshop during the recent Adelaide conference, I have finally managed to link some of my map series indexes to the National Library's online catalogue.

The following link will bring up the 59 done so far. Some were done by Damian several years ago as part of a trial of the system, but the majority are mine, with new format and style. We hope to have another 50 up and running in the next week or so.

<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Search/Home?lookfor=%22index+only%22+-badan&type=all&limits=format%3AMap&submit=Find&page=3>

A couple are not working properly, but for those that are, I am soliciting comments on readability, intuitiveness of use, etc

In particular, comments are welcomed on the more complicated indexes such as

PNG 100k

<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/2189423>

WAC 1M

<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/873333>

Belgium 50k

<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/3022967>

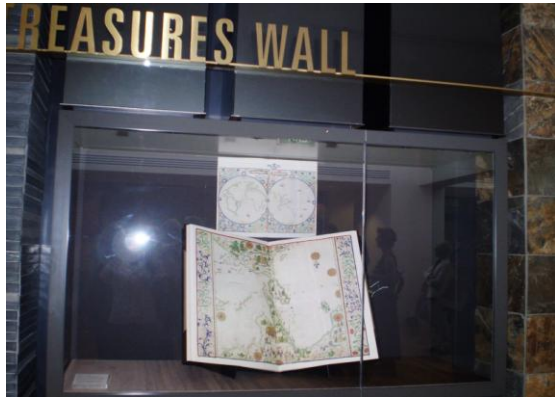
China 200k

<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/4739773>

I am happy to send blanks of any of the indexes to other libraries (cdr, photoshop or gif/tif/jpg format).

*Brendan Whyte*

National Library of Australia



For further conference news and photos check out the Society website. Please select 'News' to see latest additions.  
<http://www.anzmaps.org/news/>

**Treasures wall, State Library of South Australia**

## **Dorothy Prescott Prize**

Dorothy Prescott Prize awarded for 2010

At the close of the Conference, the inaugural Dorothy Prescott Prize was awarded to Mr. Mac Benoy, for his paper and presentation on The Todd Weather-map Digitisation Project. Mac's paper ably demonstrated the role of the polymath Astronomer General of South Australia Charles Todd in the foundation of meteorological services in Australia. Todd's unique legacy included 31 years of weather history neatly bound in 64 volumes, which is being digitised at the Weather Bureau's South Australian Office. Meteorological observations for each of the 11,000 days are recorded in a continental weather map accompanied by news articles of the day describing weather events across eastern Australia. The maps illustrate developments in weather observations from 1878 to federalisation of the Weather Bureau in 1909.

Mac's paper will appear in a forthcoming issue of The Globe.

## **A warm welcome to new ANZMapS members**

New members since 1 Jan 2010

Louise Paynter, NT, Australia

John Stone, NSW, Australia

Rolando Garay, VIC, Australia

## News and recent trends from the National Library of Australia

The trend towards consolidation in some university geography departments in recent years has led to the closure of several dedicated map libraries that served core teaching and research functions. The National Library has been asked to archive several university printed map collections in recent years. The mapping often includes early topographic series maps for all Australian states which will fill some gaps in the Library's holdings, some unique mapping, and a variety of international mapping. The jettisoning by some educational or specialist institutes of their maps collections represents opportunities for some of us, but also presents significant challenges. Assessment of collections and processing of materials accepted is time-consuming, and has the potential to absorb valuable storage space. Doubtless this issue will occupy the ANZMapS list in months to come.

The National Library has now digitised over 10,000 maps from its rare map collections, each available through the catalogue, and various search engines. In 2010, in recognition of 100 years of the Australian topographic survey, digitisation will begin of the Australian and Papua New Guinea 1:63,360 series. Sheets will begin to appear on the website as single sheets in 2010, and a phased 2 is anticipated to allow panning across serial sheets, in 2011.

The Library has recently acquired two historic star atlases. In 2007 the Library acquired the first (1603) edition of Johannes Bayer's 'Uranometria', claimed as the first such atlas to include southern hemisphere observation. This past month, it has added to its substantial collection of celestial mapping by acquiring a first edition (1729) of John Flamsteed's 'Atlas Coelestis'. The 1729 edition is notable for having been among James Cook's navigational library. Flamsteed's connection to the story of longitude is also germane to the Australian experience, for his central role in establishing Greenwich, and particularly the meridian at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich Park, allowing Cook first among many, to calculate longitude accurately.

*Martin Woods*

Curator of Maps, National Library of Australia

## 2011 ANZMapS Conference

The next ANZMaps conference will be held in Sydney at the State Library of New South Wales, May 25 - 27, 2011. Charting the Pacific is being considered as the theme. Please forward any inquiries or generous sponsorship offers to Maggie Patton - [mpatton@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mpatton@sl.nsw.gov.au)

## Events of note

### [LIANZA Conference 2010](#)

The Library and Information Association New Zealand (LIANZA) centennial conference theme is 'At the Edge' - Te Matakaheru and it aims to celebrate many aspects of New Zealand librarianship at the Edge: history, innovation, space, integration and people. 28 November - 01 December 2010, Dunedin, New Zealand.

**Registration End Date:** 01 July 2010

<http://www.lianza.org.nz/news-events/conferences/conference-2010>

The **fifth National Cartographic Conference GeoCart'2010 and the first ICA Symposium on Cartography for Australasia and Oceania** will convene in Auckland, 1-4 September 2010. It will be held at the outstanding facilities of The University of Auckland in the City of Sails - Auckland, New Zealand. The Conference is endorsed by the International Cartographic Association (ICA).

Invited Speakers include:

- Cynthia Brewer, Pennsylvania State University, USA
- Manfred Buchroithner, TU Dresden, Germany
- William Cartwright, RMIT University, Australia, President of the ICA
- Phil Allen, GeoSmart, New Zealand
- David Crossman, Geospatial Intelligence Organisation, New Zealand Defence Force, New Zealand
- Colin MacDonald, LINZ, New Zealand

There will be a book associated with the conference, collating a selection of papers reviewed by an international scientific programme committee and published in Springer's Lecture Notes in Geoinformation and Cartography series.

In addition a CD-Rom based Proceedings are planned containing papers and abstracts submitted to the Conference via refereed and a professional non-refereed streams.

#### **Proposed MSIA Conference**

Theme: One Hundred Years of National Topographic Mapping, 1910-2010

Dates: Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March 2011

Venue: University House, Australian National University, Canberra

The **International Map Trade Association's Asia-Pacific trade fair** will be held at the Novotel-on-Collins in Melbourne on 18-19 June (next month!)

<http://www.maptrade.org/events/displayevent.php?id=111>

One event available to registered delegates is a map swap of new/used maps, globes, software, travel guides etc

<http://www.maptrade.org/docs/events/Map%20Swap%20meet.pdf>

#### **Auction important map collection 2-3 August**

The map collection to be auctioned was formed by the late Dr Brian Faragher, one of your former members. They are mainly maps and atlases of Australia, from the seventeenth to early twentieth century, including many rare colonial productions: in all about 175 lots to be sold on Monday 2 August, at 7 p.m.

at Ormond Hall, Prahran, Melbourne

The auction comprises in all about 850 lots (the rest nearly all books, mostly rare Australiana from 3 collections),

offered in two catalogues, with colour illustrations, which will be available in July at \$48 posted within Australia

The catalogue including the maps can be ordered separately, for \$30 posted Both catalogues will also be on our

website [www.peterarnold.com.au](http://www.peterarnold.com.au)

**Peter Arnold** Antiquarian Booksellers

606 High Street, Prahran 3181, Australia

And for anyone lucky enough to be visiting the British library

**Magnificent Maps: Power, Propaganda and Art** at the British Library 30 April 2010 to 19 September 2010



**The Klencke Atlas, 1660**

Magnificent Maps features more than 80 maps from the British Library's cartographic collection – the greatest map collection in the world.

Highlights of the Magnificent Maps exhibition in London include

- **Fra Mauro World Map c.1450 by William Frazer, 1804**, a hand-drawn copy of the first great modern world map, made for the British East India Company
- **Confiance – ses Amputations se Poursuivent, 1944**, a German propaganda poster portraying Churchill as an octopus
- **The Klencke Atlas, 1660**, the largest atlas in the world, produced for Charles II and now on show to the public for the first time
- **Chinese Terrestrial Globe by Nicola Longobardi / Bartolomeo Dias, 1623**, the earliest Chinese terrestrial globe, made by Jesuit missionaries for the Chinese Emperor

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