QUESTIONS

66 responses

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RESPONSES 66

Not accepting responses

Which of the following best describes you?
66 responses

- Academic researcher - university
- Independent scholar
- Student
- Student - Postgraduate
- Cartographer
- Author
- Government employee
- Museum curator or librarian

Are you a member of the Australian & New Zealand Map Society?
66 responses
Membership

How long have you been a member?
58 responses

- 34.5% Less than 5 years
- 20.7% 6 - 10 years
- 13.8% 11 - 20 years
- 31% More than 20 years

Membership

If you are not a member, what is the main reason?
8 responses

- 50% Yes
- 12.5% Didn’t know I could become a member
- 12.5% Difficult process to join up
- 12.5% Fees too high
- 12.5% No benefit in being a member
- 12.5% My employer has Institutional membership
- 12.5% I was not making full use of the Soci...
- 12.5% Let lapse because of cost of multipl...
- 12.5% I was a member then retired and wa...
Events

Have you attended any ANZMapS conferences or events?

66 responses

- Yes: 77.3%
- No: 22.7%

Events

If you have attended ANZMapS events, about how many?

51 responses

- 1 or 2 events: 33.3%
- 2 - 5 events: 23.5%
- 5 - 10 events: 23.5%
- More than 10 events: 19.6%
If you have NOT attended ANZMapS events, what is the main reason?
15 responses

Communication

To what extent would you agree or disagree? - 'The aims of the Society are clear and widely advertised'
66 responses

To what extent would you agree or disagree? - 'ANZMapS journal The Globe has content useful to my needs'
66 responses
To what extent would you agree or disagree? - 'ANZMapS email list is a useful forum for my needs'

64 responses

To what extent would you agree or disagree? - ANZMapS website is easy to navigate and provides useful information

65 responses
Do you use ANZMapS Facebook page?

66 responses

- Yes: 81.8%
- No: 18.2%

Do you follow ANZMapS Twitter account - @ANZMapS?

66 responses

- Yes: 86.4%
- No: 13.6%

Benefits
What is the most important benefit to you of ANZMapS? (please select one)
66 responses

On a scale of 1 - 10, how likely is it that you would recommend joining ANZMapS to a friend or colleague?
66 responses

Improvements

What would you suggest would make ANZMapS more relevant or interesting to you or to prospective members?
More duck hunting

A broader range of interests and people sharing expertise

Broaden topics covered and presenters at conferences.

More frequent smaller less expensive events with wide geographic distribution. Also, a stronger focus on younger geospatial engagement activities.

community, education, other engagement.

It might be a good idea at conferences to group the papers into technical and historical content, so one could attend one or the other. I can see this might not be easy, given speakers' schedules. As regards the question below, I don't have any!

Links to international activities

Promoting ANZMaps to historical societies and in their journals and websites

have State based meetings such as occurred once in Melbourne - even just a breakup

Focus on current mapping technology instead of the history of cartography; the current focus on history and libraries (both in the magazine and at conferences) is deterring. Run a "Practical Cartography Day" as at the NACIS conference, where cartographers (i.e. people who create maps) present hands-on techniques and new tools. Invite leading graphic designers and academics in GIS, cartography, virtual reality, augmented reality, etc. to give state-of-the-art talks at conferences. Raise the quality of conference presentations. Create local interest groups for Sydney, Melbourne, and possibly other cities.

An expansion of The Globe

I think this year's conference program with more contemporary mapping applications is a great initiative, as is encouraging a forum for students to present their work in a friendly atmosphere. While the historical content is definitely interesting, it's somewhat peripheral to my work so I can't always make it a priority to attend the conference. More focus on contemporary mapping makes it easier for me to prioritise attending in terms of both my time and research money.

Small-scale events such as workshops, visits to exhibitions, local lectures, etc.
Such a difficult question. We need to tap into the technology. Youtube, contentious issues, press releases, apps for maps.

Hear more about what is happening in the Australian industry. Networking opportunities, jobs, other things? Hear about any workshops or conferences regarding mapping and tools, it's really hard to find Eg qgis training. Or a list of all geo conferences in Australia, for example. As a new member and student I'm still not too sure what the organisation does. I know organise a conference & produce the journal. Anything else?

Needs to be promoted more widely in Forums and to students undertaking spatial courses. Need to add yourself as a Group to LinkedIn?

Most of the conferences seem to be about spatial mapping. Not many about historical maps.

A more informative email newsletter with some visual aspect - include photos, graphics

Am not yet in a position to judge this (member since july 2019 only)

Tailor shared email postings so I can look at only my specific areas of interest.
Encourage specialist groups to form by area on interest.

Streaming conferences and events for those that can't make it to Australia and New Zealand would be helpful.

Expand web pages with relevant information and links to people and companies as well as alerts to recent books, publications, papers or just useful web available documents

More young people involved

A bit more active & vibrant? Not much comes through Twitter though there is lots going on in the Maps/GIS twittersphere for example. The capacity to communicate with and tap into the expertise, especially for those new to Maps, like myself. Requires more interactive communication as conference are few & far between.

More participation of the members on the ANZMaps, such twice a year a members meetings and opportunity to discuss and involved on dissemination of the ANZMaps through diverse level of primary and secondary school and others.

That there be more engagement on the main site. The Map of the Month feature should be encouraged - and there should be a forum of some sorts for people just to discuss Map issues
A little personal news from map librarians

Some kind of cartography project (exhibition, competition) for/by members.

Maybe opportunity to start chats with people who share particular map and areas of maps interests

Not sure. I haven't attended a conference for many years (10?). Conferences used to be held often at universities but generic librarianship and fascination with online information (but not maps) has killed off any interest in maps. This has been assisted by the ending of cartographers based at universities. In Sydney university libraries no-one with one or two exceptions (probably only one) gives a stuff about maps. They don't want to understand them. When not liaising with academics or P/Gs a lot of time seems spent on self-help guides for U/Gs. Also, with the triage system and no actual reference desks anymore many of the initial queries are not handle by fully qualified librarians and certainly not by specialists. I joined the the map group through my work. But in most university libraries except for the University of Melbourne this is no longer the case and this is part of the challenge facing ANZ Maps seeking new recruits. As for the question below I don't think I have much expertise any longer. What has happened with the loss of specialist knowledge of maps probably also applies to the detailed familiarity of ABS data and old print only knowledge of Australian science information.

more focus on the many other aspects of maps than just the history of cartography

A collection of links to online maps and other resources on the ANZMapS website would be handy

happy with current content

Links
to digital mapping projects *with brief descriptions*

More practical engagement with current cartographic processes. Live stream the conference or at least video for release later - travel for a two, three day conference is expensive.

For me, more historical cartography.

Events in Brisbane

Make email list more well known (not sure I knew about it)

I require CPD points for registration each year in NSW and if CPD points were allocated then it would have additional benefit for me and my colleagues to attend conferences. I also believe Mapping and surveying do have commonality and
part of my professional development would benefit from information acquired through ANZMapS, thus providing a legitimate CPD claim.

Not active, now retired

Link the Society’s work to schools curriculm

Perhaps 6 monthly article in paper/media

ANZMaps is sometimes asked to provide assistance to students, researchers, map collectors or newly qualified professionals. Would you be willing to share your knowledge and expertise with new members or non-members?

66 responses

Engagement

If you answered 'Yes' to the above, what would be your area(s) of expertise, skill or knowledge?

36 responses
Are you a member of any other societies or associations?

43 responses

- Community sport club: 4 (9.3%)
- Collecting: 5 (11.6%)
- Astronomy: 1 (2.3%)
- Motoring: 1 (2.3%)
- Geospatial or computing: 13 (30.2%)
- Language: 4 (9.3%)
- U3A: 1 (2.3%)
- Gaming or board games: 1 (2.3%)
- Family or Local History: 3 (7%)
- Social group: 2 (4.7%)
- Walking, bushwalking: 4 (9.3%)
- Creative arts and writing: 1 (2.3%)
- Geoscience organisations: 2 (4.7%)
- Historical society: 1 (2.3%)
- Bridge: 1 (2.3%)
- NZ Archaeology Assoc: 1 (2.3%)
- Charity: 1 (2.3%)
- Podcasters: 1 (2.3%)
- Indigenous mapping: 1 (2.3%)
- Birds Australia: 1 (2.3%)
- Birdlife Australia: 1 (2.3%)
- Classical associations: 1 (2.3%)
- Nationally networked historical societies: 1 (2.3%)
Would you be willing to help send information about ANZMapS to associations, professional groups or networks you are part of?

48 responses

![Pie chart with percentages]

Other ideas?

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for attracting more people to join ANZMapS?

35 responses

Competitions

More social media platform involvement such as Instagram; Also, some blogs on the website

More student events

The student participation approach we're trying is a good idea.

More frequent communication across all platforms

I think the student engagement is a worthwhile approach and should be continued.

Surely the Society does pretty well as it is.

what about travel sections in newspapers

Reach out to university students and staff.
Attracting students is a great idea. Connecting with the broader community at the conference with small events where they feel welcome is also a good idea, as is trying to keep the cost of attendance low. I think more people are likely to attend when the cost is low.

Promotion to appropriate university faculties - to students and academics

People are attracted and distracted by what is available on line and the internet: see previous comments about the technology

As I asked about in a previous answer, a list of all Australian geo/spatial conferences - can you cross promote with all of them? How about universities and their spatial degrees? The only reason I knew you existed is I stumbled upon GeoCart conference and then saw you were part of it, I previously didn't know there was a specific Australian organisation available to join.

Other organisations (e.g. MSIA, SSSI) give full-time students free membership - this gives them the opportunity to "try before you buy". If ANZmapS wants to increase its membership then I think it needs to consider this option.

? See what similar organisations overseas do to attract members

The IMCOS 2020 conference which will be held in Australia, would be a great way to attract more people to join

A regular blog on your website, information about members, visual reference of maps being created by members.

Not yet

work out who (Gov and Commerce) will want Australia's archive of historical and modern map images (including old space photos and aerial photographs) preserved, geo-rectified and served along with terrain and other layers? Open data cubes need maps and historical layers as well as terrain. Who may want more relevant and informative alternatives to open street maps, google maps etc? (eg as background to their GPS).

None at this time

Getting active and promoting & embedding knowledge into University Faculties would be very valuable, as demonstrated by the (conference presentations & therefore) breadth of research currently being done that could use GIS/Maps to share, explain, and add value to the research outcomes. If people knew there was group expertise out there, and if the group had the capacity to take queries or offer presentations etc, the visible profile would rise. Ie: "Pint of Science" presentations, etc. etc...
More participation of the membership on the ANZMap

Making it more open and inclusive - with more things to do and more discussions on the site.

Youtube video about ANZMapS. Monthly relevant links compilation.

More events - searching out likely areas of wider interests

advertise in different mediums

Unfortunately no. Also, since I have not been to a ANZ conference for about ten years I don't know who goes apart from Maggie, Brendan, Martin and the members of many years such as Judith.

Advertise at University Geography departments

more workshops, perhaps thematic? Local chapters are always good, but require dedicated people to drive them...

Blogs, book reviews on the website. A map competition. Fix the website - this page https://www.anzmaps.org/about/cartographers/ has no formatting in Chrome.

No, sorry.

Use web site to become conduit to various state based map services (NSW sixviewer; Tas LISTMap; etc) - this might help map lovers see the web site as the 'go to' place for such things and raise profile of the society in doing so. NZ and other International sites also would be interesting.

Events and seminars that provide access records and maps in Libraries and Museums around Australia that are normally closed off to the public

see above

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for letting people know about ANZMapS?

36 responses
Carrier pigeon

Events that seek involvement with students, and content for young people and people learning about maps

Build a broader mailing list and repeat messaging

Active Twitter account is effective.

Perhaps employ a communications officer

No. Sorry

advertise to SSSI and state surveying groups, uni geography students

Has anything been done about schools apart from the Geography Association for Teachers

advertise and/or write articles for the geography teacher associations - see www.agta.asn.au for the Australian umbrella organisation (AGTA) and the state based organisations. Many of these associations have conferences where the Society could run a workshop.

No

Perhaps trying to generate local media interest in papers published in the Globe or in the conference itself?

Publicity to local and family history groups, museums, galleries, archives, etc.

See previous comments

See previous answer I think.

Add yourself to LinkedIn as a group. Consider offering a scholarship prize to Tertiary students at UTAS and other places offering spatial science courses. Consider sponsorship of state annual spatial science conferences - it will get your logo up on the screen and you can send membership forms to the ROM to be put on the registration table.

Offer discounted membership to school students

Ensure that IMCOS is informed about any events related to historical maps.
Instagram
page - there are loads of map enthusiasts on Instagram

Not yet

Who are the spatial data community in Australia? Who will attend the GEO meeting?
Who will be flying drones for mapping and want base layers to match them? Who might want all the maps there are, past and present, for some place - urgently?
They may be interested and later may be able to help.

None at this time

Raise social media activity, with more stories about value of Maps, mapping, GIS etc.
Build a bigger community and regularly invite followers to join?

Yes

On the ANZMAPS Twitter, we could actively introduce people to old maps (rather than resharing from other sources). I am GREAT at doing that - and I offer my services to the ANMAPS Twitter - for that purpose. I would really, truly increase our audience (so please treat my offer with seriousness). On a personal level - I want to do so much, and my interest is so high - hat it really seems cruel not to give me any kind of role or purpose with maps (and I really don't understand - the times I have expressed to people I want a greater role in the Map community - I get absolutely Nothing!!! (doesn't make sense to me at all!!))

Part sponsor relevant seminars/ workshops. Brochures/display industry events.

Wider spreading of map of the Day/week/month not sure how though

Local advertising in each state of Australia

Sorry, no.

A Facebook page?

Recent months have been using SLWA which has some atlas displays but have not seen ref. to ANZMapS

No, sorry.

Connections with the Esri crowd

Give a talk at Surveying & Geospatial seminars and conferences detailing what the Society's objective is and where the mix of current membership comes from. How
there is a close association with Cartography and Surveying historically.

Use free media

see above

About

What is your postcode or suburb? (Type in the suburb if unsure of postcode)

66 responses

2614
2602
2066
3101
3000
2617
2203
2605
2606
2905
6023
2500
3187
3162
3204
2601
Nz
3001
Wellington
6022
Live in Europe
What is your gender?
66 responses

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?
66 responses
Do you speak a language other than English at home? (If yes, please specify)

66 responses

- 37 (56.1%) speak a language other than English at home.
- 17 (25.8%) occasionally speak a language other than English at home.

Languages mentioned:
- English
- Indonesian
- German, French, Italian
- Occasionally
- Spanish, Greek and English
- No

1 (1.5%) speak English
2 (3%) speak French
1 (1.5%) speak German
1 (1.5%) speak Italian
1 (1.5%) speak Indonesian
1 (1.5%) occasionally speak no
1 (1.5%) occasionally speak Spanish
1 (1.5%) occasionally speak Greek
1 (1.5%) occasionally speak English
1 (1.5%) no
1 (1.5%) no