29th Annual Conference, Hobart

The 29th annual conference of the AMC was held in Hobart from 4th to 7th of February 2001. Many thanks are due to the organising committee of Greg Eccleston, John Cain and Marie Morden for arranging the conference; together with the Siobhan Gaskell (Director Library Services) and the staff of the State Library of Tasmania, especially Tony Marshall (Senior Librarian, Heritage Collections); members and staff of the University of Tasmania Staff Club, especially Tony Sprent and our caterers The Pickled Pear; the Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment, especially Mike Harding (Manager, Geodata Services Branch); and the CSIRO Division of Marine Research, especially Denis Abbott (Librarian). The Australian Antarctic Division, especially Henk Brolsma (Mapping Officer) and Ursula Ryan (GIS Officer). Around 40 delegates were treated to 12 very interesting papers and a number of site visits. Other activities included a picnic at the botanical gardens, a tour of historic Battery Point and a trip up Mt Wellington.


Michael Ross was the winner of the second annual award of the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize.

Those who attended the Heritage Walk during the Hobart Conference may be interested to read more about one of the buildings that Dennis spoke about. In the excellent tourist publication Tasmania and Beyond, no.5, December 1996, there is an article (pp.30-32) called "The Home of the Constitution", which deals with Rosebank in Battery Point. It contains a description of the house, and its special significance as the home of Andrew Inglis Clark. Here he collaborated with Sir Samuel Griffith, Edmund Barton, and Charles Kingston on the drafting of a Constitution for Australia. Enquiries: The Editor, 49 Salamanca Place, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000. Tel.: (03) 6224 2196; Fax: (03) 6224 2164.

Estelle Canning Memorial Prize

The winner of the second annual Estelle Canning Memorial Award for Best Conference Paper, presented at the Circle's conference in Hobart, was Michael Ross for his paper entitled "The Mysterious Eastland Uncovered".

The Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, donated by Victor and Dorothy Prescott, commemorates our late Vice-President who passed away on 20 September 1999. The prize in an award of $250 for the author presenting the best paper, as judged by the AMC President, at each AMC conference for ten year from 2000.
Notes and News

AMC Newsletter current and previous issues back to #71 are now available online, at http://australianmapcircle.org.au/newsletter/index.html

The Globe back issues are available at $10.00 per copy, plus postage. The following issues are still in print: #9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, plus all issues from no. 33 onwards. We may also be able to supply photocopies of issues which are out of print. Enquiries to the AMC Secretary, John Cain.

RGS Library to temporarily close. Due to construction of an underground storage/reading room to house the collections, and retrospective cataloguing, the RGS library and map room will close for around 15 months following the RGS AGM on Monday 4 June 2001. Some materials, possibly 10%, will still be accessible.
Contact: Francis Herbert (Curator of Maps, RGS-IBG) f.herbert@rgs.org http://www.rgs.org

The Great Unmapped. The Houston Chronicle of 2 February 2001 carried a story about a newcomer's map of suburbs that happened to leave out minority and poorer areas. The follow-up story reports the corporation responsible stopped the presses on the old maps and its website now only carries the new one.
Map: http://www.houston.org/newcomersguide/neighborhoods.html

Malaysian Topographic Maps. The Map Sales Office of the Malaysian Government sells 1:50 000 topographic maps for about a third of the country. They have been slow in responding to some people, if they reply at all, but a real letter rather than email might help
Upcoming Conferences


Contact: XIXth International Conference on the History of Cartography, Biblioteca Nacional de España, Paseo de Recoletos 20, 28071 Madrid, ESPANA. Tel: (34) 915807726, Fax: (34) 915807716, e-mail: 19.ichc@bne.es

Monash Online Australian Gazetteer (Review)

The 5th (Autumn/Winter 2000) issue of Monash Magazine has an article 'Telling the story' which introduces the new online guide "Australian Places, a gazetteer of Australian Cities, Towns and Suburbs". A work in progress, the project is the brainchild of Professor Peter Spearritt, director of Monash University's National Key Centre for Australian Studies; the project director and researcher is Mr. John Young, former City of Melbourne town clerk. According to Professor Spearritt, ‘It is the first comprehensive historical, sociological and cultural study of all significant settlements in Australia.’ The magazine article announced that the Victorian component of the site has been completed, with the Gippsland entries having been written by staff of the Monash Gippsland Studies Centre. The web address is <http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/ncas/multimedia/gazetteer/>.

Having been assured that the Victorian component of the gazetteer had been completed, I thought I would look up Barwon Heads, where we have a holiday home. I was astonished to learn that the Barwon River entered Port Phillip Bay, not Bass Strait as I had always thought. I then looked at the entry for Malvern (a suburb of Melbourne), where I live, and was amazed to read: 'Beaumaris, a bayside residential suburb, is 20km. south-east of Melbourne. In 1845 James Moysey leased grazing land in the area and shortly afterwards purchased 32 hectares. He named his property Beaumaris Park, which derives from the Welsh coastal resort where Edward I built the Beau Marais castle...' All very interesting, I thought, but not very relevant to Malvern.

I then looked at the alphabetical listings, and looked for such significant Western Victorian localities as Casterton, Hamilton, Horsham, Noorat, and Terang. Would you believe, they're not listed! However, the alphabetical listing does include some lovely clangers such as: Britannia Creek, Chesthunt, Croajing, Eurora, Kuranjang, Portalington, Posrt of Phillip, Tugamah, Victor Harbour (S.A.), and Whitefiled. The index lists Boorndara, whereas the site is headed Booroondara and the text refers to Boroondara. I would have thought that a person with some familiarity with Victoria's geographical nomenclature would have proofread the material before it was put on the web. As it stands, the site reflects badly on Monash University's standing.

- Greg. Eccleston
Selected Map Bookmarks

Centre of Victoria: The geographic centre of Victoria has been found to be about 6km south of Bendigo: http://www.theage.com.au/gallery/daily/2001/03/14/FFXM4S9W9KC.html
An article on p.2-4 of Landmark #6, March 2001 (the magazine of Land Victoria, DNRE) concerning the centre of Victoria. This details how the centre was derived. The method they used was 'balance'. Quote: "In layman's terms, Victoria's centre is the point on which the state would be perfectly balanced. Imagine, if you can, carving out Victoria as a huge flat plan of equal thickness and suspending it on a series of points until you finally found the precise point on which the entire state would balance. That's difficult to do physically, so Rod Deakin [RMIT University] did it mathematically and electronically". Landmark is distributed for free by Land Victoria, which is part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Enquiries to Warren Baker, Communications Dept, Land Victoria, Level 11, 8 Nicholson St, East Melb, 3002. Phone: 9637 8246.

NSW Centroid. Lonely Planet's guide to NSW mentions two centres for NSW, a mountain and a plaque both in the vicinity of Gilgumnia.

Tasmanian Centroid: Les Isdale reports that visitors to Tasmania may have passed a point on the A10 where a plaque has been placed by the Institution of Surveyors, at Lat. 42°0'54" S, Long. 146°0'00" E, to mark the 'Centre of Tasmania' at the end of Bronte's Lagoon where it enters the HEC canal. You can find the place (no surprise) at the centre of the extremes of N,S, E and West of mainland Tasmania.


Secrets on maps. New Scientist, 20/1/01: "Truth, even of the geographical type, is relative in the world of electronic information. Reader Rachael Padman writes in wonderment at the fact that as she zooms in and out of an online map of her home, the river outside her front door leaps to the end of the back garden, some 10 metres uphill. For an even stranger phenomenon, go to www.upyourstreet.co.uk and search for the Berkshire postcode RG20 8RH. When you click on the map for the area you should see a lot of empty space with a small road. Now click on the button to zoom out. The empty space is magically filled with rows of buildings, with their own link road to the M4 motorway. Zoom out a couple more times, and the entire complex disappears. Something very similar happens at www.streetmap.co.uk. What is this Bermuda Triangle in the English home counties? Actually, it's the US Air Force bomb store at RAF Welford, as Feedback discovered while driving past it recently. This is clearly an official secret as some map scales, but not at others."

The David Rumsey Historical Map Collection has added over a thousand more maps to its website, including the "Times Atlas of the World" of 1922, the first edition of this work to use John Bartholomew's maps. http://www.davidrumsey.com


**Maps of Cyberspace online:**
- [http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/casa/martin/atlas/](http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/casa/martin/atlas/)
- [http://www.cybergeography.org/atlas/info_maps.html](http://www.cybergeography.org/atlas/info_maps.html)

**Seven reproduction maps** of the US/Canada from the Seven Years War period can be viewed and purchased at: [http://www.militaryheritage.com/7yrsmaps.htm](http://www.militaryheritage.com/7yrsmaps.htm)

**Market Island.** A map of a reef on the Swedish/Finnish border with an interesting kink: [http://www.qth.com/k7bv/Market/](http://www.qth.com/k7bv/Market/)


**Maps on earth.** A park abutting the Barwon River in Geelong has an artificial lake with an island shaped like Australia that shows up nicely in Melways. A similar lake with a map of the world as islands is depicted at: [http://www.visiterdenskortet.dk/](http://www.visiterdenskortet.dk/)

**Various sites featuring boundaries, tripoints and even lat/long intersections!**
- [http://www.realmbuilder.com/tristate](http://www.realmbuilder.com/tristate)
- [http://www.geog.buffalo.edu/~dmark/tristate](http://www.geog.buffalo.edu/~dmark/tristate)
- [http://home.worldonline.dk/~jesniel/border/border.htm](http://home.worldonline.dk/~jesniel/border/border.htm)
- [http://www.confluence.org/](http://www.confluence.org/)

Causey Municipality, New Mexico. The county land the town encloses has a larger area than the 'town' itself. [http://www.topozone.com/map.asp?lat=33.8792&lon=-103.1261&s=50&size=1](http://www.topozone.com/map.asp?lat=33.8792&lon=-103.1261&s=50&size=1)

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**AMCIRCLE E-mail Group**

Due to the takeover of *egroups.com* by *yahoo.com*, the address of the AMCircle email group has changed. Members may convert their account to a yahoo account to access the amcircle archives. This can be done by clicking on 'conversion wizard' link on the website at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amcircle](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amcircle) and following the instructions. However, a number of people have experienced problems with this conversion recently. Messages should now be posted to amcircle@yahoogroups.com

to subscribe send a blank email to amcircle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

to unsubscribe, send a blank email to amcircle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com.
New Maps and Map Products

The Island of the Lost Maps by Miles Harvey,

In December 1995 Gilbert Bland was chased from the Peabody Library of John Hopkins University in Baltimore, clutching four 232-year-old maps. He turned out to be one of the greatest map thieves in history. Miles Harvey has spent four years tracing Bland's journey from middle-class anonymity to dark criminality, attempting to understand what drove Bland to steal some of the rarest cartographic treasures in the world. Since men have drawn maps, others have stolen them. During the age of discovery, map theft literally changed the face of the earth. Columbus, for instance, 'discovered' America thanks, in part, to charts purloined by his brother from the Portuguese; Ferdinand Magellan was the first man to circumnavigate the globe - using classified Portuguese maps; Francis Drake shattered Spain's hold of the Americas and made smooth passage to the East Indies with captured Spanish maps.

Columbia Gazetteer of the World

Until April 1, free access was provided to this new online gazetteer. Unfortunately, like Monash's attempt reviewed elsewhere in this issue, the coverage for Australia and NZ is poor both in quantity and quality. The price of an online subscription is $495 for those with the 3-volume set, $645 for those without. Extra campuses or public library buildings are typically $100 each. Enquiries/orders: Richard Dill, Columbia University Press, 61 W62nd St, New York, NY 10023 USA ed284@columbia.edu Ph: +1-212-4590600 Fax: 1-212-4593678. http://columbiagazetteer.org/main.asp

17th Century Delft map

A reproduction map of 17 Century Delft with dots showing the homes of 130 artists and their clients is being produced in late March to accompany an exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY. A sample image of the map without the dots can be seen at www.johannesvermeer.org. Orders/enquiries to Kees Kaldenbach kalden@xs4all.nl

New Atlas


"At first glance, their maps appear like ordinary depictions of exotic lands, but look closer and you'll see they actually chart something simultaneously more familiar and more mysterious - the length and breadth of human experience. "You can't really take a plane to the World of Experience," write van Swaaij and Kalre, "because you already live there." True enough: just check out the isle of Haute Cuisine, with a road meandering south from Mouthwater, through the hubbub of Entree and A La Carte, the pit stops of Mmmm, Yum and Anticipation, and past the bottomless lake of Grande Bouffé. Oh look, there are the Sushi Islands, floating just out of reach....

Perhaps you'd rather travel to Adversity, with its deserts, mountains and generally inhospitable terrain. From the metropolis of Change, it's but a short troubled trip down to the city of Loss, or across the Slippery Slope Ranges (leading to the highlands of Humiliation), or to any number of lost-cause stops: The Alamo, Colditz or plain old Up the Creek.

The Isles of Forgetfulness, meanwhile, aren't a journey most of us elect to take, but they still exercise an irresistible allure. Disjointed geographically - though there is a Mnemonic bridge connecting two of them (home to Anniversary, Damn Keys and Mother's Day) - the scattered islands abound with spots you nearly made it to before you wandered off track: the trail from Joke, for instance, leads only as far as Lost, and never manages to locate Punchline. Van Swaaij and Kalre are addressing some fundamental question here: Who are we? Where do we come from? What do we have in common? Are they serious, or is it a joke? "Out intentions are serious", they say. "But you can take the atlas lightly."
Deal Island 250k topo
Although available from AUSLIG since 1977, the Deal Island 250k topographic sheet (SJ55-15) was not shown on many editions of their indexes. The area covered, including the islands on the Vic/Tas border, will soon be available as an inset on the new Warragul Special sheet. Anyone desiring a copy of the older edition should contact Cheryl Camp at AUSLIG, pdq.
Cheryl Camp, Supervisor Map Sales & Distribution, AUSLIG, PO Box 2 BELCONNEN ACT 2616
Ph: +61-2-62014300  Fx +61-2-62014381, freecall 1800-800173 within Australia
cherylcamp@auslig.gov.au  www.auslig.gov.au

Free Map of Victoria

Idiot-Proof Maps
New British Ordnance Survey maps featuring bright colours and basic details are designed to be simpler to read. Vanessa Lawrence, the first female chief executive in the OS's 209-year history, insists the maps are not aimed at women. "Part of our mission is to make sure everybody can read our maps. If our new series of maps can bring more people into the field, be they male or female, then that's good for everyone." The maps quickly sold out on a trial run in the West Country and the OS will extend the series to other popular holiday areas in Britain.

New Map "Rail Map New South Wales", 1:1.5m published in 2000 by the Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division. ISBN 0-90965-046-2, 85x69cm, colour, doublesided, c.$14.95. Shows all present lines together with closed lines with substantial remains. Insets of sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.
Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division, 67 Renwick St, Redfern, NSW 2016, AUSTRALIA.

AMC 2001 Conference: some delegates at the Conference dinner (photo courtesy of Les Isdale).
Fellowships and Prizes

HELEN WALLIS FELLOWSHIP AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY (2001)
Deadline: 1 May 2001
This annual, named fellowship offers a convenient and unusually privileged working environment in the British Library. The fellow will be treated like a member of staff (i.e. not restricted to reading room hours) and will be provided with their own work-station, with an e-mail account and access to the Internet. In addition, the fellowship carries with it a voucher worth 300 pounds to be spent within the Library. The award honours the memory of the former Map Librarian at the British Museum and then British Library, Dr Helen Wallis OBE (1967-86), and confers recognition by the Library on a scholar, from *any* field, whose work will promote the extended and complementary use of the British Library's book and cartographic collections. Preference will be given to proposals that relate to the Library's collections and have an international dimension. The fellowship may be held as a full or part-time appointment, and would normally be for 6-12 months. For the *full* terms of reference please contact the undersigned. [It would be most helpful if you told us where you saw this notice]
Tony Campbell, Map Librarian, British Library Map Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, ENGLAND
[tony.campbell@bl.uk] Ph: +44-20-74127525 Fx: +44-20-74127780

THE 2001 WALTER W. RISTOW PRIZE
HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY AND MAP LIBRARIANSHIP
Deadline: 1 June 2001
The Walter W. Ristow Prize seeks to recognise achievement in cartographic history and map librarianship and is offered annually by the Washington Map Society. The competition is open to upper-level undergraduate, graduate and first-year postdoctoral students. Entries are to be research papers or bibliographic studies related to cartographic history and/or map librarianship, not exceeding 7500 words. The winner will receive $500, a one-year membership in the Washington Map Society, and the paper will be published in "The Portolan", the journal of the Washington Map Society. Walter W. Ristow, co-founder and first president of the Washington Map Society, is Chief, Emeritus of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress.
Contact: John Docktor, Ristow Prize, 150 S. Strathcona Drive, York PA 17403-3833, USA. [docktor@cyberia.com]

8th SERIES of J B HARLEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
in the HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY
Deadline: 1 November 2001
The Trustees of the J B Harley Research Fellowships Trust Fund are pleased to announce the 8th series of awards, offering support at a rate of GBP250 per week. The fellowships are designed to assist research in the London map collections:
- Dr Sonja Brentjes (Institute for the History of Science, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, FFM, Germany) 'The use of Arabic and Persian sources in W. European maps of the Middle East and Nth Africa between 1550 and 1700' (3 weeks).
- René Tebel (German Maritime Museum, Bremerhaven) 'Significance of ships on maps as a historical source' (2 weeks).
For details of past awards and numbers of applicants see: [http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/maps/harflfws.html]
For information about applying for a Fellowship (closing date 1st November) e-mail or write to: The Hon. Sec., c/o British Library Map Library, 96 Euston Road, St Pancras, London NW1 2DB, ENGLAND preferably saying *where* you saw this notice. Tony Campbell, Hon. Sec. [tony.campbell@bl.uk]
‘Map of the Month Club’

(See map on page 10). This issue we visit the world of political geography. While there may well be only one China, there are two pretenders to the title, the Republic of China, usually called Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China. Any nation that recognises one is politically unable to recognise the other, despite their long history of separate development.

From 1949, most communist nations recognised the PRC and most of the rest of the world Taiwan. Taipei lost its UN seat to Beijing in the early 1970s and many western nations began to switch their recognition also, as China opened up to trade. Many Third world nations had recognised Beijing long before the developed west made this change. Today, most nations now recognise the PRC purely for pragmatic economic interest, but often also maintain links with Taiwan via trade or cultural offices. I am not sure if those that recognise Taiwan are able to swap similar embassies with the PRC. This month's map depicts the last remaining nations that recognise Taipei as the government of China, all 29 of them: 14 American, 8 African, 2 European and 5 Pacific nations. Shown by hatching are the last four nations to switch allegiance to Beijing: South Africa, the CAR, Guinea-Bissau and Tonga all cutting ties in 1998. Also depicted by hatching is PNG which recognised Taipei for a week in mid-1999 before political pressure forced her back into the Beijing fold.

The 29 Taiwan-recognisers are: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Dominican Republic, St Kitts/Nevis(1), Dominica(2), St Vincent(3), Grenada(4), Paraguay, Senegal, Gambia, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Sao Tome et Principe, Malawi, Swaziland, The Holy See(5), Macedonia, Palau(7), Marshall Is(8), Nauru(9), Solomon Islands(10), and Tuvalu(11). The numbers next to the Vatican and some of the island states refer to the map for ease of location.

Using figures from the CIA Factbook 2000, [http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/), we can find the percentage of the world's (non-Chinese) land area, population and countries that recognise Taiwan. Populations used are mid-2000 estimates. These figures do not include China, HK, Macao or Taiwan.

- By area: 3.074m km² out of 125.306m km² = 2.45% (not including Antarctica)
- By population: 107m out of 4796m = 2.23%.
- No. of countries: 29 out of c.220 ≈ 13.18%

Map showing the 29 countries that recognise the Chinese government in Taipei, and also showing the last five countries to change recognition to Beijing. (See ‘Map of the Month Club’, p.9).
Australian Map Circle Inc.
Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7 February 2001, The University of Tasmania, Hobart

1. Attendance.
Present at the meeting:
Greg Eccleston Joanna McLachlan Roger Rees Denis Shephard
John Cain Les Isdale Effie Rees Dorothy Prescott
Marie Morden Stuart Duncan Maura O’Connor Bill Richardson
Brendan Whyte Richard Miller Gerard Clarke
Victor Prescott Frank Urban Adella Edwards
Bill Stinson Trevor Nicholson Matthias Hoeffener
Kate Charlesworth Judith Scurfield Doug MacKenzie

Apologies were received on behalf of: David Hancox, Joe Lines, Pam Faragher, Don and Marjorie Somerville, Barbara Wojtkowski, Michael Ross.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.
The minutes of the 2000 AGM were circulated with the AMC Newsletter and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted by the meeting with the following amendments:
• Item 1, correct spelling of Adella Edwards
• Item 5, in the fourth sentence replace “surpluses” with “amounts”.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.
• The results of the motions at the 2000 Conference were dealt with in the President’s report.

4. President’s Report.
Greg Eccleston announced his intention to stand down as President. His final Presidential report dealt with a wide range of matters, only a few of which are noted here. David Jones was appointed as Convenor of the AMC Victorian Branch. The first Estelle Canning Memorial Prize was awarded at the AMC 2000 Conference to Dianne Rutherford for her paper “Captive Cartography: Map Production in Prisoner of War Camps in World War II”. The AMC has obtained an ABN (19 046 516 617); we do not charge GST as not-for-profit associations with a turnover under $100 000 are not required to do so. The Executive is keen to receive offers from prospective hosts for future AMC conferences. The credit card facility for payment of subscriptions has proved popular with members.

AMC 2000 Conference Resolutions:
1. Map Revision: The President wrote to the Federal Minister [Warren Entsch] congratulating him on allocating $2 million for map revision and hoping more would be allocated in future.
2. Census Map Deposit to State Libraries: The President wrote to the Federal Minister and the ABS, and eventually received a response that seemed satisfactory.
3. Map to Commemorate Centenary of Federation: Correspondence on this topic with MSIA, ISA and AURISA reached no productive conclusion. A commercial product by Hema Maps has since appeared.

Discussion of item 2 clarified that the ABS will deposit CD maps in PDF format. The President’s report was accepted by the meeting.
The audited financial statement was distributed at the meeting. The Business Manager, Marie Morden, spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts at 31 December 2000 was $35,549 (1999: $31,385). This represents a surplus for 2000 of $4,164 (1999: $9,677). This surplus includes an amount of $3,017 from the AMC 2000 conference and $486 from the AMC 1999 conference. Mr Ewan Smith, CPA, audited the accounts. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

John Cain spoke briefly to the Publications Report, which covered The Globe, the Newsletter, the AMC Web Site and the AMCIRCLE list. With regard to The Globe, the Editors again apologise for delays in publication, which are due to other AMC commitments (Executive membership and conference organization). No. 49 was distributed during 2000 and no. 50 is currently at the printers. The Vice-President, Brendan Whyte, now prepares the Newsletter and three issues were distributed during 2000. The AMCIRCLE list has proved a successful forum for communication between members and discussion of issue. The AMC Web site has been moved to a commercial host, allowing the use of our own domain name, <http://australianmapcircle.org.au>. The Publications Report was accepted by the meeting.

7. Branch reports.
7.1 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported on two meetings during 2000 of the Sydney Map Group (see item 10).
7.2 Melbourne: John Cain reported on behalf of David Jones that the Victorian Branch met twice in 2000.

8. Returning Officer’s report.
On behalf of the Returning Officer, David Jones, John Cain reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The following were therefore declared elected:

   President: Victor Prescott
   Vice-President: Brendan Whyte
   Secretary: John Cain
   Business Manager: Marie Morden

The meeting congratulated Victor Prescott on his election as the new President and thanked Greg Eccleston for his sterling efforts during his term as President.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a joint conference with MSIA in May 2002 (it is their 50th anniversary) but the members felt this was unlikely to work well. While there are some prospects on the table for 2003 and afterwards (Sydney, Townsville) for 2002 the only option appears to be February in Melbourne.

10. Other Business.
10.1 Sydney Map Group: There was some discussion of the future of the Sydney Map Group, and Bill Stinson tabled a letter from Robert Clancy. It was agreed that the Executive should write to Robert responding as it feels appropriate.
10.2 Pronunciation field in Australian Gazetteer: After some discussion, it was agreed that the Executive should write to CGNA (cc: Leon Jackson) to support the inclusion of a pronunciation field in the gazetteer.
10.3 Thanks: The meeting thanked in particular Gerard Willems and Trevor Nicholson for allowing the conference to view their personal map collections.

There being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

John Cain, 26 March 2001. e:\maps\amc\agm2001.doc