



Mapping Sciences are the disciplines that deal with acquisition, management and communication of geospatial information.

Mapping Sciences Institute, Australia is a learned society established in 1952 to engender the professional development of individuals and organisations involved in the many facets of the mapping sciences.

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Whom do we represent?

The Mapping Sciences Institute, Australia, is the professional body best placed to represent the National and International interests of cartographers in Australia.

Vision

The Institute will be widely recognised as the authoritative source of cartographic advice to government, industry and the community in Australia.

Philosophy

The Institute promotes the theory, practices and understanding of all facets of cartography through the collegiate strength and expertise of its members.

Keep pace with the National and International trends in Cartography

National

MSIA evolved from the Australian Institute of Cartographers which was founded in 1952. The MSIA has as its central focus cartographers and cartography.

International

It is Australia's representative and an active Member of the International Cartographic Association

What are the aims of the MSIA?

- Foster the uptake and advancement of cartographic knowledge in the community
- Provide members with information and resources relating to cartography
- Promote cartography and cartographers
- Encourage and support cartographic research and development
- Provide International representation for Australian cartographers
- Celebrate the success of cartographers and cartographic projects

How do I join?

Visit the MSIA website at: www.mappingsciences.org.au and follow the prompts.

Membership is available to suit all levels of interest, including company and organisation membership.

What are the benefits of membership?

1. **Journal of Spatial Science**, provided as part of the membership fee

2. **Mapping Sciences National magazine** (bi-annually)
3. **eCARTO** newsletter (monthly)
4. **MSIA national conference** (biennial)
5. **MSIA website** (regularly updated) – www.mappingsciences.org.au
6. **Network of cartographers** for experience sharing and advice referral
7. Cooperative initiatives with the **New Zealand Cartographic Society**
8. Occasional joint activities with the **Australia and New Zealand Map Society**
9. The MSIA is Australia's member organisation of the **International Cartographic Association**. Professor William Cartwright (Hon. FMSIA) is President of the ICA and David Fraser (FMSIA) is the Chair of the ICA Commission on Education and Training
10. **Dialogue with the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)** in relation to responsibilities for cartographic development in Australia
11. **Representation on program advisory bodies** of educational institutions
12. **Initiation of future conferences** such as the Centenary of National Mapping, 2011
13. **Coordination of the Australian map exhibition** for display at the International Cartographic Association conference
14. Organisation and sponsorship of **regional seminars**
15. Local organiser for the **ICA Continuing Professional Development Program** (pending)
16. Opportunity for members to **advertise and promote products**
17. Information on current **conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops**
18. **MSIA certificate** for use with your resume
19. **Letter of introduction** for interstate or international travel
20. **Letter of support** for cartographic initiative where appropriate
21. **Contribution of expert advice** for government, industry and community forums
22. Provision of **awards for cartographic excellence**
23. **Contact point for assistance** in accessing cartographic resources and advice
24. Opportunity for **electronic forums, threaded discussions and blogs**
25. Multiple **communication** links

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We are excited about the future of our Institute. The National Council is focussing on services to its members and growing the MSIA in a way that will enhance the profile of cartography and cartographers in Australia. We ask you to please support the Institute by becoming a member and encouraging other cartographers to join.