

[An occasional electronic newsletter for members of the MSIA]

You are invited to contribute articles to your magazine "**Mapping Sciences National**" edited by Greg Heron at greg.heron@nt.gov.au Past issues are available at <http://www.mappingsciences.org.au/newsletter.htm>

The **24th International Cartography Conference** (icc2009) will be held in Santiago, Chile from the 15 to 21 November this year. Visit <http://www.icc2009.cl/> for more details.

Mr Ted Graham (AM), leader of the team who discovered the resting place of the **HMAS Sydney**, gave a very moving presentation at the AMC / MSIA National Conference in March. More information can be found at <http://www.findingsydney.com/>

Mr Damien Demaj displayed, and spoke about the production of, **EARTH**, the largest atlas in the world at the AMC / MSIA National conference in March. The hand bound blue leather version is currently in sale for \$6000. A profile of this amazing product can be seen at http://www.mapstop.co.uk/product251_Earth-Atlas---Millennium-House.aspx

Mr Bill Kitson, the dinner speaker for the AMC/MSIA National conference has co-authored a book "**Surveying Queensland 1839-1945 : a pictorial history** / Bill Kitson and Judith McKay" See details at <http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/3771206>

Have you looked at the **Geoscience Australia** website recently? There is a wealth of information on the mapping sciences along with free data downloads. Topics covered include: Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Geochronology, Geohazards, Geodesy, Topography, Digital Elevation Data, Regolith, Environmental, Administrative Boundaries, Graticule/Grid, National Native Title Tribunal, Satellite Imagery & Antarctic Data. Visit <http://www.ga.gov.au/>

Create your own map of Australia at the **Australian Natural Resources Atlas: Map Maker** site. Visit <http://www.anra.gov.au/mapmaker/mapervlet?app=anra>

OpenStreetMap is a free editable map of the whole world. OpenStreetMap allows you to view, edit and use geographical data in a collaborative way from anywhere on Earth. Visit <http://www.openstreetmap.org/>

Sketchup is neat free downloadable software from Google designed for the creation, modification and sharing of 3D models. It is easy to use and a valuable resource for map makers. Visit <http://sketchup.google.com/>

The Department of Cartography and Geoinformatics, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary has created a **Virtual Globes Museum**. Visit <http://terkeptar.elte.hu/vgm/info.php?lang=en>

Professor William Cartwright in his keynote speech at the AMC/MSIA National conference in March mentioned the software **Photosynth** "which can transform regular digital photos into a three-dimensional experience." Visit <http://livelabs.com/photosynth/>

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If you have any brief items of interest to fellow MSIA members then please email them to me at david.fraser@rmit.edu.au. for eCARTO. If you have more substantial articles please send them to Greg Heron at greg.heron@nt.gov.au for your magazine "Mapping Sciences National".