100 Years of National Topographical Mapping

ANU Canberra, 28 & 28 March 2011

The conference drew 64 delegates from all over Australia, listed below:

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Frank Leahy ex NATMAP & University of Melbourne

Ian Hall ex NATMAP & Wingan Software

John Manning ex NATMAP/AUSLIG/GA

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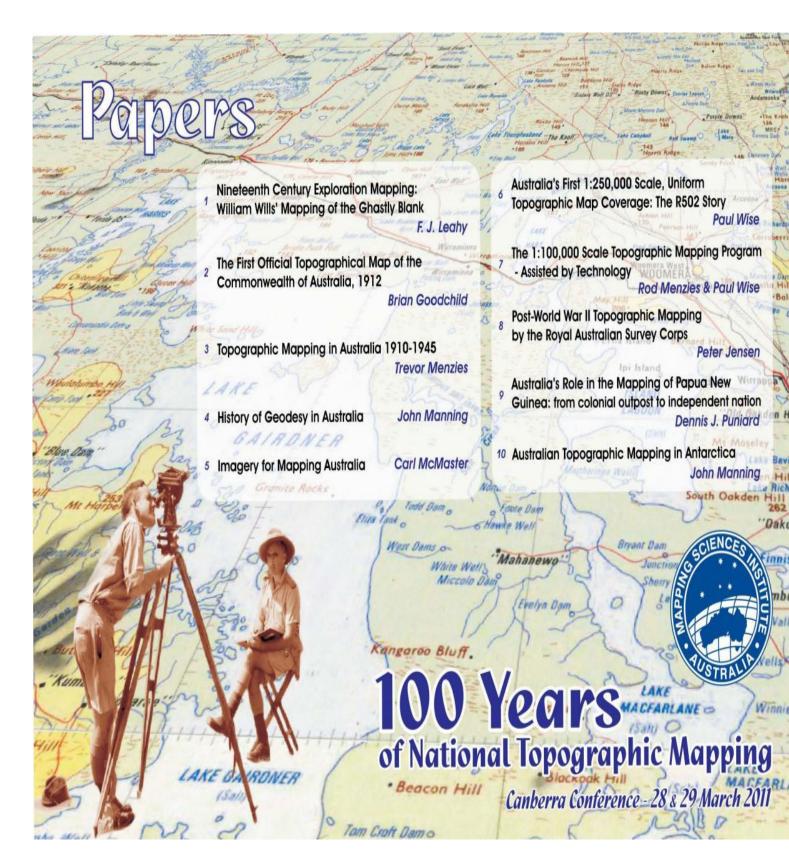
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In addition to the above papers Drew Clarke, now Secretary of RET gave the keynote address "100 YEARS OF NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING IN AUSTRALIA – are we there yet?" and Greg Scott, Group Leader, National Geographic Information, Geoscience Australia spoke on "Topographic Mapping in Australia – From the Present to the Future".

Two of the major reports that impacted topo mapping in Australia, Brown 1951 and Richardson 1986, were both declassified and provided to the delegates along with the papers.

The Conference also passed the following motion:

"With the merging of the Commonwealth mapping organisations, and evolution of Commonwealth mapping activities, significant historical material has been retained only through the efforts of individuals and now its continued preservation is in doubt. The delegates to this conference agree that this material should not be lost to history but its preservation requires a central repository and active program to gather this material.

This conference therefore recommends that:

Geoscience Australia, as its leadership in the Commonwealth's spatial information activities is built on the success and history of its mapping predessors and with suitable existing library facilities, instigate a program, with support of the professional associations, to seek, acquire, centralise and preserve historical papers, documents and photographs relevant to the surveying and mapping of Australia, currently dispersed amongst individuals, further;

the conference urges Geoscience Australia to expand this program to include historical survey and drafting equipment suitable for (permanent) display at GA.

In addition, in support of GA's program the professional associations advise their members that such a program now exists and encourage their members to participate if they have suitable material".

Proposed: Paul Wise Seconded: Rod Menzies Passed with one against

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