

SECTION 11: Map Maker and Map User Communication

Skill in map reading, and the benefit and enjoyment which can be gained from it, will depend to a large extent on your ability to select the right reading strategy. Hints given in this book are only a starting point and a general guide. With practice and experience you will find out which methods best suit your needs and with continued experimentation you will develop even greater expertise in map reading.

It should be remembered that much remains to be discovered about tactual and low vision perception and cartographers still have much to learn about making tactual and low vision maps. User experience can contribute enormously to making maps more effective and map producers welcome comments. If you encounter map reading difficulties or have suggestions which may improve a map or maps, you should contact the relevant map production agency. The mapping organisations listed in Annex 2 will welcome such user feedback as a way in which cartographers can improve their product.

Map reading is an acquired skill and if you are blind or visually impaired you face difficulties which will require patience and concentration to overcome. Hopefully, this book will encourage you to become an effective map reader and thus increase your mobility and give you access to a new source of knowledge. The ability to read maps can lead to many enjoyable experiences, make you more independent and open up ways to a better understanding of the world in which we live.

Annex 1: Distributors of tactual

Braille compasses, scales, etc. can be obtained from the following organisations:

New South Wales

Royal Blind Society of New South Wales
4 Mitchell Street
Enfield N.S.W. 2136
Telephone: (02) 747 6622

Victoria

Association for the Blind
7 Mair Street
Brighton Beach Vic. 3188
Telephone: (03) 598 8555

Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind
507 St Kilda Road
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Annex 2: Official mapping organisations to which enquiries can be directed

Australian Capital Territory

Director
 Division of National Mapping
 PO Box 31
 Belconnen A.C.T. 2616
 Telephone: (062) 52 6383

Commonwealth Surveyor General
 Australian Survey Office
 PO Box 2
 Belconnen A.C.T. 2616
 Telephone: (062) 52 7088

New South Wales

Director
 Central Mapping Authority of New South Wales
 Panorama Avenue
 Bathurst N.S.W. 2795
 Telephone: (063) 31 5344

Northern Territory

Surveyor General
 Survey and Mapping Division
 Department of Lands
 PO Box 1680
 Darwin N.T. 5794
 Telephone: (089) 89 7027

Queensland

Surveyor General
 Department of Mapping and Survey
 Watkins Place
 288 Edward Street
 Brisbane Qld 4000
 Telephone: (07) 224 2111

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Surveyor General
 Department of Lands
 GPO Box 1047
 Adelaide S.A. 5001
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Director of Mapping
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 GPO Box 44A
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Cathedral Avenue
Perth W.A. 6000
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Canberra A.C.T. 2601

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Sydney N.S.W. 2001

Northern Territory Division

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Darwin N.T. 5794

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GPO Box 1817
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