



**SYMBOLS FOR TACTUAL  
AND  
LOW VISION TOWN MAPS**

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The National Mapping Council was established by agreement between the Commonwealth and State Governments in 1945.

The Council comprises the heads of the Commonwealth and State mapping organisations and its function is to co-ordinate Commonwealth and State mapping activities.

At the Council's forty-third meeting, held in Adelaide during October 1985, the following resolution was passed:

### Resolution 427 - Specification for Tactual Mapping

The Council

noting representations from the Australian Institute of Cartographers regarding specifications for tactual mapping, and

recognizing that maps of urban areas produced for visually handicapped people should be uniform throughout Australia,

RESOLVES to adopt and publish the national specification for tactual and low vision town maps prepared by the Institute as a national standard for such maps.

'Specifications for Tactual and Low Vision Town Maps' adopted by the Council contains symbols to be used in the making of tactual and low vision town maps and guidelines for their application.

Hopefully, the specifications will not only be used by Commonwealth and State mapping organisations but also by mobility instructors, teachers and

any organisation involved in mapping for the visually handicapped. The specifications have been prepared for map makers but familiarity with map symbols contained therein is essential for efficient map reading.

This publication contains examples of symbols for town maps as well as a sample map, all in tactual and low vision form. It is intended for use by mobility instructors, educational bodies and libraries in helping the visually handicapped to become familiar with map symbols and thus be better able to read and use tactual and low vision maps.

To obtain copies of tactual maps or information about them, contact the following mapping organisations:

Department of Mapping & Surveying  
PO Box 234  
North Quay Brisbane Qld 4000

Australian Survey Office  
Department of Local Government &  
Administrative Services  
PO Box 2  
Belconnen ACT 2616

Central Mapping Authority of NSW  
Panorama Avenue  
Bathurst NSW 2795

Department of Lands and Surveys  
Cathedral Avenue  
Perth WA 6000

Department of Property & Services  
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Melbourne Vic 3002

Division of National Mapping  
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Hobart Tas 7001

Department of Lands  
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Adelaide SA 5001

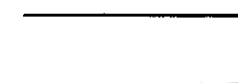
SYMBOLS FOR TOWN MAPS

ROADS STREETS AND ASSOCIATED FEATURES

STREET DEFINED BY BUILDINGS .....



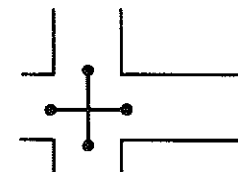
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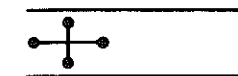
FOOTPATH THROUGH OPEN SPACE .....



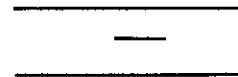
TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT INTERSECTION.....



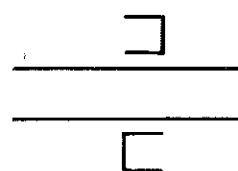
TRAFFIC LIGHTS-PEDESTRIAN ONLY .....



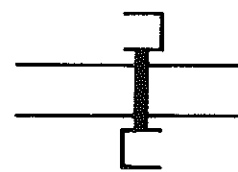
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.....



PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS .....



PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS .....



FOOTBRIDGE .....



BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED FEATURES

BUILDING WITH ENTRANCES .....



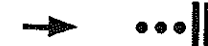
BUILDING OR CITY BLOCK IDENTIFICATION NUMBER .....



STAIRS, UP IN DIRECTION OF ARROW .....



ESCALATOR UP .....



RAMP UP .....



TELEPHONE BOX .....



PILLAR .....



TOILETS FEMALE .....



TOILETS MALE .....



TOILETS UNISEX .....



OBSTRUCTION .....

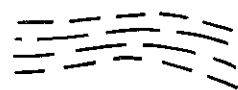


WATER FEATURES

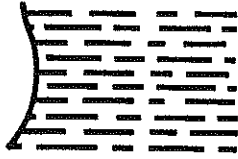
SMALL STREAM .....



LARGE STREAM .....

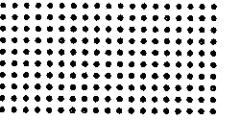


WATER AREAS WITH SHORELINE, SEA, LAKE, ETC .....



AREA FEATURES

PARK OR RECREATION AREA WITH PREPARED GRASS .....



OPEN AREA, CAR PARK GOLF COURSE LABELLED AS APPROPRIATE .....



TRANSPORT

RAILWAY .....



TRAMWAY .....



BUS OR TRAM STOP .....

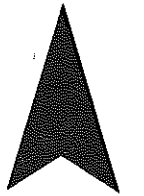


RAILWAY STATION .....



MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS

NORTH POINT .....



DIRECTION ARROW .....



LOCATION MARK .....



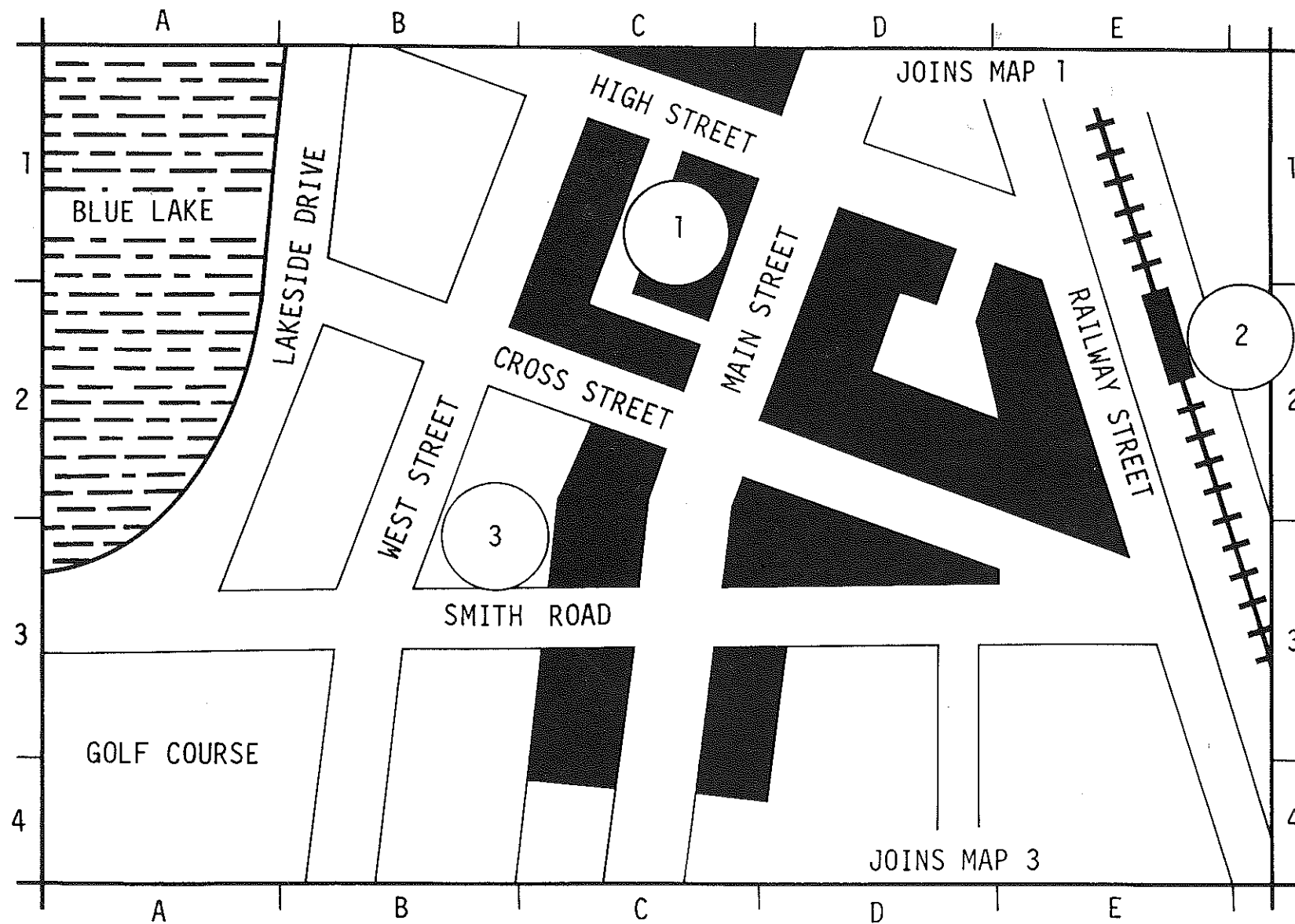
ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY .....



DISCOURAGEMENT LINE .....



URBANVILLE TOWN CENTRE  
 MAP 2 OF 3 SHEETS SCALE 1:1250  
 AS AT 1986



- LIST OF FEATURES
- 1 TOWN HALL . . . . . C1
  - 2 RAILWAY STATION .. E2
  - 3 BUS TERMINAL . . . . B3

REFER TO FIGURE 2 FOR LIST OF MAP SYMBOLS