



**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
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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
2 Treasury Place
Melbourne Vic 3002

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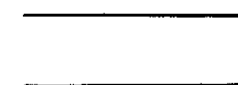
SYMBOLS FOR TOWN MAPS

ROADS STREETS AND ASSOCIATED FEATURES

STREET DEFINED BY BUILDINGS



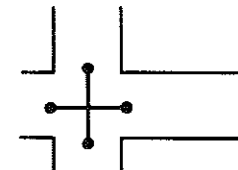
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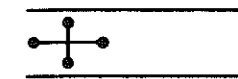
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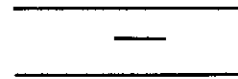
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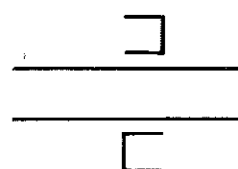
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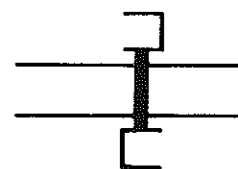
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.....



PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS



PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS



FOOTBRIDGE



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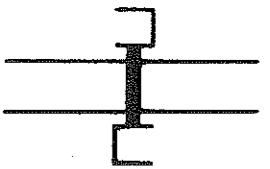
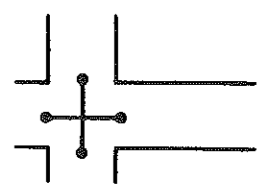
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BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED FEATURES

BUILDING WITH ENTRANCES



BUILDING OR CITY BLOCK IDENTIFICATION NUMBER



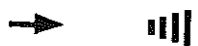
STAIRS, UP IN DIRECTION OF ARROW



ESCALATOR UP



RAMP UP



TELEPHONE BOX



PILLAR



TOILETS FEMALE



TOILETS MALE



TOILETS UNISEX

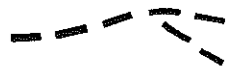


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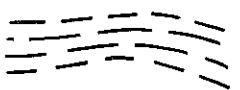


WATER FEATURES

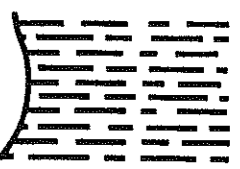
SMALL STREAM



LARGE STREAM



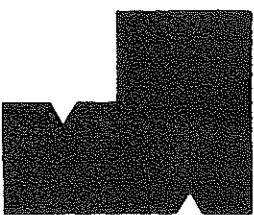
WATER AREAS WITH SHORELINE, SEA, LAKE, ETC



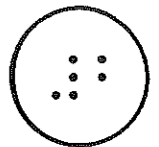
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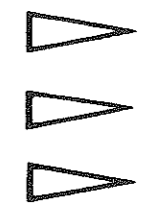
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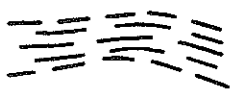
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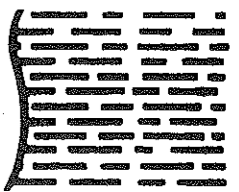
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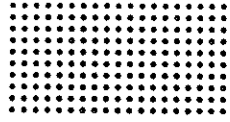


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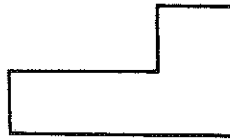


AREA FEATURES

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



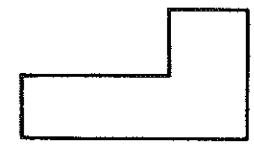
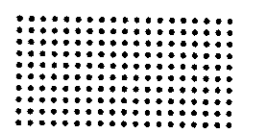
DISCOURAGEMENT LINE





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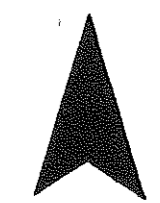
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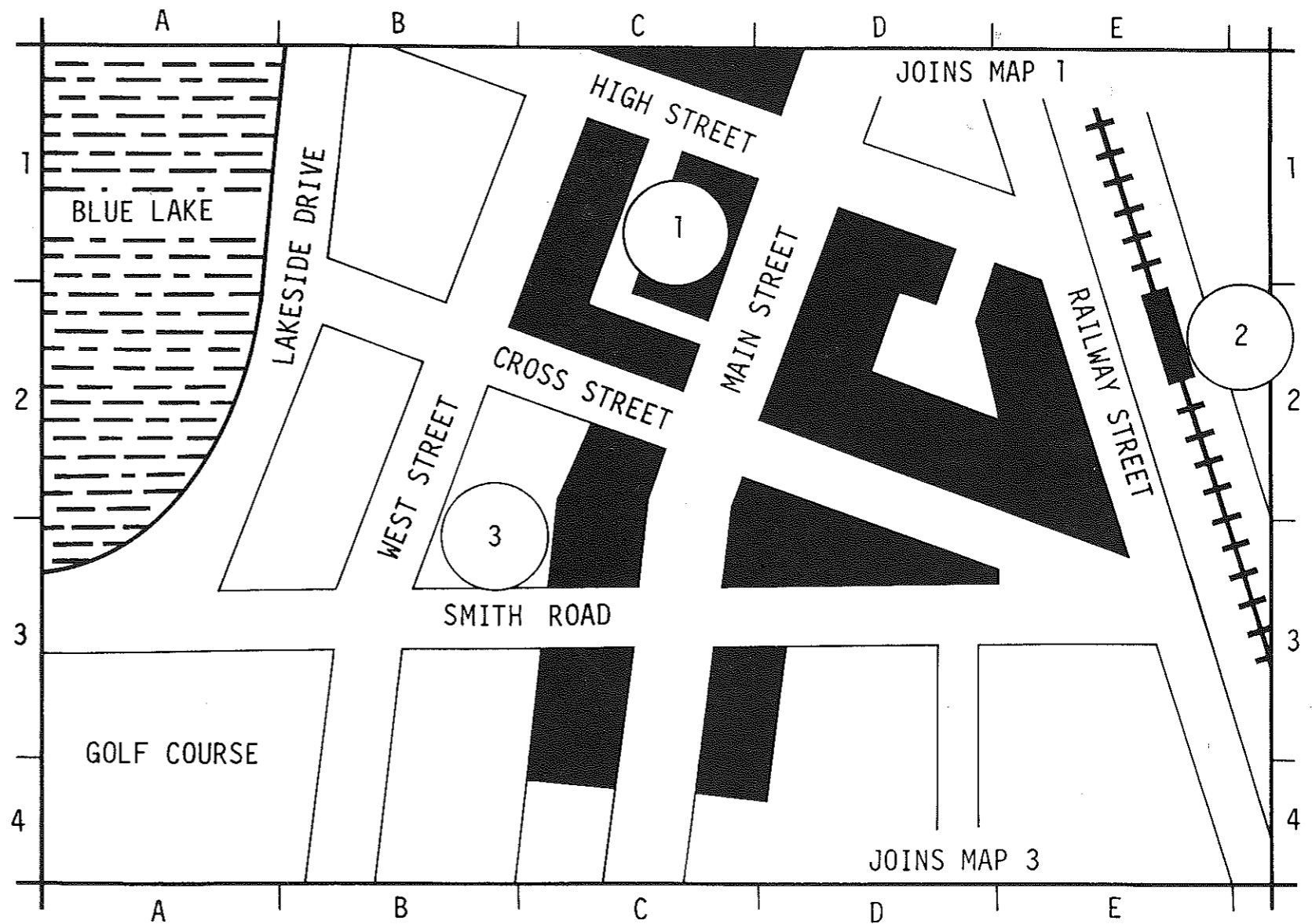
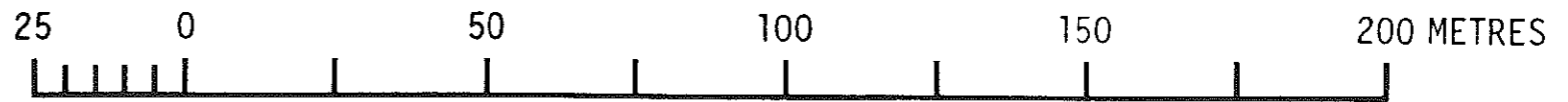
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URBANVILLE TOWN CENTRE

MAP 2 OF 3 SHEETS SCALE 1:1250

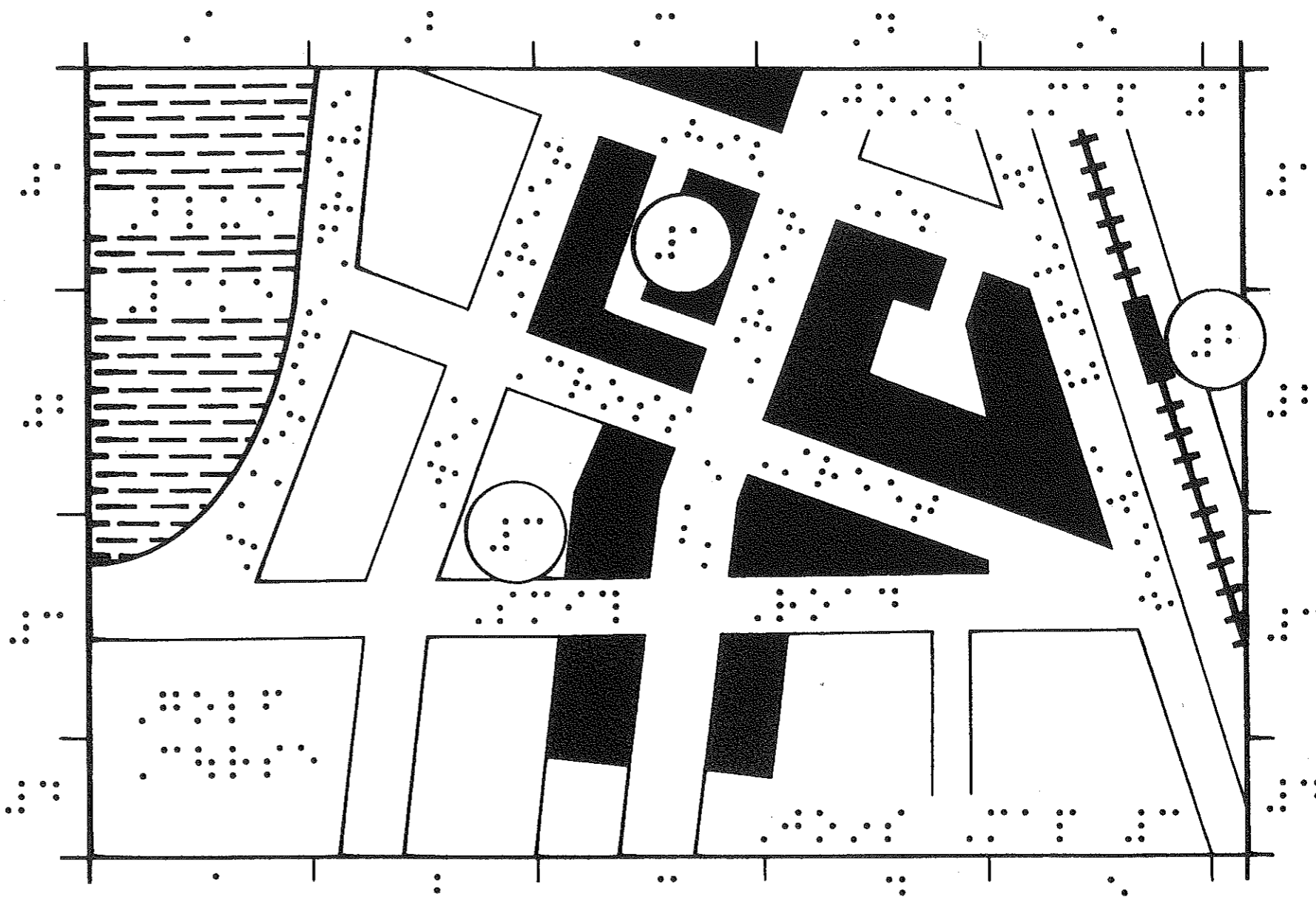
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- LIST OF FEATURES
- 1 TOWN HALL C1
 - 2 RAILWAY STATION .. E2
 - 3 BUS TERMINAL B3

REFER TO FIGURE 2 FOR LIST OF MAP SYMBOLS

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