

# STAND EASY

After 45 years in mapping, Byrne Ernest Goodrick MBE, FAIC retired as Chief Executive Officer Cartography, of the Division of National Mapping on 25 March 1994.

Byrne began his career in 1939 with Vic Lands. He joined the Army in 1940 and served in the 2/1 Corps Field Survey Company in the Middle East and Pacific Theatres. He returned to Vic Lands in 1945.

In 1949 Byrne joined Natmap Melbourne. He was soon promoted to senior draftsman in the Canberra office. In 1957 Byrne returned to the Melbourne office and assumed responsibility for the photogrammetric compilation of the National Topographic Map Series. He went back to Canberra in 1965 as Chief Cartographer and directed projects such as the preparation of the Atlas of Australian Resources. In 1977 Byrne was promoted to Chief Executive Officer Cartography to manage the Topographic, Thematic and Geographic Branches of the Division.

In 1976 Byrne was awarded an MBE for his *Public Service in the Mapping of Australia*.

Other achievements included the establishment of an automated topographic name selection and typesetting system; the introduction of cartographic management systems; advocating, and finally achieving through the National Mapping Council, greater uniformity in topographic map specifications and standards between the Commonwealth and the States; the conversion of the census collection district boundaries into digital form.

Also, Byrne is internationally known and became Vice President of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) in 1980. He has represented Australia at regional conferences sponsored by the United Nations (UN).

He spent 1981 on secondment to the UN in the Philippines.

Byrne also recognised the need for Tactual Maps for the visually handicapped and established a Tactual Mapping program.

In retirement Byrne is still active as Vice President of the ICA, Chairman of the Tactual Mapping Working Group and editor of its newsletter.

On the 26 April 1984 Byrne extended his previous days Anzac reunions to include some old Natmappers from the Dandenong office. During a pleasant counter lunch old stories were recalled and Byrne explained his new lifestyle of making snowshoes for touring Australia's Alps. All his friends in the Dandenong office wish him and his wife a long life and happiness.

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