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Mesh Blocks

New Micro Level Geography

The *Information Paper: Draft Mesh Blocks Australia, 2005* (cat. no. 1209.0.55.001) was released on 9 September, in conjunction with the *Mesh Blocks (Draft) Digital Boundaries, Australia* (cat. no. 1209.0.30.001).

Mesh Blocks are a new micro level of geography which will form a comprehensive infrastructure for assigning a house, farm, factory or business to its correct Mesh Block based upon its street address. It is intended to become the basic building block of all statistical, political and administrative geography in Australia.

The paper seeks comments on the draft Mesh Blocks from statistical and spatial data users who may have knowledge of local conditions that was not available to the ABS during the design process. Feedback on the draft boundaries for Mesh Blocks will be an important input to their usability and long-term stability.

Responses should be sent by 31 December to:

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Statistical Geography in NSW

NSW Statistical Geography has undergone significant change as a result of Local Government Area (LGA) restructuring. The 2005 *Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC)* (cat. no. 1216.0) will reflect all current NSW LGA changes.

The 2006 ASGC, which is the basis for 2006 Census and Estimated Resident Population data, will also include a number of changes to other geographic levels as a result of consultations and reviews undertaken in NSW.

For 2006, there will be changes to the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level of geography in NSW. These will include the removal of a number of SLAs with populations below 10,000 persons and some new SLAs dividing areas with populations near or over 100,000 persons. Some NSW Statistical Districts (S Dist) have also undergone change. The Gold Coast-Tweed S Dist has been enlarged to include coastal development in the southern part of the Tweed LGA while the Bathurst-Orange S Dist will be divided into two S Dists based on the former Bathurst and Current Orange LGA boundaries.



2006 Census of Population and Housing

Nature and Content

The *Information Paper: 2006 Census of Population and Housing - Nature and Content* (cat. no. 2008.0) will be released in late 2005.

This publication will describe the procedures for the 2006 Census and the topics that will be included. The procedures have been determined after evaluation of the 2001 Census data and processes, and extensive public consultation.

Topic related changes from the 2001 Census include the introduction of the questions on the need for assistance with everyday activities, unpaid work, and number of children ever born. The publication will also describe modifications to the labour force questions and revised approaches to collection and coding of age, income, tenure type and industry related questions. In addition, a new experimental level of geographical output called Mesh Blocks will be trialled in 2006.

Proposed Products and Services

The *Information Paper: 2006 Census of Population and Housing - Proposed Products and Services* (cat. no. 2011.0) was released on 6 September.

This paper provides information on the suite of proposed products and services for the 2006 Census and seeks user views on these proposals through a questionnaire. The questionnaire is also available online at <www.abs.gov.au/census>.

Consultation sessions will be held in Sydney at the ABS NSW Office on Tuesday 25 October (9.30 am and 2.00 pm) and Wednesday 26 October (9.30 am). Numbers for each session are limited. To reserve your place please contact Jill Tomlinson, phone (02) 9268 4123, email <jill.tomlinson@abs.gov.au>.



Pregnancy and Work Transitions Survey (PaWTS)

The Pregnancy and Work Transitions Survey (PaWTS) will be conducted in November 2005 as a supplement to the Monthly Labour Force Survey.

The PaWTS will provide important statistics about the number of women who work while pregnant and some aspects of women's working experiences while pregnant and after returning to paid work, as well as the use of leave by women and their partners following the birth of a child. The scope of the survey will be women who are birth mothers of children aged under 2 years.

Results are expected to be available in August 2006. An information consultancy service and a web-based product entitled *Pregnancy and Work Transitions, Australia, November 2005* will be available at the time of release.

For more information contact Michael Giess on (02) 6252 5359, email <michael.giess@abs.gov.au>.

Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)

A new classification of occupations, the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)* (cat. no. 1220.0) is being developed by the ABS, Statistics New Zealand and the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. ANZSCO will replace the existing *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO), Second Edition* (cat. no. 1220.0).

An information paper *ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations* (cat. no. 1221.0) was released in late September and included the final structure of ANZSCO. The complete classification (including definitions for all categories) is expected to be released in July 2006. ANZSCO will be implemented in ABS collections from 2006 onwards.

For more information contact Andrew Woolley on (02) 6252 7073 or Ian McLean on (02) 6252 5377, email

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Australia's Welfare Conference 2005

Australia's Welfare Conference 2005: Connected Challenges, Connecting Response is being held on Wednesday 30 November at the National Library of Australia. Presented by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), this one day conference incorporates the launch of Australia's premier welfare publication *Australia's Welfare 2005* and includes presentations from renowned welfare and community services professionals including:

- **Dr Jeff Harmer**, Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- **Prof Alan Hayes**, Director, Australian Institute of Family Studies
- **Mr Andrew McCallum**, President, Australian Council for Social Research
- **Dr Richard Madden**, Director, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- **Prof Peter Saunders**, Director, Social Policy Research Centre
- **Dr Ian Winter**, Executive Director, Australian Institute and Urban Research Institute

For further information please access the web site at <www.aihw.gov.au> or contact Anna Stark on (02) 6244 1287, email <anna.stark@aihw.gov.au>.

Household Expenditure Survey

The Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Summary of Results, 2003-04 (cat. no. 6530.0) was released on 11 August 2005. This publication presents information on the levels and patterns of expenditure of Australian households, classified according to their income, net worth and other household characteristics. Expenditure is classified by broad expenditure group. The information presented in this publication is also available on a state by state basis. Detailed expenditure information is available in *Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Detailed Expenditure Items* (cat. no. 6535.0.55.001). For further information contact Jan Gatenby on (02) 6252 6174, email <jan.gatenby@abs.gov.au>.

Households in NSW recorded the third highest average weekly expenditure (\$938) and the third highest level of gross household income (\$1,212 a week).

Source: *New South Wales - Highlights from the Household Expenditure Survey 2003-04*, available through the ABS home page <www.abs.gov.au>





Selected Releases August to September 2005

ABS publications are available to download free from the ABS web site at <www.abs.gov.au/ausstats>. To enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

ABS cat. no.		ABS cat. no.	
1209.0.55.001	Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing - Proposed Products and Services, 2006	4704.0.55.00	Recent Developments in the Collection of Indigenous Statistics, 2005
1221.0	Information Paper: ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standards of Occupations, 2005	4714.0.55.003	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social Survey, Australia: Summary Booklet, 2002
1380.0.55.002	Perspectives on Regional Australia: Sources of Income, Experimental Estimates, 2000-01	5501.0.55.001	Government Financial Estimates, Australia, Electronic Delivery, 2005-06
2011.0	Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing - Proposed Products and Services, 2006	5514.0	Australian System of Government Finance Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005
3412.0	Migration, Australia, 2003-04	5673.0.55.003	Regional Wage and Salary Earner Statistics, Australia - Data Cubes, 2002-03
4183.0	Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2003-04	7106.0	Australian Farming in Brief, 2005
4619.0	Experimental Estimates of Regional Agricultural Water Use, Research Paper, 2000-01	7503.0	Value of Agricultural Commodities Product, Australia, 2003-04
4704.0	The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2005	8104.0	Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia, 2003-04
		8695.0	Accommodation Services, Australia, 2003-04





Selected Expected Releases October to November 2005

ABS cat. no.		ABS cat. no.	
1295.0	Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Implementation	4704.0.55.002	The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: Summary Booklet, 2005
1362.0	Information Paper: Regional Research in Australia - the Statistical Dimension: an Information Development Plan for Rural and Regional Statistics, 2005	5204.0	Australian System of National Accounts, 2004-05
2008.0	2006 Census of Population and Housing: Nature and Content, 2006	5220.0	Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2004-05
2903.0	How Australia Takes a Census, 2006	5678.0	Venture Capital, Australia, 2004-05
3222.0	Population Projections, Australia, 2004 to 2101	6313.0	Information Paper: Changes to ABS Measures of Employee Remuneration, 2005
3301.0	Births, Australia, 2004	6429.0	Producer and International Trade Price Indexes: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005
3303.0.55.001	Divorces, Australia, 2004	6440.0	A Guide to the Consumer Price Index: 15th Series, 2005
3306.0.55.001	Marriages, Australia, 2004	8221.1.55.001	Manufacturing Industry, New South Wales, 2001-02
4130.0.55.001	Housing Occupancy and Costs, Australia, 2003-04	8226.0	Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage Operations, Australia, 2003-04
4618.0	Water Use on Australian Farms, 2002 to 2004	8415.0	Mining Operations, Australia, 2003-04
4619.0	Experimental Estimates of Regional Agricultural Water Use, Research Paper, 2000-01		