

Editorial

What was the name recently given to the South West corner post of NSW state border?

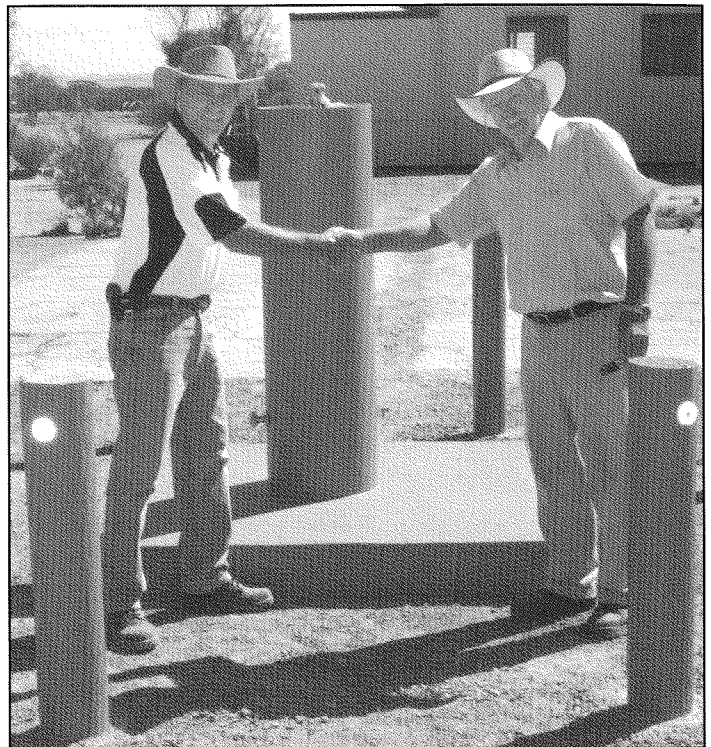
Those that know will have read page 53 of the 2009 summer edition of the Spatial Science magazine (cover picture below) recently edited by Ken Alexander and myself. For those that are not aware the magazine can be accessed through the SSI website under "publications" and is now in screen readable format.

It contains lots of interesting material with this edition being focused on remote sensing. We do hope that you can locate it and read it. With electronic delivery now so widespread I often wonder how many members actually spend the time to read such material given their busy schedules, and whether hard copy is the better medium. The magazine is only available in electronic form in WA to save on printing cost.

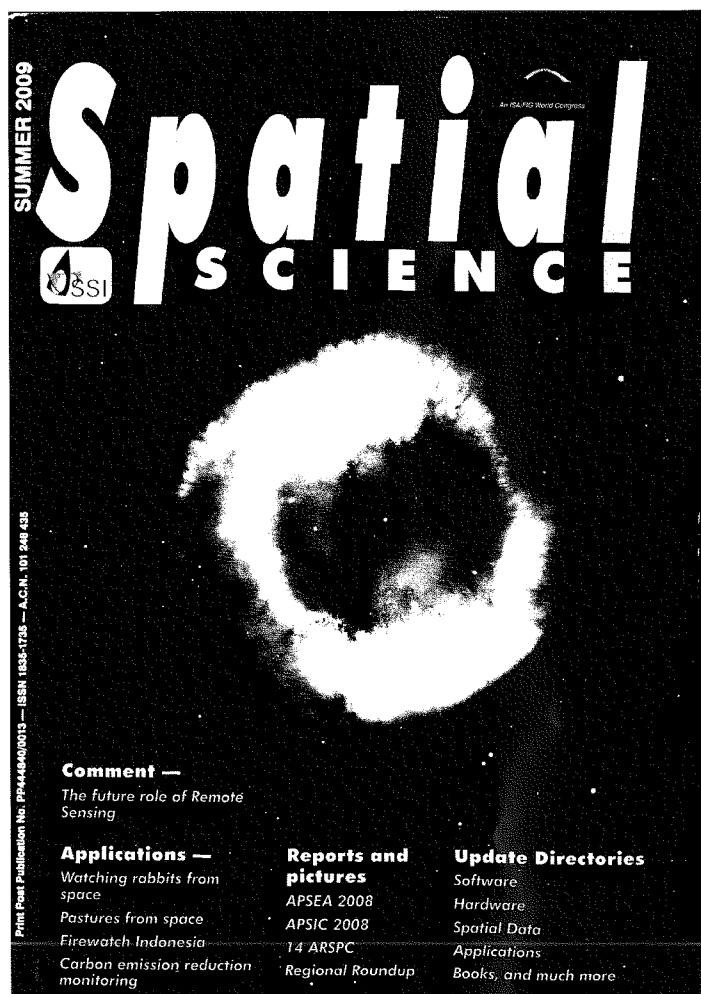
The committee is also considering the future of G4 which could be replaced by a more frequent electronic communication newsletter in keeping with modern trends. I will keep you posted.

Eugene Browne.

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Landgate staff Bob McCarthy, Manager Geodetic Survey and Survey Officer Jim Payne celebrating the completion of the CORS pillar at Burakin.



The Landgate CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Station) Project, which will result in 26 permanent Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) stations built across Western Australia by 2011 is making great progress. The project, which will serve the surveying/spatial data and geoscience research communities, is being jointly funded by Landgate and the Commonwealth government through the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS). It is part of a national initiative under the direction of AuScope Limited that will see the largest injection of funds into Australian geodesy ever. The National project includes 100 CORS across Australia, precise gravity instrumentation and three Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) installations.

Since the last newsletter on 20 February 2009 (refer to <http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/corporate.nsf/web/CORS+News>) the stations at Esperance, Norseman and Kellerberrin are now streaming data to Geoscience Australia's processing centre in Canberra. Dual pillars have been constructed at Wagin and currently, another pillar is being constructed at Yellowdine (east of Southern Cross). Western Australia has more sites built and streaming data, than any other State, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Landgate CORS Project team. For those who don't know about the CORS Project, more information is available in the newsletters on the Landgate website or contact Linda Morgan at linda.morgan@landgate.wa.gov.au.

http://www.spatialsciences.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=151&Itemid=140