

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to Edition 4 of the Geography Bulletin for 2019.

**Geography Matters** was selected as the focus title for this issue to promote the value of Geography in the curriculum and examine the place of citizenship in geographical education, including ideas for teaching about sustainability.

Special thanks to the following authors and publications who have given permission to republish material:

- Anna Davies and Frances Fahy for *'Here are 9 reasons why Geography matters'*
- The Australian Academy of Science from *Geography: Shaping Australia's Future*
- The Conversation for *Caring about Climate Change: Global Citizens and Moral Decision Making*
- Gaye Braiding for *Spark: NSW Ecosystems on show*

### Assessment tasks

The generosity of the following schools who have shared assessment tasks is acknowledged with appreciation. It is through teachers and schools sharing ideas and resources that Geography becomes stronger.

- Geography Faculty Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview and Alex Damo, St Pius X College, Chatswood for *Interactions and Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect*. (Elective Geography)
- Geography Department: Cranbrook School for *Changing Places: Changing Assessment* (Stage 5)

### Articles

Thank you to the following authors for writing material for publication in the Bulletin. Your contributions are valued by GTA and can be used as self-identified professional learning for your NESA accreditation where relevant.

- Alex Pentz for *Going Global*
- Louise Swanson for *Teaching controversial issues in Geography*
- Grant Kleeman for *The Amazon Burns*
- Paul Batten for *Geography Professional Learning Online report*
- Sasha Jessop for *Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Flood Resource*

NOTE: There are four appendices with this edition to supplement articles.

- \* Appendix 1 is a PPT of the transect needed for students to complete the *Interactions and Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect assessment task*.
- \* Appendix 2 is an editable Word version of the assessment task *Changing Places: Changing Assessment* for adaptation to suit individual schools.
- \* Appendix 3 is an activity linked to *The Amazon Burns*
- \* Appendix 4: Future Crunch: 99 Good news stories from 2019



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## 2019 AGM and 2020 GTA NSW & ACT Council

At the Annual General Meeting on November 27th a motion was passed to change the name of GTA NSW Inc. to GTA NSW & ACT Inc. This formalises an arrangement GTA has with the ACT and provides teachers in the ACT with the same member benefits as NSW teachers.

The 2020 GTA NSW & ACT Council was elected with all nominations unopposed. It is wonderful to have seven representatives from regional NSW and ACT.

President: Susan Caldis

Vice Presidents:

Sharon McLean, Lorraine Chaffer, Louise Swanson and Alexandria Warnock (Newcastle).

Elected Councillors:

Alex Pentz, Grant Kleeman, Martin Pluss, Paul Batten, David Latimer, Adrian Harrison, Karen Bowden, Keith Hopkins, Katerina Stojanovski. John Lewis (Newcastle), Cath Donnelly (Newcastle), Drew Collins (Newcastle), Michael de Rosa (ACT), David Proctor (Broken Hill)

Treasurer: Grant Kleeman

Editor Lorraine Chaffer

There are three co-opted council members:

Paul Alger, Grace Larobina, John Petts (Wagga)

NOTE: The full President's Annual Report for 2019 can be found later in this publication.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GTA NSW & ACT Annual Conference – Term 2 2020

- K-10 Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May (ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park)
- Stage 6 Saturday 23 May Novotel Sydney Olympic Park.

**Webinars – Term 1 2020** – Dates and topics tbc

**HSC Exam Preparation Lectures – Term 2 2020.** Dates and venues tbc

**Regional conferences** – dates and venues tbc.

NOTE: Expressions of Interest to present at the Annual Conference are open on the Conference website (See flyer after the editorial)

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Editor

## BREAKING NEWS



### GTA are excited to announce that Damon Gameau will be a keynote speaker at the 2020 GTA NSW & ACT Annual Conference

Damon's new film, 2040, is an innovative feature documentary that explores what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. It was released in April 2019 and is already in the top five highest grossing documentaries of all time in Australia at the cinema

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