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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of the Geography Bulletin for 2020. The theme of this edition is Planet, People and Profit. The articles selected to fit this theme are:

Planet

- **Bushfires** by Dr Grant Kleeman, a factual summary of the features of bushfires for primary teachers. This article links to the Primary Geography Alive resource on the GTA NSW & ACT Website.

People and Planet

- **The Problem of an Aging Global Population** by Katie Jones (Visual Capitalist) examines the social and economic consequences of ageing.
- **Liveability Assessment Task** by Drew Collins is an 'Investigative study through fieldwork into the liveability of a local area' for Stage 4
- **Biomes Assessment Task** by Alex Damo requires students to 'Create a sustainable ratings system for food or clothing'.

People, Profit and Planet

- **How big should the economy be?** by Jason van Tol looks at 'economic growth as a fundamental driver of the human actions that have not only initiated the degradation of many environmental functions, but continue to do so, since growth is enshrined worldwide in national government policy'
- **Fight for the Bight** by Linley Hurrell argues for the protection of the Great Australian Bight from oil drilling.

The remaining articles are linked to Planet, People and Profit through skill development and career pathways.

- **Skill Development Using Graphic News** by Lorraine Chaffer contains student activities for analysing a set of infographics GTA NSW & ACT is licensed to publish.
- **Spatial Technologies Inside and Outside Your Geography Classroom** by Lorraine Chaffer (originally published in the Centre for Professional Learning Journal) examines the requirement to incorporate Spatial Technologies into Geography K-10 classrooms
- **Getting students excited about geography's real-world applications** investigates surveying as a career pathway for geography students
- **2019 Australian Geography Competition** contains results by state and an analysis of NSW and ACT competition results.
- Australian Geography Competition Sample paper 2018

The Geography Bulletin Features

Appendices – Since 2019 student activities relevant to selected articles in each edition are provided as appendices published with each edition as PDF and editable Word documents. Members login to access full bulletins, separate articles and the appendices.

Hyperlinked articles – you can find hyperlinked articles by topic from past editions in this document on the GTA NSW & ACT website. Save time searching and download just the article you are looking for at <https://www.gtansw.org.au/bulletin/a-guide-to-geography-bulletin-resources/>

COMING EVENTS

WEBINARS in TERM 2

Tuesday 9 June – STEM and Geography

Presenter: Kimberley Parnis

Thursday 18 June – Primary School Geography

Presenters: Gail Braiding and Theone Ellas

ONLINE LEARNING

Geography 102: Concepts 2 – A self-paced and timed professional learning opportunity. Flyer and registration link here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LvHtUqDI_n4gnYYHu_DpzjS646cbuAbV/view

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Geography Learning Journey – 21, 22 and 23 May

Attend 1, 2 or 3 days for workshops and presentations for Primary, Years 7–10 and Stage 6. Visit the conference website for more details at <https://ptcnsw.eventsair.com/2020-gta-conf/>



GTA NSW & ACT have made the decision to postpone the Annual Conference. This is based on advice from the Australian Government against organised, non-essential gatherings of large groups in response to COVID-19. A new date will be set based on advice from health authorities as it becomes available. The venue may also need to change.

In the meantime, GTA NSW & ACT continues to offer support for Geography teachers through our website, journal, webinars and social media accounts.

Many thanks to the following organisations for supporting the Annual Conference 2020 through sponsorship.

Sydney Olympic Park (Conference tote bag and teacher scholarship), Sydney Water (Conference water bottles) and Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (Thursday Keynote speaker)



NOTE: It is anticipated that most of the original program on the following pages will transfer to the new date and venue.

Please check the conference website for conference news, updated program and registration details <https://ptcnsw.eventsair.com/2020-gta-conf/>

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