

EDITORIAL

Welcome to Edition 2 of the Geography Bulletin for 2020. This is a special edition that is taking on a different format due to the demands on teachers resulting from interruptions to the delivery of lessons to students as a result of COVID-19. The aim is to make existing bulletin resources more useable by turning them into lesson sized or project-based activities with an immediate classroom or online use that does not increase teacher workload.

The edition will consist of three components to provide resources that can be used for online and in class lessons with minimal teacher effort.

- The Geography Bulletin containing condensed and adapted articles for Stage 4 & 5 topics from previous editions. There will be some new material.
- A Geography Bulletin Supplement containing Blackline Masters student activities suited to hard copy and digital use.
- Student activities in PPT format that can be imported into school online delivery methods such as Flipcharts and Google Classroom. These are directed at students e.g. In this activity/lesson you will

Example of a condensed and adapted article

Water in the World



The Bow River Catchment

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A condensed and adapted version of an article
in Geography Bulletin: Vol 48, No 1, 2016

The Bow River on its journey from the Rocky Mountains to the sea. Photo: L. Chaffer

Example of activities in PPT format



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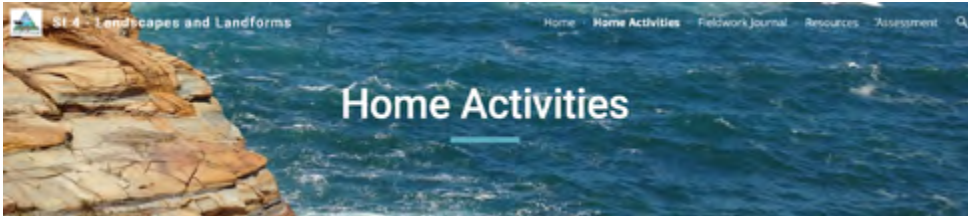
GTA NSW & ACT acknowledge the wonderful work being done by the **NSW Environmental and Zoo Education Centres** in supporting teachers during this time by creating virtual resources for schools to support teaching and learning from home and in the classroom. The centres have given free access to Geography teaching and learning resources and developed virtual fieldwork activities until normal fieldwork activities can resume. These resources will be available to teachers registering for EZEC programs after schools and fieldwork activities return to normal.

A selection of programs run by EZEC's across the state with links to the free access resources are included in this edition.

An interactive map showing locations and details of the 25 NSW Department of

Education Environmental and Zoo Education Centres (EZEC) can be found here https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=153_82bL_wyPWbt5Wn8EbvqFoxgs&ll=-32.81663794608359%2C150.3307552&z=6

Sample EZEC online learning resource. More examples can be found at <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/high-school-resources/home>



GTA NSW & ACT Semester 1 Program

Annual Conference

GTANSW & ACT Annual Conference has been postponed for a later date. Members will be notified when a new date and venue are determined.

Geography Cafe Conversations

Organised by GTANSW & ACT Vice President Sharon McLean, these virtual conversations were an opportunity for Stage 4, 5 & 6 teachers to discuss strategies and experiences on teaching Geography both in online and physical classrooms.

Further Cafe Conversations are being considered for Term 3 & 4.

Term 1 Webinar Program

1. Nuts and Bolts – Programs, Scope and Sequence Assessment Schedules and Lesson Starters: Keith Hopkins and David Latimer
2. Differentiation in Geography: Rex Cooke and Cassie Crompton

Term 2 Webinar program

1. STEM and Geography Presenter: Kimberly Parnis
2. Primary School Geography Presenters: Gaye Braiding and Theone Ellas

Note: Members can access past presentations through the GTA website under the resources tab.

Upcoming events

HSC Exam Preparation Lectures

These will be presented in a digital format for 2020. Schools can register to access the digital presentations. Check the GTANSW & ACT Website, Facebook page and HSC Facebook Group for details.

A [link to register](#) for the HSC Exam preparation package can be found on the GTA website.

Webinar program

Semester 2 Webinar program to be announced.