

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Lorraine Chaffer
2021 Annual Conference Convenor

I am excited to share with you the news that two high profile Keynote Speakers will present at the GTA NSW and ACT Annual Conference.



THURSDAY 13 MAY

**DAMON GAMEAU: DIRECTOR, WRITER,
PRODUCER, PRESENTER**

'Damon's 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.'

Damon's full biography is on the conference website.



Damon is a sought-after speaker and spoke at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit in New York. Damon has also addressed numerous Governments around the world and spoken at organisations such as GOOGLE, BP, PWC, ANZ, ZURICH, ATLISSIAN, UTAH CLEANENERGY, MASTERCARD, CREDIT SUISSE and many more. He was a NSW nomination for Australian of the Year in 2020.

FRIDAY 14 MAY

IVAN MOTLEY: FOUNDER, DIRECTOR AT .id

Ivan will relate the story of himself as a Geographer who founded .id (informed decisions) which for over 20 years has been an innovator and set and maintained the industry standard for delivering demographic and economic online tools for locational decision making. In a message for all Geography teachers Ivan will explain that simply providing data has a low-level impact and to have an influence, we can give geographic data a soul through storytelling.



Ivan's Keynote abstract is on the conference website.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

- AUSTRALIAN MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (Mobile Muster) – Major Sponsor Thursday 13 May
- SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK – Conference Bag sponsor and 1 x Teacher Scholarship
- SYDNEY WATER – Water bottle sponsor
- EDUCATION PERFECT – Lanyard sponsor



CONFERENCE CHARITY

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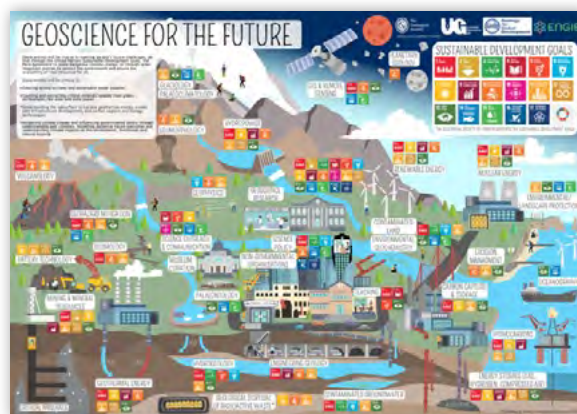
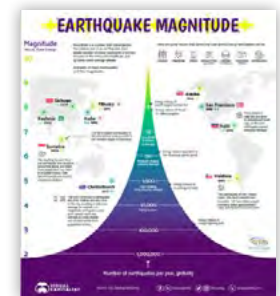
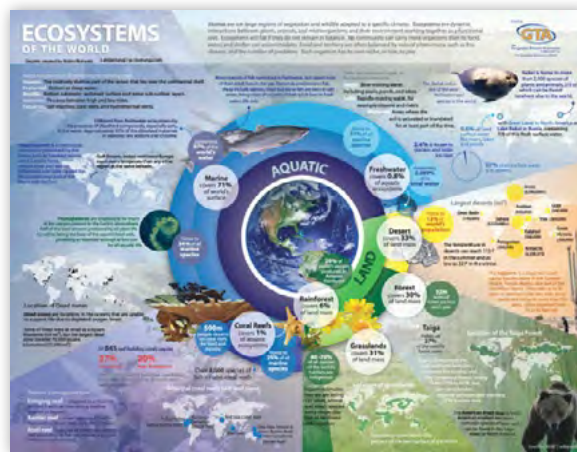
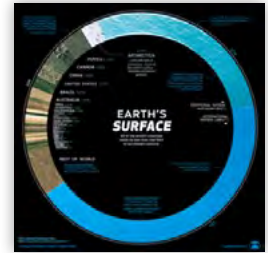


POSTER GIVEAWAY FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

GTA has produced posters for Geography classrooms. Selected posters will be distributed free to all conference attendees. Upon registration at the conference, teachers will receive poster vouchers each day they attend.

Posters can be selected from:

- *Ecosystems of the World*
- *Geoscience for the future*
- *Earthquakes*
- *How to Spot Fake News*
- *UN Sustainable Development Targets*
- *Earth's Surface*



Get Kids into Survey flat packed posters will also be given away free.

<https://www.getkidsintosurvey.com/resources/>



**ALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS and
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**



The Geography Teachers Association of NSW & ACT is excited to announce early details about the Annual Conference 2021. An exciting program is in development which will offer teachers a range of professional learning and networking opportunities.

Geography 7-12 – Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park

DATES: Thursday 13 and Friday 14 May

TIMES: Thursday 8.30 – 3.30 (5.5 hours professional learning)
Friday 8.30 – 3.00 (5 hours professional learning)

REGISTRATION (Prices include GST)

- Members \$330 1 day & \$550 2 days
- Pre-service teachers \$110 per day
- Non-members \$440 1 day & \$660 2 days
- All conference attendees will receive free classroom posters printed by GTA NSW & ACT on each day of their attendance. GTA poster packs can be pre-ordered and paid for at registration – for collection at the event (no postage). Cylinders will be provided to protect your posters.
- Parking in SOP Parking stations can be included in registration @ \$25 per day

NOTE: Individual registrations are essential.
It is not possible for teachers to 'share' a 2-day registration.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be available through a submission process and decided on merit. Applications will be open to permanently employed teachers who

[For more details and registration link click HERE](#)

NESA ELECTIVE HOURS

The GTANSW & ACT Annual Conference qualifies for inclusion as NESA ELECTIVE Professional Development. The conference satisfies the following:

- NESA priority area – Delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum
- Elective PD Criteria** (Enhances teaching practice; Relates to improving student outcomes; Provides for collaboration, transference, application; Involves feedback and reflection; Is research and evidence based)
- [Interim Principles of effective professional Learning.](#)

In 2021, GTA NSW & ACT is offering several scholarships to attend the Annual Conference at Stadium Australia on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 May

Who can apply?

Scholarships are available only to GTA NSW & ACT members.

Scholarships are available through a submission process and decided on merit.

Applications are open to permanently employed teachers who meet ONE OR MORE of the following criteria:

- are teaching Geography in the ACT
- have never previously attended a GTA NSW & ACT Annual Conference
- are teaching Stage 6 for the first time
- are in the first 5 years of teaching
- are teaching 'out of field'

For the successful applicants, scholarships will cover conference registration fees. Additionally, and only where appropriate, the scholarship will also cover one night accommodation at Sydney Olympic Park and a contribution to reasonable travel costs (such as coach, rail or car travel). The scholarship does not include costs associated with social events or other additional expenses incurred.

Applications will be shortlisted by a 'Scholarship team' of GTA NSW & ACT Councilors. The shortlist will be circulated to the GTA Council and a preferential vote will take place to determine the successful recipients. Winners will be notified by telephone during week starting 19 April 2021.

It is a requirement that scholarship recipients will report back to GTA NSW & ACT about how they shared what they had learned at the conference with their colleagues and include a teaching activity and/or resource they implemented in their classrooms. The report should be between 250–500 words.

Selection criteria

Applicants are required to address the following:

- Identify and justify** your perceived strength(s) in the teaching of Geography (200 Words)
- Explain** two challenges you are encountering in the teaching of Geography (200 words)
- Explain** why you believe attending the 2021 Annual Conference will help improve your capacity as a Geography teacher. Make reference to the conference program in your response to this question (200 words minimum - 400 words maximum).

It is an expectation of the GTA NSW & ACT Council that any application would include reference to NESA syllabus requirements and clear examples of recent teaching or professional experiences, where appropriate.

The application is to be completed online using the following link [CLICK HERE](#)

Closing date for entries is **6pm, Friday 1 April, 2021**. Enquiries can be addressed to Katerina Stojanovski via email at gta.admin@ptc.nsw.edu.au

Click on each image to access further conference information

DAY 1 THE GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY: Shaping futures STADIUM AUSTRALIA, Sydney Olympic Park						
THURSDAY MAY 13th 8.30 am – 3.30 pm						
7.45 – 8.20	REGISTRATION					
8.30 – 8.50	Conference welcome and opening, Acknowledgement of country. GTANSW & ACT Relieving President David Lattimer					
8.50 / 9.00 – 9.30	Keynote address: Regeneration: Shaping a sustainable future Duncan Grayson					
Movement break 10 minutes						
PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS						
Session 1 50 minutes 9.30 – 10.40	1a. Climate change and the Anthropocene Dr Jessica McLennan	1b. Human wellbeing as a hands-on topic for kinesthetic learners David Proctor	1c. Integrating Virtual Reality Teaching Tools into the Geography classroom: Using Fovovr K-19 Beth Weller	1d. GIS in the classroom: How to give your students the geographic advantage. Jake Lovejoy	1e. Empowering your Geography students to be accountable for their own success Lyne Strong	Outdoor locations Early Morning tea
10.40 – 11.00	MORNING TEA				1f. Fieldwork in Urban and Natural Environments at Sydney Olympic Park	
Session 2 50 minutes 11.00 – 12.00	2a / 3a HSC Marking Practices and Skills GTA HSC Marking Team This is a 2 1/2 hour practical workshop. Max 30 participants Do not select a session 3 option	2b / 3b Classroom Done Essential Angela Lapham Max 20 participants This is a 2 1/4 hour practical workshop. Do not select a session 3 option	2c. Surveying offers Geography students a new horizon Narelle Underwood NSW Surveyor General Movement break 15 minutes	2d. Spatial technologies are good for your Geography students. Discover how using spatial technologies, social media and networking can benefit our senior students. Brett Dacombe	2e. Livability: A topic to connect us all Adrian Slipp	Deirdre Logan Kim Tully A 1 hour in the field session to develop fieldwork capabilities and let you try to develop your own fieldwork activities and resources. Abstracted session
Session 3 50 minutes 12.15 – 1.15	Do not select a session 3 option					
LUNCH						
1.15 – 2.00	4a. Innovation and creativity in Geography Klynn Brooks	4b. Rehydrate and Regenerate Australia Luke Peel, Peter Huxell	4c. Permaculture and the Deep Learning Framework: Forging paths towards meaningful assessment Chris Tejeck, Paul Rikmanns	4d. Go 5d. Dr 5f. Ki		
Social event Meet for drinks						
■ Movement Break ■ Main breaks – Morning tea and lunch ■ 90 Minute session						
DAY 2 THE GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY: Shaping futures STADIUM AUSTRALIA, Sydney Olympic Park						
FRIDAY MAY 14th 8.30am – 3.00 pm						
REGISTRATION						
8.30 – 8.45	Welcome Day 2 Acknowledgement of country GTANSW & ACT Relieving President David Lattimer Introduction of Keynote					
8.45 – 9.15	Keynote address: We need Geographers. Ivany Molloy Teacher Awards presentation introduced by Dr Grant Kleemann, Brock Rowe, Geoff Curoley, Life Motaban.					
Movement break, 10 minutes						
PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS						
Session 5 50 minutes 9.40 – 10.40	5a. Effective Assessment and Feedback for Stage 6 Catherine Donnelly	5b. Earths Biomes and Climate – Integrated Systems thinking and why Geography is the key to solutions Luke Peel	5c. Fieldwork in your school grounds for place and livability David Proctor	5d. Map my school Angela Lapham	5e. Increasing student engagement through fieldwork and data collation. Diana Elias Jaye Dunn	
10.40 – 11.00	MORNING TEA					
Session 6 50 minutes 11.00 – 12.00	6a. Environmental Children's Books – holistic assessment in a modern age. Chris Tejeck	6b. Seaweed production as a socio-economic enterprise aligned with the principles of a circular economy Dr Pia Winberg	6c. Spatial technologies are good for your geography students. Discover how using spatial technologies, social media and networking can benefit our senior students. Brett Dacombe	6d. Using "Tools of the Trade" for Geographers Ivany Molloy	6e. Fieldwork for a livable, resilient and water sensitive city Louise Roberts	
Movement break						
Session 7 50 minutes 12.15 – 1.15	7a. A case study from the Willandra Lakes Region. Managing the Fossil Trackways site through increased aridity and climate change. Leanne Mitchell **	7b. Operation Crawweed and Operation Posidonia: engaging local communities and restoring underwater forests and meadows Adriana Verges	7c. Engaging Stage 4 with Geographic skills GTANSW & ACT Team led	7d. Environmental change and different perceptions of land management. Alexandra Hoggarty Matthew Nelson	7e. Collecting geospatial data in the field: there's an app for that! Mick Law	
1.15 – 3.00	8a. Building confidence with the tougher HSC Geography skills GTANSW & ACT Team	8b. Storytelling with maps: An introduction to Story Maps Jake Lovejoy	8c. Shifting sands. Using Climate Change adaptation to support the vision for Worimi Conservation Lands. Janis Turner	8d. Human wellbeing as a hands-on topic for kinesthetic learners David Proctor	8e. Embedding spatial technologies into your Stages 5 and 6 Geography courses. Now is the time! Mick Law	
EVALUATION						
■ Repeated from Thursday ** See note in Abstracts Document						