

GTA NSW & ACT PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Colleagues

I hope you enjoy reading through the various articles and teaching resources in Edition 2 which has a focus on the new Stage 6 Geography Syllabus.

Our program for 2023 is well underway.

Our Stage 6 Geography Conference was a success and provided an introduction to the new HSC Geography Syllabus. Approximately 230 teachers attended on the Friday and 200 on the Saturday. Each day consisted of three sessions. Each session included - an analysis of each content focus area, expert speakers, group round table discussions to share and record ideas and resources. The upcoming Stage 6 Regional Visit Program for implementation of the Stage 6 Syllabus will support regional teachers as they prepare to implement the new Syllabus. Later this year, the GTA funded Stage 6 Case Studies Text books – *Powerful Geography 1 & 2* will be released. This resource will be a welcome addition for teachers.

We continue to provide ongoing support for the current HSC course. The “Unpacking the 2022 HSC Exam” event was held in Term 1. This professional learning event included a 3 -hour NESA accredited online learning course AND two live events. Participants received details on the examination writing process, exemplar responses to all questions (essay included), lesson activities and teaching strategies, and a breakdown of the marking processes and state assessment data. Presentations were given by Senior HSC markers, GTA Councillors and NESA officials.

I would like to encourage teachers of the current HSC course to access the 2020–2022 downloadable HSC video lectures by topic. Details on how to purchase the HSC exam resource package can be found [HERE](#).

GTA NSW & ACT continues to maintain a presence on social media through Facebook.

- Geography Teacher’s Association of NSW & ACT
- Teachers of NSW HSC Senior Geography Group
- Primary Geography Teachers Group

The Young Geographer Award (YGA) – 2023 is the third year of the recently revamped Geography competition. The YGA aims to recognise students who have excelled in geographical inquiry and also the exemplary teaching of Geography. Registration opens towards the end of Term 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lorraine Chaffer for her many years of service as Editor of the Bulletin. This will be Lorraine’s final edition as Editor. Lorraine will continue to write articles for the Bulletin.

Katerina Stojanovski
President

YOUNG GEOGRAPHERS AWARD 2022 RESULTS

NESA SENIOR GEOGRAPHY PROJECT / IB INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AWARD / ACT EQUIVALENT PROJECT

First place – Eloise Baird, Year 11 Roseville College

A Study of the Process of Exurbanisation and its Impact on Small Urban Centres in NSW

Second place – Nick Jackson, Year 11 Redlands School

How will Woolworths in Mosman impact local businesses?

Third place – Brianna Loiacono, Year 11 Tara Anglican School

Effects of the March 2022 flood on the Hawkesbury River.

GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH AWARD

First place – Cameron Jefferies, Year 10

Hunter School of Performing Arts

The effect of the Varroa Mite and the DPI's Action Plan against it

Second place – Elise Robertson & Olivia Pisani, Year 5 St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

Flooding in NSW

Third place – Olivia Sewel, Year 7 Oxley College

Liveability – Housing affordability in Bowral

GEOGRAPHY IN STEM AWARD

First place – Youran Wu, Peter Xiong and Heliang Li, Year 6, Knox Grammar Preparatory School

Hurricanes – A STEM Case study

Second place – Sara Bruce, Season Lam & Carrie Luo, Year 10 Pymble Ladies' College

Vertigrow

Third place – Hannah Kerr, Tekla Irwin & Mahli Barnes, Year 8 St Clare's College Waverley

Examining the need for affordable and accessible diabetes care in order to contribute to the UN SDG's.

Placegetters in all categories received the following prizes: First place: \$500, Second place: \$250 and Third place: \$100



The 2023 GTA NSW & ACT Young Geographer Awards

The Young Geographer Awards invites students in NSW and the ACT to demonstrate engagement with Geography, the discipline and with the tools and skills of Geography through the creation and conduct of an inquiry-based research project. Although it is not essential, teachers are encouraged to incorporate the research and construction of the project into their teaching programs to help support students.



Prizes for the winning entries in the Young Geographer Award, in any category are:

★ 1st Prize \$500 ★ 2nd Prize \$250 ★ 3rd Prize \$100

**Registration opens – June 2023
& closes – Friday 27 October 2023**

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