

President's Report

Bulletin 3 has a variety of interesting articles and teaching resources. *Powerful Geography 1 – Case Studies for Senior Geography* which is currently being written for the newly released Stage 6 Geography Syllabus, due to be released in late Term 4 and will be valuable for students and teachers as they commence the new course next year. I would like to thank the coordinating authors; Lorraine Chaffer and Louise Swanson and writing team; Khya Brooks, Karen Bowden and Matt Carroll for all their work in putting this wonderful resource together.

GTA has three webinars planned in Term 4 to support the Stage 6 Geography Course:

- People, Patterns and Processes – Thursday 26 October from 4.30pm–5.30pm
- Geographical Investigation – Wednesday 1 November from 4.30pm–5.30pm
- Earth's Natural Systems – Date TBC

We were fortunate to have secured sponsorship from Google for Education for a Spatial Technology Event showcasing Google Tools in the Geography Classroom. This is a free event for GTA members which was held on Friday 13 October. I would like to extend my appreciation to Chris Betcher, Program Manager, Google for Education for making this Professional Learning event possible. Chris Betcher presented two workshops, Building classroom projects in Google Earth and Exploring Google's Geo Tools for Education. Naomi Gaskell discussed Innovation in Google Geo Tools. Kieran Bonin delivered a keynote on ICT in Schools Successes and Challenges and Dr Susan Caldis delivered a keynote on Locating the Distinctive Core of Geography.

Applications for the 2023 Brock Rowe award are open until Friday 20 October. The Brock Rowe award, is an award for excellence in teaching geography in schools, is granted jointly by the Councils of the Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales & ACT and the Geographical Society of New South Wales to persons who have demonstrated consistently, over a period, excellence in the teaching of geography in schools.

Don't forget to submit your entries for the 2023 Young Geographer Award. Registrations close on Friday 27 October.

Prizes for the winning entry in every category are:

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

Planning for the Australian Geography Teachers Association (AGTA) Conference for 2024 is currently underway. The conference will be held in Darwin, NT between Wednesday 2 and Friday 4 October next year. Sign up for updates [HERE](#)

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