# **Editorial**

I am delighted to be appointed the Executive Officer GTA NSW & ACT and look forward to engaging in many wonderful ways with the Association's members. My life's work has been primarily education and I have a genuine soft spot for Geography. I have a Human Geography degree, have taught senior Geography and I have also been an HSC marker. I deviated a little by becoming a Learning and Support teacher in both primary and secondary schools as I witnessed students struggling to engage with learning and wanted to support them to develop life-long skills and capability.

I have also held administrative and management positions, most recently with a Not-for-Profit organisation managing the delivery of a literacy program to students in disadvantaged schools. I have led professional learning for educators too and hope to combine all my skills in my new exciting role. I am looking forward to becoming an efficient and valuable asset to the GTA team.

#### Diana Gearside

Executive Officer - GTANSW & ACT

# Presidents Report

Dear Members.

Welcome to 2024. Our focus for this year is to strengthen our Governance and focus on the sustainability of the Association in the future. This year we welcome our new Executive Officer, Diana Gearside and graphic designer, Rachel Peddar. We say farewell Jill Sillar, our graphic designer for many years.



Katerina Stojanovski

#### Welcome Diana Gearside

I am delighted to introduce to you Diana Gearside, Executive Officer GTA NSW & ACT. Diana has a wealth of experience in Geography Education. She is a qualified Geography Teacher, HSC marker and she has a degree in Human Geography. More recently Diana held management positions leading professional learning. Diana is a capable and efficient Administrator. Since her commencement in the April school holidays, Diana has immersed herself in GTA activities learning how the Association operates while at the same time getting to know Councillors and learning about Association business. Diana is a valuable asset to our team and membership.

### Farewell Jill Sillar

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Jill Sillar who has been our graphic designer for many years. Jill has designed many of our promotional materials including, professional learning flyers, banners, webpages, certificates etc. Jill's creativity has ensured The Bulletinis always well received by our members. On behalf of GTANSW &ACT we thank Jill for her many years of dedication, work and support of GTANSW &ACT. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life.

## Welcome Rachel Peddar

I would like to introduce to you Rachel Peddar our new Graphic Designer. Rachel has seamlessly taken the task of adding her creativity to redesign our update our promotional materials. We look forward to a continuing productive relationship as you familiarise yourself with all thing Geography.

Katerina Stojanovski President GTANSW & ACT



Jill Sillar

Rachel Peddar