

BROCK ROWE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING GEOGRAPHY IN SCHOOLS

1 Introduction

1.1 The Brock Rowe Award is granted jointly by the Councils of the *Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales Inc (GTANSW)* and the *Geographical Society of New South Wales Inc (GSNSW)*, biennially, to persons who have demonstrated consistently, over a period of time, excellence in the teaching of geography in schools.

1.2 The Councils of the Association and the Society shall present the Award on the recommendation of the Brock Rowe Award Committee, or in the case of no nomination being received, on the recommendation of a combined meeting of the Executive Members of both Councils.

2 Membership of the Committee

2.1 The Brock Rowe Award Committee shall be constituted as follows:

2.1.1 The Presidents of the Association and the Society to be *ex-officio* members. In the event of the same person being President of both the Association and the Society a Vice President of the Society shall be appointed by the Council of the Society.

2.1.2 One member of the Association and one member of the Society nominated by their respective Councils.

2.1.3 One Distinguished Geography Teacher from the Government School System.

2.1.4 One Distinguished Geography Teacher from other School Systems.

2.2 The Chairperson of the Committee shall be nominated by the Council of the GTANSW Inc.

2.3 Members of the Committee, other than the Presidents (including the Vice President when appropriate) shall be appointed for a FOUR YEAR term. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by invitation by the Chairperson on the recommendation of the Councils of the Association and the Society.

2.4 Any person who nominates or seconds a person for the Brock Rowe Award shall be ineligible for membership of the Selection Committee.

2.5 In the event of a member of the Selection Committee wishing to be a nominator or seconder of a person for the Award he or she shall advise the Chairperson of his or her resignation from the Selection Committee. The Chairperson shall be required to request a replacement from the relevant Council.

2.6 In the event of a member of the Selection Committee being nominated for the Award the Chairperson shall be required to advise that member he or she is ineligible to be on the Committee because of the nomination. The Chairperson then shall request a replacement from the relevant Council.

3 Criteria for the Brock Rowe Award

3.1 The nominee must be a member of the GTANSW Inc or of the GSNSW Inc.

3.2 In reaching a decision concerning the Award the Committee shall consider for each nominee his or her:

3.2.1 tertiary qualifications in geography;

3.2.2 teacher education qualifications;

3.2.3 experience in teaching geography in Years K-12;

3.2.4 demonstrated ability in implementing the aims and objectives of the geography syllabuses;

- 3.2.5 excellence in the use of teaching and learning strategies; and
- 3.2.6 support from colleagues.

3.3 The emphasis is on excellence in teaching geography in schools prior to and during the period the Committee is evaluating the nomination.

4 Procedures to be used by the Selection Committee

4.1 The Chairperson shall call for nominations for the Brock Rowe Award, biennially, by publicising the conditions of the Award in the *Geography Bulletin* and the *Newsletter* of the *Geographical Society of NSW Inc.*

4.2 This call for nominations shall commence no later than the week following the Annual General Meeting of the *GTANSW Inc* in the year preceding the presentation of the Award.

4.3 The Nomination Form for the Award shall contain information about the criteria and procedures to be used by the Selection Committee: the name, address and position held by each nominator; a summarised statement of the evidence supporting the excellent teaching record of the nominee; and a request for the attachment of the curriculum vitae of the nominee.

4.4 In the event that no nominations are received the Executive Members (President, Secretary, Treasurer) of the Councils of the *GTANSW Inc* and the *GSNSW Inc* shall have the power to nominate and select an outstanding teacher for the Award.

4.5 All advertising brochures, nomination forms, invitations to presentation venues shall show clearly that the Brock Rowe Award is a joint award of the *GTANSW Inc* and the *GSNSW Inc*.

4.6 The Selection Committee must make a decision on the evidence placed before it after this evidence has been authenticated.

4.7 The selection of the recipient, or recipients, of the Brock Rowe Award shall be made by a majority of the Committee (ie 4:2). The Chairperson shall have ONE vote only.

4.8 It is essential that the decision of the Selection Committee shall remain confidential until the Chairperson has notified the recipient, or recipients, verbally and confirmed this in writing to the recipient, or recipients, and the Selection Committee Report has been tabled at Council Meetings of the *GTANSW Inc* and the *GSNSW Inc*.

4.9 All members of the Selection Committee must sign the Form containing the Report to the Councils of the *GTANSW Inc* and the *GSNSW Inc* concerning the successful recipient, or recipients, of the Award.

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NOMINATION FORM

When completed, this form should be forwarded, not later than
xxxxxxx, to:

The Chairperson Brock Rowe Award
Geography Teachers' Association of NSW Inc
PO Box 577 Leichardt, NSW 2040
Phone: 9564 3322 Fax: 9564 2342

1 PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname _____ Other Names _____

Title _____ Date of birth _____
(Mr, Mrs, Ms, other)

Private Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

2 QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 Tertiary qualifications including subjects studied and the name of awarding institution(s)
and year awarded.

2.2 Teacher Education qualifications including name of awarding institution(s) and year awarded.

2.3 Teaching Positions

Present Position _____ From _____ to _____

Previous Position(s) _____ From _____ to _____

2.4 Experience in Teaching Geography in Years K to 12.

It is recommended that a copy of the curriculum vitae of the nominee be attached after it has been verified as correct by the nominee.

3 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING GEOGRAPHY

3.1 Summarise the basis on which this nomination for the Award is being made. This should be in the form of a brief citation.

3.2 State in detail the evidence that the nominee has demonstrated:

3.2.1 ability in implementing the aims and objectives of the geography syllabuses; and

3.2.2 excellence in the use of teaching and learning strategies.

3.3 To what extent has the nominee received support from colleagues.

3.4 Please attach supporting statements to this Nomination Form. This should include a curriculum vitae.

4 NOMINATED BY

4.1 Name _____ Address _____

_____ Signature _____

4.2 Name _____ Address _____

_____ Signature _____

LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATION FORM

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