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In this issue of the Geography Bulletin we feature articles by Sandy de Botton of Knox Grammar School, Martin Pluss from Loreto Normanhurst, and Dr Susan Bliss. Sandy explores the Stage 6 Geography Syllabus concept **Culture of Place** and Susan examines the geography of animal migrations in the first of her articles, **Incredible Journeys Across the Earth**–Biodiversity. In the second of Sue’s contributions she explores the use of photographs and films to study environmental and human rights issues. Martin contributes a timely piece on **Digital Citizenship and the Australian Curriculum**. Thank you to all the contributors.

### Also featured in this edition are:

- The President’s Report by Nick Hutchinson
- A report on AGTA's Conference held in Perth in January

### Upcoming events:

- HSC Student Lectures (details available shortly)
- GTA Annual Conference at the World Square Hotel, Sydney, Friday 30 August 2013.

### 2012 Arthur Phillip Fieldwork Competition:

Congratulations to the 2012 Arthur Phillip Fieldwork Competition prize winners. The judges were again impressed by the quality of studies undertaken by students. Schools are encourage to become involved in the competition. It is a great way to promote the study of Geography in schools.

### The GTA Fieldwork and Visual Presentation Award

#### First place

**Gracie Grinham**, Tara Anglican School for Girls  
*Poster showing an Investigation of the operations of “Roses 2 Go”.*  
 Teacher: Judith Farrand

### The Global Education Fieldwork and Research Award

#### Highly commended

**Julia Grimble , Ashleigh Huynh & Georgia Lenehan**, Loreto Kirribilli  
*Prezi research including the geographical, social, cultural, economic and environmental factors impacting on Vanuatu and its people.*  
 Teacher: Dora Bizannes

### The Dr Don Biddle Issues in Australian Environments Fieldwork Award

#### First place

**Monica Sawiris**, Ambarvale High School  
*RAP explores waste management issues at Ambarvale High School. Providing clear strategies that could improve the issue of waste at the school to make it more environmentally friendly and sustainable.*  
 Teacher: Mark Calabria

#### Second place

**Joshua Thompson**, Ambarvale High School  
*The impacts of an introduced species – the Bitou Bush around the coastal areas of Port Kembla.*  
 Teacher: Mark Calabria

### Equal third place

**Matthew Gore**, Normanhurst Boys High School

*A project that identified and assessed the impacts of developing the Glade Oval and the Glade Reserve into a synthetic running track.*

Teacher: Lisa Spaccavento

**Leah Nye**, Tara Anglican School

*Urban growth and decline in Camden: A focus on the changing population and commercial characteristics in Camden.*

Teacher: Heather Liney

### Highly commended

**Adam Hall**, Normanhurst Boys High School

*An investigation into the environmental and social impacts of the development on Smalls Rd Parklands.*

Teacher: Lisa Spaccavento

**Jourdon Whitfield- Horesh**, Normanhurst Boys High School

*An investigation into the bushfire awareness, prevention and management in the Hills Shire.*

Teacher: Lisa Spaccavento

## The Brock Rowe Senior Geography Project Fieldwork Award

### First place

**Parrys Raines**, St Mary Star of the Sea

*An investigation of the impacts of plastics on marine life. Included a community awareness DVD to show active citizenship which showed her aim of raising community awareness of the issue in the local area.*

Teacher: Adam Everatt

### Second place

**Katie Haywood**, Loreto Kirribilli

*An investigation of the impact of Sydney as a cruise ship destination on the local industry.*

Teacher: Keith Hopkins

### Equal third place

**Christopher Chen**, Normanhurst Boys High School

*The implication of the Castle Hill water treatment plant on the local community. Identifies the environmental and social impacts of this public works.*

Teacher: Lisa Spaccavento

**Emma Williams**, Loreto Kirribilli

*An investigation into the land use conflict between the Liverpool Plains and mining industry. The impacts of coal seam gas extraction on the local community and food production.*

Teacher: Keith Hopkins

## Top HSC Geography Students Honoured:

GTA NSW will celebrate the success of the State's top Geography students. Certificates will be presented to each of the 'Top 10' candidates and their teachers at the GTA's awards presentation evening to be held on 10 May.

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The HSC Geography Award recipients are:

Louise Hochholzer, Arden Anglican School  
Lucy Fogarty, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College  
Serena Joy Ning Yee Yeung, Caringbah High School  
Laura Wood, Wenona School  
Maxwell Stephen Fulton, Barker College  
Adriana Stefanatos, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College  
Michael Donohue, Marcellin College  
Elton Lin, Sydney Grammar School  
Madeleine Anna Miller, Kincoppal – Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart  
Emma Salmon, St John Bosco College

The teachers of the HSC Geography Award recipients are:

Karen Moss, Arden Anglican School  
Vanessa Sefton, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College  
Ian McRae, Caringbah High School  
Todd Alexander, Caringbah High School  
Joanne Vellino, Wenona School  
Simon Lawry, Barker College  
Paul Leary, Marcellin College  
Catherine Naghten, Sydney Grammar School  
Murray Kerstens, Kincoppal - Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart  
Simone Babic, St John Bosco College

### Vale Pam Gregg

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Pam Gregg, Geography teacher, social justice advocate and defender of Public Education.

Pam was Head Teacher Social Science at Keira High School for 21 years and was active in promoting professional associations in the Illawarra region throughout her career. She also made an important contribution to the study of Geography in NSW schools through her membership of Geography Syllabus committees during the 1990s and her contributions to the GTA and its activities. Although she retired from teaching in 2010 Pam continued her extensive involvement in education as a life member of the NSW Teachers Federation and as a member of the Council of the Geography Teachers Association. Throughout her distinguished career Pam was active in defending and enhancing the professional and industrial interests of teachers.

Pam was a member of the GTA's Council for many years and acted as a facilitator at many of the Association's professional development activities. Her cheerful manner and enthusiasm for Geography and professional learning ensured that participants felt immediately at ease and were keen to engage with their colleagues.

Pam was a supportive colleague and friend and an exceptional classroom teacher. She is survived by her son Andrew who followed his mother into the teaching profession.

Public Education and the study of Geography in NSW schools have been enriched by Pam's contribution. We all mourn her passing.

