

includes a second day of practical workshops or field studies. These conferences are designed to assist teachers implement changes in Geography syllabuses and to provide teachers with an opportunity to enhance their professional learning by sharing ideas for classroom and fieldwork activities and hearing about current developments in geographical education.

The Association hosts an **Annual Fieldwork Award Competition** for Geography students in secondary schools. The competition is designed to foster enthusiasm for Geography through engagement and rewards. The emphasis of the competition is field work and the gathering primary data as part of authentic research in geography. Typically the work of between twenty to thirty geography students is acknowledged each year via an award prize.

Each year the Association hosts both **School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Reviews** for teachers of Geography. These reviews are held in a number of regional areas across the state.

The Association, often in conjunction with the Geography Society of NSW, regularly recognises by **Public Acclaim** the contribution of outstanding geographers to the development of the discipline of Geography. On a regular basis, the Association presents a variety of Professional Awards including **The Brock Rowe Award, The Macdonald Holmes Medal, The Geoff Connolly Bulletin Award** and **Fellowship** of the Association.

The Association is active in presenting the interests of Geography teachers in areas of public concern, by investigating and making recommendations to appropriate authorities (including the **NSW Board of Studies**) on educational policies and other matters of **State and National interest** in which Geography teachers are involved. This advocacy includes close liaison with the **Australian Geography Teachers' Association** (AGTA) and the **Professional Teachers' Council of NSW** (PTC NSW). Currently, the focus of this advocacy is on the development of a **National Curriculum** for Geography and the professional learning requirements of the **NSW Institute of Teachers**. A large portion of GTA teacher professional learning is accredited by the Institute via the PTC NSW.

The Association also provides advice and assistance to commercial publishers of print, computer and audio-visual and multi-media materials for use by Geography students.

The Council of the Association is elected annually by members. All positions are honorary, and the Council members are provided with a variety of opportunities to develop a range of managerial and leadership skills. Members are encouraged to nominate for membership of the Council. It provides an outstanding opportunity for service to the profession.

Membership Categories

The Association offers three categories of membership.

Personal Membership provides teachers with access to all the activities and events hosted by the Association at a discounted rate. All personal members receive quarterly copies of the *Geography Bulletin* and are encouraged to become active in the affairs of the Association by becoming a GTA Councillor. All Personal Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the Association.

Corporate Membership is open to schools and commercial bodies. This provides access to corporations to the Association's prestigious *Geography Bulletin*.

Concessional Membership is available to teachers and university students not in full-time employment. Concessional Members receive all the benefits of a Personal Member at a discounted rate (except that student members are not entitled to hold office or to vote at Association meetings).

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The
Geography Teachers' Association
of New South Wales Inc.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales (GTA) is a not-for-profit, incorporated body that represents the professional interests of Geography teachers in NSW and Geographical Education more generally. The objectives of the Association are to promote the study and teaching of geography in schools by:

- providing professional learning opportunities for teachers of Geography;
- advocating the interests of Geography teachers on matters in the State and National interest;
- providing forums where teachers of Geography and the wider community can exchange views;
- supporting Geographical Education through the development and dissemination of geographical resources; and
- promoting geographical research and fieldwork.

The GTA seeks to address its objectives via a yearly program of activities and events.

The **Geography Bulletin** is a quality, peer-reviewed journal printed magazine published by the Association quarterly. It is designed to serve the contemporary interests of Geography teachers and students. The Bulletin aims to provide practical knowledge, skills and resource materials on a regular basis.

The Association traditionally runs a number of **Teacher Professional Learning Workshops** throughout the year. These workshops include both full-day programs as well as after school opportunities. The workshops are scheduled in a number of regional locations in Newcastle and the Hunter, Wollongong, Canberra, Central Coast as well as metropolitan Sydney. These workshops typically focus on current issues, including in Global Education, the use of technology in the classroom, research and fieldwork skills.

Each year the Association holds its **Annual Conference**. The conference typically consists of a one-day conference with keynote addresses from leading geographers on contemporary and emerging geographical issues as well as more practical sessions by geographical practitioners. Often the conference



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM

ABN 59 246 850 128 – This form will become a tax invoice when completed

I wish to renew/apply for membership of the Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Please tick one of the following categories)

- Personal membership **\$90.00**
- Corporate membership **\$180.00**
- Concessional membership*(retired, part-time or student verification required) **\$40.00**

All prices include GST

PAYMENT:

Membership is for twelve months commencing in January. If payment is made later in the year all back copies of *Geography Bulletin* will be forwarded. A membership reminder will be sent in December.

Please make cheques payable to: **Geography Teachers' Association of NSW Inc**

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