As you may know, the draft of the Australian Curriculum: Geography was released by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) on Thursday 20 October, 2011. With the final Australian Curriculum: Geography documents to be published in October 2012, the conference will be a great opportunity to gain new insights and ideas to assist schools with implementing the new Australian Geography Curriculum. With these developments we believe the conference theme, ‘AGTA 2013 – Geography’s New Frontier’, aptly describes the opportunities the new curriculum will offer geographical educators. Perth and Western Australia offers you the opportunity to explore these new frontiers.

The four-day event is to be held at Perth College between Monday 7 to Thursday 10 January, 2013. International and Australasian Geography teachers and academics are invited to attend the conference to participate in a stimulating education program of keynotes, workshop presentations and field trips. All participants will be provided with a range of free resources and materials including all AGTA Conference keynote and workshop materials.

We anticipate an unprecedented attendance at the conference in response to the need for professional learning as a result of the requirements of the new F-12 Geography Curriculum.

An exciting social program will also available, highlighting some of the best of Western Australia. Pre conference tours, (2–5 January), a Swan Valley tour, (6 January) and Conference Dinner are all being planned.

The biennial AGTA Conference is the premier school geography educator’s professional learning event in Australia. AGTA 2013 will be a pivotal and crucial event in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Geography. We encourage you to set aside these dates in January 2013 to attend AGTA 2013. We welcome all Geography teachers to participate in this watershed event for school Geography.

Details of AGTA 2013 and expressions of interest forms are available on the AGTA website at www.agta.asn.au/conf2013/. We plan for on-line registrations to be open by April 2012. The AGTA website at www.agta.asn.au will provide regular program updates and other information related to registration.

The AGTA 2013 committee looks forward to your participation.

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