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## Australian Curriculum: Geography 7-10

The year 2013 has been a busy year for Geography teachers with the release of F-10 Geography curriculum in May and the anticipated Senior Secondary curriculum (11-12) by end of July.

GeoSpace, an initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers Association (AGTA), provides materials to support teachers in implementing the Australian Curriculum: Geography. The Annual Conference held on 30<sup>th</sup> August at Rydges World Square, Sydney will present about 15 speakers covering topics in the new 7-10 curriculum such as liveability, hazards, geographies of interconnections and personal geographies. Additionally this edition includes work units appropriate for the new curriculum.

Each year the Geography Teachers' Association of NSW holds a special function to celebrate the success of students in the Arthur Phillip Competition. The winning students were presented with a certificate to recognise their achievement and (where appropriate) a monetary prize. At the function the top ten HSC Geography students were presented with certificates, followed by awards to their respective teacher.

In this edition, Lorraine Chaffer explains the use of Scoop it!, famous surfer Joel Parkinson attended a Geography lesson at Barrenjoey High and Tim Costello commented positively on the new curriculum

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# Geography Teachers Association of NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

***Geography – making a difference for Australia***

**Friday, 30 August 2013, 8.30am – 3.30pm at the  
Rydges World Square Hotel  
389 Pitt Street, Sydney**

## **Conference Programme**

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| 8.00 – 8.30   | Registration and view of textbook and resources   |
| 8.30 – 8.50   | Susan Caldis, ACARA – Geography Curriculum  |
| 8.50 – 9.30   | Prof. Gordon Waitt, University of Wollongong – Geographies of Interconnections<br>– Tourism geographies/Personal geographies – Year 9 |
| 9.30 – 10.00  | Rebecca Nicholas – Using Web 2 tools in the Geography Classroom   |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Dr Susan Bliss – Causes, impacts and responses to geomorphologic hazards – Year 8   |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Morning tea   |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Lindsay Swan – NSW Board of Studies and implementation of Australian<br>Geography Curriculum  |
| 11.30 – 11.50 | Dr Tracey McAskill, ACARA – Achievement Standards and Work Sample Portfolios  |
| 11.50 – 12.10 | Lorraine Chaffer – Place and liveability – Year 7   |
| 12.10 – 12.30 | Nick Hutchinson – Personal geographies – Year 9   |
| 12.30 – 12.50 | Malcolm McInerney – AGTA web-based curriculum support materials   |
| 12.50 – 1.00  | Awards, Geography Challenge and AGTA  |
| 1.00 – 1.40   | Lunch   |
| 1.40 – 2.00   | Milton Brown – Geographies of interconnections – Year 9 and role of NGO<br>to improve human wellbeing – Year 10                       |
| 2.00 – 2.20   | Resourcing the new Geography Syllabus – Years K–10  |
| 2.20 – 2.40   | Greg Reid – Water in the world – Year 7   |
| 2.40 – 3.00   | Speaker on Biomes and food security (Year 9)  |
| 3.00 – 3.20   | Debra Owens – Geographies of interconnections – Year 9  |
| 3.20 – 3.40   | Speaker on Changing Nations (Year 8)  |
| All day       | Textbooks and resources for the new curriculum will be available to view  |

*Please note this program is subject to alteration*

## **Cost**

Members \$200, Non-members \$230, Retired/unemployed \$75, Student \$50

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