

The 2016 Geoff Conolly Memorial Awards

This award was presented to the following recipients for meritorious contributions to the *Geography Bulletin*, Journal of the Geography Teachers' Association of NSW



Susan Caldis

Susan began her teaching career in the inner west and after five years moved to NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus for nine years where she became Head Teacher Social Sciences. Susan joined the Australian

Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in September 2010 and for three years steered the *F-10 and Senior Secondary Australian Curriculum: Geography* through to Ministerial endorsement, publication and implementation. Susan returned to teaching and now focuses on tertiary education, lecturing at universities including Macquarie University in Geography Methodology. Susan has also recently completed a Masters of Educational Research, specialising in Curriculum and Pedagogy.

Susan has completed a three year term as President of the GTANSW in 2016. Susan's commitment to Geography education extends to professional learning for her colleagues. She has written extensively for the GTANSW Bulletin, particularly in 2015 and 2016. She has provided informative, thought provoking articles including ideas and information to support teachers in the implementation of the NSW Geography Syllabus. Susan is commended for her recent articles: "Fieldwork: Investigating the Quarantine Station as an important and connected place" (Volume 48, 3, 2016) "HSC Geography via Regional NSW and Central Australia and Fieldwork" (Volume 47, 1, 2015) and "Biophysical Interactions (a flipped classroom approach" (Volume 47, 3, 2015).

We are the beneficiaries of Susan's expertise, knowledge of curriculum and commitment to Geography education, Susan is a worthy recipient of the Geoff Conolly Memorial Award for 2016.



Lorraine Chaffer

Lorraine's distinguished career is exemplified by her commitment to public education and professional learning. Lorraine has taught in a variety of schools for the Department of Education where

she has held the positions of Head Teacher Social Science, Head Teacher Administration and Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. Lorraine was also invited to be a member of the NSW Consultation Committee on new Australian Curriculum re Geography in NSW.

Lorraine's commitment to Geography Education is demonstrated by her long term involvement in the Geography Teachers' Association as councilor, Vice-President and the newly elected President for 2017.

In her role as co-editor and editor of the *Geography Bulletin* Lorraine is committed to providing current, relevant and practical information for teachers and students. Lorraine's contribution to the *Geography Bulletin* has been prolific. Since 2015 Lorraine has written eleven articles covering a broad array of geographical topics. Lorraine is commended for her articles on "Fieldwork: Choosing a Valuable Site" (Volume 48, 4, 2016), "Integrating Technology in the Classroom" (Volume 47, 2, 2015) and the inspiring four part series "Canada: Beautiful, Livable but Vulnerable". (Volume 47, 4, 2015 and Volumes 48, 1 & 3, 2016).

Lorraine's outstanding contribution to education through the *Geography Bulletin* is today recognised with the Geoff Conolly Memorial award of which Lorraine is a worthy recipient.