



2018 HSC Geography Excellence Awards Ceremony  
ANZ STADIUM, Sydney Olympic Park Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019  
Presented by Presented by Cara Brigham LANDCOM

# 2018 TOP TEN HSC GEOGRAPHY AWARDS

STUDENTS		SCHOOL	TEACHER	
1. Rani Zyal Ruse	[Abs]	Lambton High School	Kristen Williams	
2. Emma Reid	[Abs]	Newcastle Grammar School	Georgina Roberts	[Abs]
3. Eleanor Lawton-Wade		Presbyterian Ladies' College Sydney	Eve Townsend	[Abs]
4. Finn Parker	[Abs]	Sydney Grammar School	Shona Newall	
5. Bella Wilson		Wenona	Suzanne Kerr	
6. Lachlan Andrews	[Abs]	Sydney Grammar School	Shona Newall	
7. Julia Lindsay		Wenona School	Suzanne Kerr	
8. Sydney Chase	[Abs]	All Saints College St Mary's Campus	Justin Mahoney	
9. Nikhila Jayawardena		Baulkham Hills High School	Michael Filewood	
10. Cameron Aik-Kong Heathcote		Sydney Grammar School	Klaus Ossowski	[Abs]

2018  
Arthur Phillip  
Fieldwork Awards

Presented by Dr Susan Bliss  
*Lifetime Member GTA*



# Stage 4

## Geographical Fieldwork & Research Award

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### **First Place**

**Matea Miletic and Alanna Nahas**

Year 8, Good Samaritan Catholic College

Teacher: Raquel Russo

Synopsis: The residential uses of water

### **Second Place**

**Amelia Moran**

Year 7, SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Teacher: Katie Treacy

Synopsis: Liveability of Clovelly

# Geographical Fieldwork & Research Award

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**Third Place**

**Leyla Ozen**

Year 7, SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Teacher: Katie Treacy

Synopsis: Liveability of Hunters Hill

# Geographical Fieldwork & Research Award

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**Equal Fourth Place**

**Jessica Millin**

Year 7, SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Teacher: Katie Treacy

Synopsis: Liveability of Northbridge

**Equal Fourth Place**

**Henry Good**

Year 8, Wollondilly Anglican College

Teacher: Trudy Miller

Synopsis: Liveability of Mittagong

# Stage 5

## Geographical Fieldwork & Research Award

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### First Place

**Dorina Wu**

Year 10 , Tara Anglican School

Teacher: Rebecca Wood

Synopsis: A comparison of the Ph. levels of soils in the Cumberland State Forest

### Second Place

**Isabella Grigson**

Year 10, Tara Anglican School

Teacher: Melissa Losco

Synopsis: Human impacts on Cumberland State Forest

# Stage 6

# Geographical Fieldwork & Research Award

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**First Place**

**Dimitri Efstalhiadis**

Year 12, Canberra Grammar School

Teacher: James Cameron

Synopsis: An International Baccalaureate Geography  
Report investigating the Thredbo River



# Stage 5

## The Dr Don Biddle Places & Environment Study

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### First Place

**Lilly Dougherty**

Year 10, Hunter School of Performing Arts

Teacher: Roslyn Murton

Synopsis: The impacts of the Newcastle light rail construction

### Second Place

**Moana Faasisila**

Year 10, Hunter School of Performing Arts

Teacher: Ben Carle

Synopsis: Newcastle Buses- Driving Change

# The Dr Don Biddle Places & Environment Study

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**Third Place**

**Ella Hall- Ainscough**

Year 10, Hunter School of Performing Arts

Teacher: Ben Carle

Synopsis: Rejuvenating off leash dog parks in Newcastle

# Stage 6

## Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Award

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### Equal First Place

**Nicholas Wilson [Abs]**

Year 11, Merewether High School

Teacher: Rachael Tonks

Synopsis: Green space and tree removal in  
Cooks Hill and Newcastle

### Second Place

**Joselyn Singh**

Year 11, Tara Anglican School

Teacher: Heather Liney

Synopsis: Biodiversity of marine organisms  
Maria Island Tasmania

# Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Award

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**Equal Third Place**

**Zoe Lindhout [Abs]**

Year 11, MLC School

Teacher: David Latimer

Synopsis: Water Quality in Rozelle

**Equal Third Place**

**Ethan Behrens [Abs]**

Year 11, Warner Bay High School

Teacher: Rachel Noonan

Synopsis: Water Quality in Lake Macquarie

# Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Award

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**Equal Fourth Place**

**Tahnee Marriott [Abs]**

Year 11, Warners Bay High School

Teacher: Rachel Noonan

Synopsis: Warners Bay Development Project

**Equal Fourth Place**

**Vishaal Varma [Abs]**

Year 11, Canberra Grammar

Teacher: James Cameron

Synopsis: This report is part of the Fresh Water – Issues and Conflicts Option in the International Baccalaureate Geography

-Thredbo River Investigation

# Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Award

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**Highly Commended**

**Daniel Ambler**

Year 11, Hills Grammar

Teacher: Helen Laidler

Synopsis: An investigation of the socio - economic and environmental implications associated with land clearing in the Hills Shire

# Dr Susan Bliss Cross Curricular Priority Award

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## First Place

**Cross Curricular Priority: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Culture**

**Jet Hall and Alisha Gugnai**

Year 7, Tara Anglican School

Teacher: Rebecca Wood

Synopsis: The spiritual values and significance of Lake Parramatta to the local Indigenous groups

## Second Place

**Cross Curricular Priority: Sustainability**

**Emily Prickett**

Year 11, Newcastle Grammar School

Teacher: Drew Collins

Synopsis: Food waste in Newcastle

# Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris Civic & Citizenship Award

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**Equal First Place**

**Sarah Van Vreumingen**

Year 10, Cedars Christian College

Teacher: Linda Vanderschoor

Topic: Coastal Management Coniston Beach

Civil Action: Wrote a letter to Local Council

highlighting the coastal issues along

Coniston Beach inspiring others

**Equal First Place**

**Sophie Carstens**

Year 7, Hunter Valley Grammar School

Teacher: Alexandria Lucas

Topic: The value of water

Civil Action: Creating a storybook for young children



# Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris Teacher Award

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**Rachael Tonks** [Abs]

**Merewether High School**

Rachel has inspired her students to a high level of geographical understanding through both research in the field and secondary sources.

Her students have discovered about Geography through the studies of a wide variety of issues employing a variety of ICT methodologies Rachel's students indicate that geographic literacy is a priority.

Presented by Dr Susan Bliss GTANSW

Rachel is commended on the quality of her students' research and breadth of presentations of topics.

She has consistently inspired her students to learn about the ever-changing world.



For excellence in teaching Geography in schools, granted jointly by the Councils of the Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales Inc. (GTA NSW) and the Geographical Society of New South Wales Inc. (GS NSW), to persons who have demonstrated consistently, over a period, excellence in the teaching of Geography in schools.

**2019 Recipient Glen Halliday**  
**Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre**

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Brock Rowe Memorial Award



Emeritus contribution to GTA Bulletin Issue 3, 2018  
Feature Article- Human Wellbeing

An Australian NGO Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation Volunteer  
Geography Teacher

**2019 Recipient Lynne Acworth**

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