To help foster enthusiasm for Geography, the Geography Teachers’ Association of NSW & ACT (GTA NSW & ACT) organises an annual competition in which students of Geography can participate. The nature of student participation also yields recognition for their teacher(s) and school. The emphasis of the competition is on inquiry and fieldwork. The process of posing a geographical question(s) together with the use of a range of tools to gather and communicate relevant primary and secondary data and information are distinctive to the study of Geography. The competition brings the distinctiveness of Geography to the forefront of student learning. Teachers are encouraged to use the competition as a form of authentic assessment in their teaching and learning programmes.

This year’s competition is open to all secondary schools in NSW and ACT. Entries are welcome from both members and non-members of GTA NSW & ACT. The submission of entries and the prize categories have been updated to better reflect (i) the central place that inquiry and fieldwork holds within Geography and (ii) the requirements of the Australian Curriculum: Geography and NSW K–10 Geography syllabus. The Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Competition is open to entries of HSC Senior Geography Projects, the International Baccalaureate, and Geography Internal Assessments or fieldwork-based Depth-Studies for ACT participants.

Due to unforeseen circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unfortunately not possible to run the competition with the usual suite of categories and awards. Therefore, following conditions will apply for 2020:

- Only the Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork competition for student entries will occur
- Only the Dr Maureen Goldston-Morris Teacher Award will occur
- **All entries must be digital submissions**
- All entries must be submitted by **6pm Friday 25 September 2020**
- Entries are welcomed from NSW and ACT schools, members and non-members

A link to the online competition entry form and entry submission will be available on the GTA NSW & ACT website.

**Please complete the online entry form and submit all entries by 6pm Friday 25 September 2020**
NATURE OF THE COMPETITIONS

The Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Competition
This section is open to Senior Geography Students across NSW and ACT. Only individual entries will be accepted. The competition is open to either Senior Geography Projects, International Baccalaureate Geography Internal Assessments or a Depth Study for ACT participants.
• Undertake an HSC Senior Geography Project, International Baccalaureate Internal Assessment for Geography or ACT Depth Study that uses fieldwork to gather primary data
• Support fieldwork with secondary data if required
• Analyse data gathered
• Present research findings
• Evaluate the research methodologies used and the ethical aspects of research undertaken

The Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris Teacher Awards
The Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris Teacher Awards will be allocated to a teacher who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in the 2020 Geography Fieldwork Competition – Brock Rowe Senior Geography Fieldwork Competition.

ENTRY INFORMATION
A competition entry fee of $20 per school, regardless of the total number of entries submitted. Each school can submit a maximum of FOUR (4) entries in each competition category.

To enter the 2020 Arthur Phillip Fieldwork Competition CLICK HERE

Final date for competition entries to be received
6pm Friday 25 September 2020

ENTRY FORMAT
All digital entries MUST be submitted as a hyperlink through the online entry form available on the GTA NSW & ACT website. All digital presentation formats, such as videos, web pages and podcasts are welcome. Slide presentations (such as PowerPoint, Slides or Pages) will have a maximum slide number of 20. It is the responsibility of the student and supervising teacher to ensure hyperlinks are functional and able to be accessed by markers. Please note: In 2020, models or hard copies of competition entries will NOT be accepted.

Please direct all enquiries via email to the GTA NSW & ACT office:
gta.admin@ptc.nsw.edu.au

COMPLETION JUDGING
Judging the competition entries: A team of markers judge all entries according to the marking criteria. A double-marking process occurs. Prizes are awarded to students whose entries achieve the following placement: first, second, third and highly commended.

Due to the uncertainty around holding events with large gatherings, teachers will be notified via email about the outcome of their student competition entries. Information about how and when the prizes will be awarded will also be included in the email.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021
The Council of the Geography Teachers’ Association of NSW and ACT are currently working on a reconceptualisation of the Arthur Phillip Geography Fieldwork Competition. The intention is to launch the ‘new-look’ competition via a webinar in early Term 1, 2021.