



Navigating Change

GEOGRAPHY FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

Annual Conference Fri 16 & Sat 17 May 2025, Amora Hotel, 11 Jamison St, Sydney



Geography Teachers
Association NSW & ACT

Conference Program

Program Friday 16 May 2025			
TIME	SESSION/WORKSHOP	PRESENTERS	LOCATION
7.45-8.45	REGISTRATION		Outside Ballroom
8.45-9.00	Welcome	Katerina Stojanovski (President) & Rebecca Sutcliffe (Vice President-GTA NSW & ACT)	Whitely Ballroom
9.00-9.45	'White Rock' Documentary	Catia Abreu De Freitas (Great Southern Reef Foundation)	Whitely Ballroom
9.45-10.30	Introduction to the new 7-10 Syllabus	Fleur Farah (NESA Subject Matter Officer HSIE, Curriculum Development 7-10) & Jenni Wenzel (Chief Education Officer, Aboriginal Education)	Whitely Ballroom
Morning Tea			
11.00-12.00	1a. Navigating the new Stage 6 syllabus	Rex Cooke (Head of Faculty-Saint Ignatius' College Riverview)	Whitely Ballroom 1
	1b. Mapping Success – Navigating the New Geography Syllabus Support Materials	Fleur Farah (NESA Subject Matter Officer HSIE, Curriculum Development 7-10)	Whitely Ballroom 2
	1c. Geography Skills	Sam Coburn & Alan Ciccio (GTA Councillors, Geography Explained Online)	Lindsay Room
	1d. 'White Rock' Teaching Resources	Catia Abreu De Freitas (Great Southern Reef Foundation)	Boyd Room
12.00-13.00	2a. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Priorities - content K-10	Jenni Wenzel (Chief Education Officer, Aboriginal Education)	Whitely Ballroom 1
	2b. Water and Climate Change	Louise Roberts (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water)	Whitely Ballroom 2
	2c. Landscapes and Landforms - collaboration Year 7 and Stage 2	Caroline Jerrems & Sam Butler (Camberaygal High School)	Lindsay Room
	2d. Learning Locally: Fieldwork in your local suburb	Christian Bell (Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham)	Boyd Room
Lunch			
14.00-15.00	3a. Stage 6 HSC Q & A	Lorraine Chaffer, Rex Cooke et al	Whitely Ballroom 1
	3b. Engaging Learning – Digital Escape Rooms	Laura Bradford (Head Teacher HSIE Armidale Secondary College)	Whitely Ballroom 2
	3c. Geoscience Australia – Historical Satellite Data	Dominic Iffland (Education Centre Coordinator Education and Outreach Discovery and Engagement Office of the Chief Scientist)	Lindsay Room
	3d. Bridging the Gap: Overcoming Fieldwork Challenges	Austin Brooks (Observatory Hill EEC)	Boyd Room
15.15	CLOSE		

Program Saturday 17 May 2025			
TIME	SESSION/WORKSHOP	PRESENTERS	LOCATION
7.45-8.45	REGISTRATION		Outside Ballroom
8.45-9.00	Welcome	Katerina Stojanovski (President) & Rebecca Sutcliffe (Vice President-GTA NSW & ACT)	Whitely Ballroom
9.00-9.45	Cultivating Resilience: Navigating Change - Geography, Sustainability, and Community	Costa Georgiardi	Whitely Ballroom
9.45-10.30	Blueminds: Turning the Tide on Eco-anxiety	Kal Glanznig & Cooper Chapman	Whitely Ballroom
Morning Tea			
11.00-12.00	1a. Our Changing Harbour Estuary	Louise Swanson (GTA Councillor & Bulletin Editor; The Harbour School)	Whitely Ballroom 1
	1b. Water and Climate Change	Louise Roberts (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water)	Whitely Ballroom 2
	1c. The Geographical Investigation	Kieran Bonin (GTA Vice President; Orange High School)	Lindsay Room
	1d. Run your own fieldwork: Ecosystems and global biodiversity	Kathy Jones (Director Fieldwork Connections)	Boyd Room
12.00-13.00	2a. Bringing Geography to Life - Practical Learning in Action	Dany Yako (Director and Geography Fieldwork Specialist Peak Pursuits Australia)	Whitely Ballroom 1
	2b. Differentiation: ensuring students can extend their learning within the classroom	Khya Brooks & Jade Cunningham (Elizabeth Macarthur High School)	Whitely Ballroom 2
	2c. The Geographical Investigation	Kieran Bonin (GTA Vice President; Orange High School)	Lindsay Room
	2d. Effective Use of Powerful Geography Resources	Lorraine Chaffer & Louise Swanson (contributing authors)	Boyd Room
Lunch			
14.00-15.00	3a. Navigating the new Stage 6 syllabus	Rex Cooke (Head of Faculty-Saint Ignatius' College Riverview)	Whitely Ballroom 1
	3b. GTA Structured Sharing Session	Rebecca Sutcliffe (GTA Vice President) & Bianca Mangioni (GTA Councillor) et al	Whitely Ballroom 2
	3c. Skills for Out-of-field teachers	Sam Coburn & Alan Ciccio (GTA Councillors, Geography Explained Online)	Lindsay Room
	3d. Stage 4 & 5 Fieldwork - Train Station Accessibility Audit	Kathy Jones (Director Fieldwork Connections)	Meet outside Ballroom
	3e. Immerse, Explore, Inspire: Sydney Coastal Field Studies	Damien McClellan (Director Eco-treasures)	Boyd Room
15.15	CLOSE		

SN: GTA025



Abstracts of Presentations

[Scan QR code](#)
or [Click this Link](#)



Apply for a Scholarship

[Scan QR code](#)
or [Click this Link](#)



Accommodation special rates

[Scan QR code](#)
or [Click this Link](#)



REGISTER NOW!

[Scan QR code](#)
or [Click this Link](#)