



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 | | | |
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| 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 Cizzio (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) | Boyd Room |
| | 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) | Whitely Ballroom 1 |
| Lunch | | | |
| 14.00-15.00 | 3a. Stage 6 HSC Q & A | Lorraine Chaffer, Rex Cooke, Matt Carroll, Khya Brooks, Jaye Dunn, MC - Drew Collins | Whitely Ballroom 1 |
| | 3b. Geography-led interdisciplinary project for Stage 5 students | Sophie Poisel 50°C: Climate, Heat and Resilience program | 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) & Verity Normington | Lindsay Room |
| | 3d. Bridging the Gap: Overcoming Fieldwork Challenges | Austin Brooks (Observatory Hill EEC) | Boyd Room |
| 15.15 | CLOSE | | |

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| 9.00-9.45 | Blueminds: Turning the Tide on Eco-anxiety | Kal Glanznig & Cooper Chapman | Whitely Ballroom |
| 9.45-10.30 | Cultivating Resilience: Navigating Change - Geography, Sustainability, and Community | Costa Georgiardi | Whitely Ballroom |
| Morning Tea | | | |
| 11.00-12.00 | 1a. Our Changing Harbour Estuary | Louise Swanson (GTA Councillor & Bulletin Editor; The Harbour School) & James Healey (Killarney Heights HS) | Lindsay Room |
| | 1b. Water and Climate Change | Louise Roberts (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water) | Boyd Room |
| | 1c. The Geographical Investigation | Kieran Bonin (GTA Vice President) | Whitely Ballroom 1 |
| | 1d. Run your own fieldwork: Ecosystems and global biodiversity | Kathy Jones (Director Fieldwork Connections) | Whitely Ballroom 2 |
| 12.00-13.00 | 2a. Bringing Geography to Life - Practical Learning in Action | Dany Yako (Director and Geography Fieldwork Specialist Peak Pursuits Australia) | Boyd Room |
| | 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) | Lindsay Room |
| | 2d. Effective Use of Powerful Geography Resources | Lorraine Chaffer & Louise Swanson (contributing authors) | Whitely Ballroom 1 |
| 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) | Whitely Ballroom 2 |
| | 3c. Skills for Out-of-field teachers | Sam Coburn & Alan Cizzio (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 |
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