



## 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report

### Geographical Society of New South Wales (NSW) 2018 - 2019

## 1. Australian Geographer

2018-2019 has been another busy year at *Australian Geographer*. After the special issues and commentaries for the journal's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, matters settled back into "normal business", receiving submissions, undertaking blind peer review and publishing the best papers in regular issues.

Highlights include Natalie Osborne's Thinking Space essay on contemporary urban politics –the first installment in an arrangement with the urban geography study group of the IAG, to invite an early career researcher each year to present a special talk at the annual conference, published as a TS piece in *Australian Geographer*. Osborne's piece has been downloaded 1711 times, with a very high Altmetric (social media impact) score of 77. Alistair Sisson et al's revisiting of Maurie Daly's classic *Sydney Boom, Sydney Bust*, also garnered much social media coverage, thanks to co-author Dallas Rogers' high media profile (1621 downloads, with an Altmetric score of 32).

### 1.1.Editors

Chris Gibson has signaled his intention to step down as Editor-in-Chief of *Australian Geographer* due to family reasons. At the time of writing, negotiations are coming close to conclusion over the replacement Editor-in-Chief, expected to commence in 2020. Chris will work with the new Editor-in-Chief to ensure a smooth changeover. Natascha Klocker and Duncan Cook remain Editors.

### 1.2 Submissions

Discounting unusually large numbers of submissions in 2017-2018 for the two special issues and the anniversary year, submissions are this year on track to be roughly consistent with the long-term level. The journal's rejection rate in the previous 12 months was approx. 40%. As always, increases in submissions equate to overall improvements in quality of published articles, as it enables the editors to raise the bar higher and push marginal papers back to authors for further rewrites. With only a single special issue on the horizon for 2020 (see below), we strongly encourage Society members to submit special issue proposals to the journal.

### 1.3 Impact factor

*Australian Geographer's* impact factor increased from 1.350 in 2017 to 1.639 in 2018. The journal has also climbed three places to 47/83 in the geography subject category. We are pleased with this

result, as it confirms our strategy to ‘up the bar’ on quality of papers accepted for publication over the past 12-24 months.

The Journal’s 2018 Scopus CiteScore increased to 1.60, with a rank of 171/629 in the Social Science – Geography, Planning & Development category and 48/136 in the Earth & Planetary Sciences – Earth-Surface Processes category.

Delving into the detail of citations, a growing percentage arose in a general fashion across all articles (1-2 citations in the year), rather than being reliant on a smaller number of highly-cited papers. The proportion of papers uncited has also fallen each year since 2016. This is a pleasing result: again, it points to improvement in the overall quality of papers accepted, which has been our underlying strategy for the past few years.

## **1.4 Downloads**

*Australian Geographer* received 56,402 article downloads in 2018, which is 12% higher than downloads received in 2017. Downloads for 2019 year to date are 44,583 which is 37% higher than at the same time in 2018.

## **1.5 Special issues**

After the previous two years were somewhat clogged with special issues, this year has seen more regular issues. The special issue edited by Ben Cooke, on urban greening, is halfway through the peer review and editing process; roughly half the papers are accepted and/or in press, the others awaiting revision and finalization. We expect this to be published in early 2020.

## **1.6 Social Media**

AG’s Twitter (@austgeog) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianGeographer>) presences continue to grow. We now have 1011 followers on Twitter (up from 850 last year), and 236 followers on Facebook (202 previously). Since the accounts began, more than 1,100 tweets have been made from the @austgeog Twitter account, promoting content. Posts are made to facebook daily, reaching 77 people, on average.

## **1.7 A note of thanks**

Given this is the last annual report before standing down as Editor-in-Chief, Chris would like to extend a personal note of thanks to the following people, for their help, support and advice over the previous four years: John Connell (previous editor, and currently book review editor) for insights and wisdom; Duncan Cook for stepping up to the plate when the journal urgently needed a physical geography editor; Rae Dufty-Jones, Phil McManus and the Society’s Council for ongoing trust and support; Alexandra Lazzari and Tamara D’Mello at Taylor and Francis for quality, efficiency and consistency, and especially Natascha Klocker and Kirstie Petrou, for hard work, commitment and care, and for simply being there when it was most needed.

*Professor Chris Gibson, Editor-in-Chief Australian Geographer*

## **2. Program of Society Activities**

### **2.1 2018 Awards Night**

The 2018 Awards Night was held at Club Burwood RSL, Monday 4 December. We had over 100 people attend. GSNSW President Rae Dufty-Jones welcomed award recipients and their guests. Overall, the night was a huge success with many guests reporting that they had a great time. The

presenting of Awards was mixed with Trivia planned and presented by Kevin Dunn. Awards presented on the night were:

### **2.1.1 Life Membership**

In accordance with our Constitution, the Council may, in special circumstances, accord Life Membership to a member or benefactor who has provided exceptional support to the Society. As a Society we are very grateful for the contributions made by our Life Members and wish to recognise them accordingly.

In 2018, the Life Member award went to Dr Stephen Codrington. Stephen has been in multiple roles for the Geographical Society of NSW. In 1982 Stephen was elected as a member of the Council. Although simultaneously President of the Geographical Teachers Association of NSW, he served as President of the Geographical Society from 1988 to 1990, and then Vice-President from 1990 to 1995, and again from 1995 to 1997. In 1998 Stephen was elected a Fellow of the Society. Upon his return to Australia after finishing at Awty Houston Texas in 2013, Stephen reconnected with the Society. He is currently our Honorary Treasurer. The Society is very grateful for Stephen's ongoing service and leadership.

For more information about our life member awards please visit our website:

<https://www.geogsoc.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=546978>

### **2.1.2 Australian Geographer Best Paper Prize**

Each year, the editors of the Australian Geographer award two \$500 cash prizes for best paper and best paper by an early career researcher (ECR)<sup>1</sup>. The Awards are intended to encourage and highlight the highest quality published work in geography. In 2017, the Society decided to name these Awards after the first editors of the Australian Geographer, Dorothy R. Taylor and David G. Stead.

- The Dorothy R Taylor Award for best paper published overall in a calendar year in 2018 was awarded to: Dr Rae Dufty-Jones for her paper, 'A historical geography of housing crisis in Australia'.
- The David G Stead Award for best paper by an ECR published in a calendar year in 2018 was awarded to: Dr Alanna Kamp for her paper, 'Chinese Australian women's 'homemaking' and contributions to the family economy in White Australia'.

For more information about these awards please visit our website:

<https://www.geogsoc.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=674196>

### **2.1.3 Post-Doctoral Geography Scholar Awards**

This Award began in 2015. The aim of the award is to support the research program of early career geographers in their efforts to maintain research momentum, post-doctorate. The Award winners receive between \$500 to \$1500 to support their attendance at a conference, at which the award winner presents a paper on a topic relating to geography. The Society would like to congratulate the following recipients:

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<sup>1</sup> For these purposes, 'early career' is normally taken to mean within 5 years of completion of a PhD (or beforehand).

Dr Susannah Clement (University of Wollongong)  
Dr Tegan Hall (University of Sydney)  
Dr Elyse Stanes (University of Wollongong)  
Dr Husnia Underabi (Western Sydney University)  
Dr Alanna Kamp (Western Sydney University). Subsequent to receiving the Award Alanna declared herself ineligible to accept the Award after being informed that her Fellowship was extended. She has not received any prize money.

#### **2.1.4 Photography Competition**

In 2017, the Society held its first photography competition which coincided with the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Exhibition. This was a successful event with several entrants offering up to four photographs for judging. Eligible participants were invited to submit digital images taken 'in the field'. The field was broadly defined to encompass the spaces in which geographers undertake teaching and research related activities, outside their places of employment. The Society would like to congratulate the following prize winners:

First Prize (\$400) was awarded to Kevin Gar Yuen Huang

Second Prize (\$200) was awarded to Adriana Zaja

Third Prize (\$100) was awarded to Joshua Bray

The photographs were displayed at the Society's annual Awards Night dinner on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and will be part of an exhibition available to NSW Universities.

#### **2.1.5 University Student Prizes**

The Geographical Society commenced awarding a University Prize to the outstanding geography students at the University of Sydney in the early 1940s. The number of prizes increased as new departments of geography opened throughout NSW after World War II and eventually, prizes were awarded annually to students from all nine NSW Universities who topped geography in their second year of University.

At the 2016 Planning Day, Council proposed to increase the number of prizes so that a prize is given to the top student at each university in NSW in each of the following years; year 1, year 2 and year 3. The proposal was approved at a Council meeting held 20 February 2017.

Students receive a certificate, \$100 cheque, 12-month membership to the Society and an invitation to our Awards Night dinner.

Please see table 1 below for the 2017 award winners (awarded at the 2018 Awards Night).

**Table 1: 2017 award winners. The top student at each university in NSW in each of the following years; year 1, year 2 and year 3.**

University	1st year winner	2nd year winner	3rd year winner
Australia Catholic University	Kimberley Houseman	Sophie Mulley	Bianka Rubelj
Macquarie University	Mathew Lindsay	Rachel Hughes	Jacqueline King
University of Newcastle	Sophie Pizzuto	Zoe Lewis	Kate Falkenmire
University of New England	Lachlan Eager		Laura Jayne Lubrano Kristy O'Sullivan
University of NSW	Imogen Irmhilt Ruberg	Christian James Keyes	Panayiotis Panaretos
University of NSW (ADFA)	Julie Gillies	Elspeth Keele	Jack Palmer
University of Sydney	Thomas Chang	Lauren Ann MacRae	Elona Gillian Rey-Costa
University of Wollongong	Timothy Wall	Taneesha Amos-Hampson	Emily Wells
Western Sydney University	Mariam Abbas	Alice Bowen	Nathan Reynolds

*Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

## 2.2 Honours/Masters Conference, 2018

The 2018 Geographical Society of NSW Honours/Masters Conference was held at the University of Newcastle on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Conference was organised by Professor Dale Dominey-Howes. There were 6 presenters, with contributions from the University of Newcastle, the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and the University of Wollongong. The quality and diversity in the papers was high, as is the norm at this conference and a tribute to the discipline.

The Society's President, Dr Rae Dufty-Jones presented the Jim Rose Awards. Jim Rose is remembered for his pastoral care of staff and students, his "whole of geography" passion and his support for Honours students, and it is particularly with the latter in mind that the Society annually makes awards in his name for the best papers at the Annual Honours Conference. The awardees were:

Best Paper – Jessica Lemire (University of Newcastle)

Highly Commended presentation on a Human Geography topic – Elloise Ames (University of Wollongong)

Highly Commended presentation on a Physical Geography topic – Jason Chan (University of NSW)

Presenters were also given a free 1-year membership to the Society, and encouraged to submit a version of their presentations to the Society's journal, *Australian Geographer*.

*Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

## 2.3 Study Tours

### 2.3.1 Operational Tours 2019

- Two tours have taken place in 2019, both led by Heather Rushton.
- In January/February a group of 5(+TL) travelled to Sri Lanka. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the tour and the small size of the group gave them the sense of the tour being 'personalised'.
- The down side of the small group size was that no levy for the Geographical Society was applied.
- In May a group of 19 (+TL) visited the Caucasus, travelling through Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. The tour was very successful with participants learning a great deal about regional geography, history and politics. They also revelled in the spectacular scenery, were immersed in the culture of the area and experienced extraordinary hospitality.
- This tour resulted in a \$4750 (\$250x19) contribution being made to the Geographical Society.

### 2.3.2 Non-operational Tours for 2019

- The South American tour planned for January 2019 failed to attract any participants. The Sri Lankan tour was substituted.
- The Autumn tour of Japan has also been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

### 2.3.3 Proposed Tours for 2020

- North East India (February). Response to this tour has not been strong. A decision will be made in September as to whether it will go ahead.
- Malta and Sicily (March/April). A reconnaissance tour to these locations has been completed and an itinerary is being prepared.
- Caucasus (May). There is a fair amount of interest in this region and arrangements for a second tour are well underway. The tour will include locations not visited by the previous tour.
- Jordan, Israel and Cyprus (October). This tour is still in the initial planning stage.
- If the NE India tour does not eventuate, there is the possibility of arranging another tour to Sri Lanka (August) to coincide with festivities in Kandy.

*Heather Rushton, Study Tours Convener*

## 2.4 The Travellers Club

Travellers' tales continue to be told at Norths five times a year, pretty much as for the last couple of years and at Riverview before that. The pros and cons stay pretty much the same: generally interesting talks, good audience, good catering, older regulars dropping out or off and not being

sufficiently replaced. So we are just about holding an attendance of 20. I did manage to find two new speakers during the year to supplement stalwarts Codrington and Rushton – Architect-historian Davina Jackson, and my fellow geographer from Sydney University, Terry Beed, were welcome new voices, but we seem in no danger of a surge of offerings from other members of the Geographical Society. Please contradict me. Bronwyn Bate’s brochures continue to be very presentable and Christine Edwards kindly collects the nominal attendance fee when she’s not off seeing the world or performing musical recitals.

The program since July 2018 has been as follows:

### **2018**

9th September: ‘Guns, science, rats and ships: developing the West head of Sydney Cove since 1788’ by Davina Jackson

11th November: ‘The Caucasus’ by Heather Rushton

### **2019**

10th March: ‘Southwest England, the American Midwest and the Queensland frontier’ by Terry Beed

5th May: ‘Tajikstan, where the Silk Road confronts the Pamir mountains’ by Stephen Codrington

7th July: ‘Patches of India’ by Bob Solomon

*Bob Solomon (Dr Robert Solomon AM) Convener*

## **2.5 Postgraduate Events**

The Society held two events targeted at postgraduate students this year.

The first event, titled 'Unsettling impact: Conducting impactful, engaged research in the contemporary university' was held prior to the Society Awards night on 26 November 2018. The session was led by Dr Louise Crabtree (Western Sydney University), and introduced postgraduate students to strategies for impact and engagement as part of their research. Whilst research impact and engagement is now being incorporated into formal reporting models within academia, this raises numerous issues for postgraduate students about how to account for these changes in their own work. It also raises broader questions around what it means to conduct engaged, impactful research. The workshop was attended by 16 students.

The second event, titled, ‘Looking to the future of post-PhD careers in Geography’, was held at the Royal Hotel in Darlington on 18 March 2019. At this event we heard from three Early Career Researchers about their experiences of navigating a rapidly shifting academic landscape. Panellists included Dr Susannah Clement (NSW Office of Environment and Heritage) and Dr Alanna Kamp (Western Sydney University). The event took the format of an open discussion with a social event afterwards, and was attended by 20 people.

Thank you to Rae Dufty-Jones and Bronwyn Bate for their assistance in organising and facilitating these events.

## **2.6 Writing Retreat**

From the 4 February to 7 February 2019 the Society held its first writing retreat. The retreat was held at the Mount Victoria Manor, Blue Mountains and was organised by Society President Rae Dufty-Jones. The purpose of the retreat was to provide members of the Society with a dedicated block of time, as well as collegiate interaction, networking and support, for the development of focused advances in academic writing. With input and guidance from 'expert' facilitators, the retreat provided a collective opportunity for thinking through how to write both productively and in lively, engaging styles. 12 Geographers attended the retreat. There were six PhD students, five Early Career Researchers (ECR) and one Mid-Career Researcher. The Society provided subsidies of up to \$250 for PhD students and \$150 for ECR students with no institutional support and who are on a medium income. After the retreat, participants were sent a survey. Over three-quarters (78%) of participants said they were extremely likely to recommend the Society's writing retreat to others. Thus far, there have been two papers published from the writing retreat. As a condition of participation authors provide an acknowledgement of the support provided by the Society's to attend the writing retreat and the role of the retreat in contributing to the development of the paper published.

Based on the success of the 2019 retreat the Society has decided to run another retreat in 2020. This retreat will be held from 17 to 20 of February 2020. The retreat will be held at the historic Carrington Hotel, Blue Mountains. If you are interested in attending please visit our website for more information: [www.geogsoc.org.au](http://www.geogsoc.org.au)

*Rae Dufty-Jones, President and Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

### 3. GENERAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Council Membership 2018 - 2019

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	
Dr Rae Dufty-Jones	Senior Lecturer in Geography and Urban Studies, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University
<b>VICE PRESIDENT x 2</b>	
Dr Garth Lean (President Elect)	Senior Lecturer in Tourism and Heritage Studies, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University
Professor Phil McManus (Past President)	Professor of Urban and Environmental Geography, and the Head of School of Geosciences, University of Sydney
<b>HONORARY TREASURER</b>	
Dr Stephen Codrington	Director of School Governance and Leadership Development, and Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, Alphacrucis College, Parramatta, Sydney
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>	
Professor Emma Waterton	Director of Academic Programs (Geography, Tourism and Planning), School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University
<b>HON SECRETARY</b>	
Susan Caldis	Unit Convenor, Geography Methodology, Macquarie University
<b>COUNCILLORS x 8</b>	
Professor Kevin Dunn	Professor in Human Geography and Urban Studies, Western Sydney University
Dr Josephine Gillespie	Senior Lecturer in the School of Geosciences, University of Sydney
Dr Laura Hammersley	School of Geography and Sustainable Communities, University of Wollongong
Associate Professor Andrew McGregor	Department of Geography and Planning, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University
Dr Fiona McKenzie	Honorary Associate, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney / Founder and Director, Orange Compass

Mr Martin Pluss	Geography Teacher and Dean of Learning Technologies, Loreto College Normanhurst, Sydney
Dr Meg Sherval	Senior Lecturer in Geography and Environmental Studies, School of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle
Dr Sophie Webber	Lecturer in Human Geography, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney
<b>STUDENT COUNCIL REP x 2</b>	
Sophie-May Kerr	PhD Candidate, School of Geography and Sustainable Communities University of Wollongong
Craig Lyons	PhD Candidate, School of Geography and Sustainable Communities University of Wollongong

#### **Nominations for co-opted members to Council**

- **Australian Geographer Editor:** Professor Chris Gibson; Professor of Human Geography and Director UOW Global Challenges.
- **University of New South Wales Representative:** Associate Professor Matthew Kearnes; School of Humanities and Languages.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Student Councillor:** Mary Pilkinton; Undergraduate Student at the University of Wollongong; Providing the Council and Society with specific expertise in geography student experiences at the undergraduate level.
- **Convener Geographical Society of NSW Travellers Club:** Dr Robert (Bob) Solomon.
- **Geographical Names Board:** Dr Robert (Bob) Solomon.

#### **Executive Officer**

- Bronwyn Bate; PhD Candidate, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University.

#### **Thanks to 2019 departing Councillors**

- Associate Professor Andrew McGregor; Department of Geography and Planning, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University.
- Dr Fiona McKenzie; Honorary Associate, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney / Founder and Director, Orange Compass.
- Mr Martin Pluss; Geography Teacher and Dean of Learning Technologies, Loreto College Normanhurst, Sydney.
- Sophie-May Kerr; PhD Candidate, School of Geography and Sustainable Communities, University of Wollongong.

## 3.2 Society Membership

A full review of membership categories and price of membership was conducted at the 2015 AGM. The Council chose to reduce and merge its categories. Table 2 presents an overview of membership trends from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 using these new membership categories. Table 3 presents membership trends from 1st July 2013 – 30th June 2017 using the old membership categories. Membership has increased over the past few years. In 2018 – 2019 (138 members) compared to 2017-2018 (133 members) and 2016-2017 (109 members). It is likely that the launch of the new website, which automatically notifies people about membership renewal and allows them to pay online via the payment gateway Eway, have contributed to the increase in memberships. Further, the 90th Birthday Gala Dinner and Exhibition in 2017 have increased awareness of the Society.

**Table 2: Overview of membership 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Category	Cost 1 year membership	2017-2018		2018-2019	
		n	%	n	%
Ordinary/Corporate/Fellow	\$60.00	43	32.33	53	38.40
Retirees	\$30.00	28	21.05	26	18.84
Students	\$15.00	42	31.57	41	29.71
Associates	\$15.00	5	3.75	4	2.89
Life members	\$0.00	11	8.27	10	7.24
Free 12 month membership	\$0.00	4	3	4	2.89
<b>Total</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 3: Membership trends from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Membership Type	Year							
	2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Ordinary	41	30.4	37	31	34	27.2	29	26.9
Retired	29	21.5	29	24	23	18.4	20	18.5
Student	18	13.3	18	15	30	24	27	25
2016 Honours/ Masters Conference	13	9.6	9	7	14	11.2	10	9.3
2 <sup>nd</sup> year Student Prize (see note 1)	10	7.4	6	5	9	7.2	3	2.8
Life	6	4.4	7	6	7	5.6	9	8.3
Fellow	4	3.7	4	3	3	2.4	3	2.8
Retired Fellow	5	3.7	5	4	3	2.4	3	2.8
Associate	4	3.0	3	3	2	1.6	3	2.8
Corporate	4	3.0	2	2	0	0	1	0.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>
AG Supply Members (formerly 'life members')	2	1.5	2	1.6	2	1.5	1	0.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100.9</b>

*Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

### 3.3 Planning Day 2018

The planning day was held Friday 2 November 2018, in Conference room 449, Level 4, Madsen Building, University of Sydney. The aim of the 2018 Planning Day was to build on the momentum gained in 2017 in terms of thinking about the role of a Geographical Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. In particular, the Council aims to use Planning Day as a forum to continue to think of new and interesting ways to engage and connect with members to promote geography, both to members and to a wider audience. Fiona McKenzie (GSNSW Councillor) organised and hosted the Planning Day. The Society would like to acknowledge Fiona's hard work towards a successful 2018 Planning Day.

**Table 4: Planning Day action items for 2019 - 2020. Highlighted items are crucial.**

	<b>Task</b>	<b>Who</b>
1	Partnership officer – coordinating exploration – capacity exploration	Jo Gillespie, Fiona McKenzie to put together a proposal.
2	Schools “scaffolding”	Mary Pilkinton and Laura Hammersley.
3	Festival of Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connect with a partnership officer</li> <li>- Connect with Dallas Rogers, learn from Festival of Urbanism</li> <li>- Unit development officer for DGR/structuring</li> <li>- Australian Geographer and department heads</li> <li>- Event shortcuts/conference shortcuts</li> <li>- Learning from other NGO’s</li> <li>- Piggy backing off IAG</li> </ul>	Put together a proposal for 2020 Rae Dufty-Jones.
4	Review prize and events structure	TBC
5	Regional Geography funding	TBC
6	Digital archives on Society website	Already actioned item.
7	Social media push	TBC
8	Members survey	Already actioned item. Bronwyn Bate to complete Jan 2019.
9	Council survey	Already actioned item. Bronwyn Bate to complete Jan 2019.
10	Ambassadors/influences program	TBC
11	Council welcome pack	Bronwyn Bate and Rae Dufty-Jones. Already actioned item.
12	Bake your thesis	Crag Lyons and Sophie-May Kerr.

*Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

### 3.4 Marketing and Promotions

The Society has remained active during the year, continuing to think of new and interesting ways to engage and connect with members to promote geography, both to members and to a wider audience.

#### 3.4.1 Social Media

The Society’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/geogsoc>) has continued to grow over the past year. On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 the Society’s Facebook page had 433 followers and this has grown to 528 followers on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The Society's Twitter account (@GeogSocNSW) commenced in 2015. On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 the Twitter account had 699 followers and this has grown to 797 followers on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

*Bronwyn Bate, Executive Officer*

Thank you to all those who contributed to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report.