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From the President

Dear Members, thank you to all those members who attended the Annual General Meeting on 17th September and participated in progressing important resolutions and the election of a new Council for 2019-2020.

As you will recall from the notice of meeting in the September Bulletin, included in the business of this year's AGM was a Special Resolution dealing with adoption of three specific clauses in the new constitution which provided a mechanism for filling office-bearer positions should there be no further nominations received from the floor at the AGM. This was needed because we are still in transition awaiting approval from ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission) for the transfer to a company limited by guarantee (CLG) and the new constitution. At the AGM, these resolutions were approved by a majority of members present. This made it possible for the newly elected Council to meet briefly after the AGM, to appoint a President for the forthcoming Society year 2019-2020. A full list of the new Council is included later in this Bulletin.

I am honoured to have been appointed as President for another year and look forward to working with Councillors, staff and members to move our Society forward beyond the period of "transition" which has consumed our activities to a very large extent for the past two years. I will strive to focus not only on ideas of how to meet and solve problems that arise, but also to anticipate how we can engage with issues and develop enterprises for the future benefit of the Society.

In dealing with the major challenges over the past two years (buying and re-locating to new premises, transition to a CLG, staffing review) I, personally, have not had time for some geographical initiatives

that I had hoped to progress as an incoming president in 2017. I am pleased to be able to report that we have now re-established the Society's Scientific Studies Committee and look forward to working to develop our plans in that exciting area. I also hope to re-establish our Publications committee in the near future with the goal of reviewing the roles of our current excellent Bulletin and website and providing a new platform (e.g. an online journal) for publishing geographical research both for the wider academic and professional communities. I am particularly concerned to seek a solution to continuing lecture presentations on the Sunshine Coast. One option we are investigating is how to stream lectures presented at RGSQ Fortescue street.

The incoming Council comprises an excellent balance of members with academic, business, educational and professional expertise, including both new councillors who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives and re-elected councillors who bring continuity and experience.

The year ahead presents interesting tasks – what kind of RGSQ do we wish to build for the future? How should we be investing our efforts and resources to promote and support Geography? How can we increase our membership, particularly of younger people? I look forward to hearing your ideas on these, and many other matters relating to RGSQ over the coming year.

Iraphne Childs, President



OCTOBER 2019 MONTHLY LECTURE

‘Under the Dryline’

presentation by Justin Noonan

Date: Tuesday, October 1

Time: 7.30pm-9pm

Venue: [Gregory Place, Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill](#)

Register: www.rgsq.org.au



Photo: A violent EF4 tornado near Katie Oklahoma, May 9, 2016. It crossed a couple of hundred meters from our location. Courtesy of Justin Noonan

Take a journey across Australia and the USA as we hunt down the biggest storms on the planet! From thunderstorm set-ups and ingredients, to the ecstatic highs and devastating lows of chasing. Throw in a few life and death moments, along with some of the most picturesque scenes you will ever see! The adrenaline-fueled activity that is storm chasing will have you sitting on the edge of your seat!

Growing up in SE QLD, spring thunderstorms are something you become used to. The big flood of 1996 on the family farm, along the Albert River, would set off a series of events that would shape the person Justin is today. He began making his own weather maps and harassing the Bureau of Meteorology weekly about current events in his early teens. In 2001, after receiving his licence as a fresh faced 17-year-old, Justin ventured out on his first chase near Beaudesert. From then on, every spring and summer, he would head out in search of the biggest storms whilst gradually increasing his knowledge of severe weather. 2010 was Justin's first year chasing in the USA. He was lucky enough to see his first tornado and live out a lifelong dream. Every year since, he has returned to the US, now with 87 tornadoes under his belt, including surviving the deadly Joplin Missouri EF5 tornado in 2011 which sadly killed 162 people. Justin's passion is not limited to thunderstorms. In March 2017, he was in the eye of Category 4 TC Debbie and has recently started chasing volcanoes. Justin has been fortunate enough to turn what was a hobby into a secondary job as well as being a forecaster for The Early Warning Network.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Focus on Geographical Research SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AT THE DRAWING BOARD AGAIN!



Photo: Dr Irphne Childs (RGSQ President), Prof James Shulmeister (RGSQ member), Ms Kathryn Scott (RGSQ member), Mr Neal O'Connor (RGSQ member) and Dr Thomas Sigler (RGSQ member).

The Scientific Studies committee has been resurrected – current members are: Irphne Childs (Chair), Patrick Moss, Patrick Nunn, Neal O'Connor, Kathryn Scott, James Shulmeister and Thomas Sigler.

The committee has convened twice this year (in April and September) and has planned to start a new RGSQ study focussing on north Stradbroke Island. RGSQ Council has approved a small fund to conduct a pilot study as a base from which to develop applications for external funding for the project from Qld State and Federal research grants.

The project will include work by scientists in both physical and human Geography and will incorporate a "Citizen Science" agenda. The latter should provide opportunities for RGSQ members to volunteer to assist in the project on beautiful Straddie. So, watch this space! **By Irphne Childs**

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UPCOMING EVENTS | find out more and register at www.rgsq.org.au



To register and book for any of the upcoming treks and activities, please visit the RGSQ website <https://rgsq.org.au/eventscalendar> or contact the Office on 07 3368 2066.

The Binna Burra walk, scheduled for the 14th of September, was cancelled, unfortunately, due to fires in the area and the road being closed. Hopefully, it can go ahead next year and by then the section of road near the former Guest House will have been stabilised and the vegetation recovered to some degree.

GYMPIE DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Friday, 1st November - Sunday, 3rd November

Join us for an interesting weekend at Gympie and Surrounds, including visits to the Woodworks and Gold Mining Museums, a ride on the Mary Valley Rattler and a visit to a Camel Dairy.

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Registration: \$70.00 per person; payable to RGSQ by 30 September 2019; register at <https://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

Inclusions: entry and guide for Woodworks Museum; Mary Valley Rattler steam train (BYO snacks and drinks); entry and guide for Goldmining Museum booking fee.

Exclusions: accommodation costs; meals; transport.

You should book your accommodation as soon as possible if interested.

Accommodation: various Motels and accommodation options. Gympie Caravan Park will be the "Trip Centre" <https://www.gympiecaravanparkgympie.com/>.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday 1 November: Check into accommodation (at own cost) at about 11am and meet for lunch at 12pm at the Woodworks Museum and Interpretive Centre at 8 Fraser Road, on the Bruce Highway just North of the Town. 1pm. Guided Tour.

5pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7pm - Possible Group dinner at a local restaurant at own cost.

Saturday 2 November: Gather at the Old Gympie Station, Tozer Street at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure on the Mary River Rattler to Aramoor arriving at 10am (One hour Stop and Turnaround). Return to Gympie by 12pm.

12.30pm Meet at Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Centre for lunch and the Café. 1.30 Museum Guided Tour.

5.00pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7.00pm. Possible Self Catering at Caravan Park.

Sunday 3 November: 9.30am. Gather at Caravan Park 10.00am Arrive at Camelot Camel Dairy, 49 Waugh Road, Scrubby Creek (about 20-minute drive SW of Gympie). Tour of dairy and camel rides available! 12.00pm Lunch at Dairy Café. 1.00pm Depart for home via Scenic Route or of your choice.

Trip Organiser: Wayne McKenzie

ST HELENA ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

23 November 2019

Where: St Helena Island National Park – Moreton Bay

When: 10 am Saturday 23rd November 2019 (be at William Gunn Jetty, Manly, by 9:45 am)

Registration: Members \$85; Non-members \$90 (includes ferry, lunch, and guided walking tour); <https://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

Transport: Own transport to Manly

Duration: Five hours or a little more

Parking: Google Maps shows an appreciable amount of car parking within 5 to 8 minutes' walk. Trip Advisor indicates street parking is available within 5 to 8 minutes' walk as well.

Details: St Helena Island lies about 5 km east of the mouth of the Brisbane River and has an area of about 80 hectares excluding mangroves.

Evidence from middens shows that the island, known as Noogoon, was used by Aboriginal people for hunting dugong and flying foxes and gathering shellfish.

St Helena was originally intended to be a quarantine station, but the buildings constructed for this purpose were converted into prison accommodation and the island functioned as a high security prison. A proclamation declaring the island a place of detention was signed by the Queensland Governor, Sir George Bowen, on 14 May 1867.

By the end of the twentieth century, there were over 300 prisoners on the island, many of whom had been convicted of violent crimes. Prisoners were engaged in farming, with sugar, maize, lucerne and vegetables being produced; as well as 'trade' activities such as brickmaking, tailoring, and rope making.

The prison was in decline by the 1920s and most prisoners and workshops were moved to Bogo Road Gaol. Several buildings were dismantled, and the last prisoner left the island on 15 February 1933. The island was gazetted a National Park in 1979 and as the first Historic Area in Queensland in 1980.

Our guided tour with Cat O'Nine Tails Cruises will include buildings in the restricted zone and involve walking a little over 4 km. Lunch will be provided during the tour. Bring a bottle of water, sunscreen and a hat, and wear comfortable shoes.

Co-ordinator: Bob Reid (Mary Comer from 14 September to 1 November)

2020 RGSQ Trek to Lambert Centre

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR TREK TO LAMBERT CENTRE



This exciting 12-day trip includes airfares from Brisbane to Alice Springs, a luxury 4WD Tour Coach with a driver/guide and camp cook. Many included attractions as detailed below, as well as all breakfasts and dinners and most lunches. Some camping and some motels/cabins.

Costs are now available on the website, please book online at www.rgsq.org.au. Maximum limit: 20 people.

Full Draft Itinerary, Accommodation and Coach Details

Day 1: Wednesday 09/09/20 – Arrive Alice Springs. (Stay 2 nights at Desert Palms in twin share cabins)

Day 2: Thursday 10/09/20 – Alice Springs sightseeing
Day 3: Friday 11/09/20 – Western Macdonald Ranges (Stay: Kings Creek Station Safari Cabins)
Day 4: Saturday 12/09/20 – Kings Canyon & Uluru (Stay Yalara 2 nights camping in 2-person tents)
Day 5: Sunday 13/09/20 – Uluru & Kata-Tjuta National Parks (Ayers Rock and the Olgas)
Day 6: Monday 14/09/20 – Travel to Lambert Centre 2 nights (camping in 2-person tents)
Day 7: Tuesday 15/09/20 – RGSQ Lambert Centre activities
Day 8: Wednesday 16/09/20 – Travel to Coober Pedy (Stay: Coober Pedy: twin share cabins)
Day 9: Thursday 17/09/20 – Coober Pedy & William Creek (Stay: William Creek - Hotel accommodation)
Day 10: Friday 18/09/20 – Optional Lake Eyre Scenic flight & Roxby Downs (Stay: Roxby Downs - camping in 2-person tents)
Day 11: Saturday 19/09/20 – Woomera & Port Augusta (motel accommodation)
Day 12: Sunday 20/09/20 – depart Adelaide for home

Included Attractions

- ♦ Alice Springs Sightseeing Tour including guided tour of Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- ♦ Entry and self-guided tour of Alice Springs Desert Park
- ♦ Entry to National Transport Hall of Fame & Ghan Museum, Alice Springs
- ♦ Western MacDonald Ranges including Stanley Chasm and Simpsons Gap
- ♦ Guided Rim Walk at Kings Canyon or self-guided canyon walk
- ♦ Sunset viewing of Uluru with drinks and nibbles
- ♦ Uluru Sunrise tour
- ♦ Guided base tour of Uluru
- ♦ Visit Uluru - Kata-Tjuta Cultural Centre
- ♦ Guided walk at Walpa Gorge at the Olgas
- ♦ Guided tour of Coober Pedy including underground mine, underground house and underground church
- ♦ Guided tour of Andamooka Opal Fields & Sunset tour at Roxby Downs
- ♦ Entry to Woomera Heritage Centre; entry to Wadlata Outback Centre in Port Augusta

Meal Inclusions

Daily breakfast – a mix of continental and cooked breakfast/7 lunches/daily 2-course dinners.

Dedicated 2-person coach crew including experienced driver/guide and camp cook; The 4WD Coach:

- 22 reclining seats with lap-sash seat belts and plenty of leg room
- Arm rests & footrests to each set of seats (no footrests in front row)
- Road-cam – see what's happening up ahead via the TV monitor in passenger saloon
- Large windows with curtains
- Overhead luggage racks
- Overhead reading lights to each seat
- Reverse cycle – climate-controlled air-conditioning
- Air bag suspension for comfort
- Onboard fridge and freezer
- Onboard hot water urn
- Kitchen facilities
- Onboard rest room – rear of coach (not in passenger saloon)
- Luggage storage facilities
- Satellite phone for emergency contact in remote areas

Camping equipment

Two (2) person tents, equipped with camp stretcher, air mattress and/or bed roll. All plates, cups, bowls and eating utensils for meals will be supplied by Stonestreets Travel. Guests should bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, towel & 12-volt light/torch for tent and getting around at night.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, 23 September, from 9.30am to 12 noon.

Venue: 'Gregory Place', Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill, 4000



EVENTS CALENDAR New and existing members welcome

For a full view of the Map Group year refer to the RGSQ website www.rgsq.org.au

OCTOBER

Mon 14 - Fri 18 October 2019

Toowoomba Field Trip - 5-day Event

Details: The aim of our tour/visit is to gain a better understanding of the mapping history of the Darling Downs and Toowoomba, one of the earliest settled areas in Queensland.

Possible Venues: Negotiations are underway with a range of Venue Options including – Toowoomba Regional Council (local history and historic maps); Toowoomba Art Gallery (Bolton Reading Room); Airborne Insight (drone operating firm); Australian Rail Track Corporation (inland rail project); Nexus Infrastructure (second range crossing); Wagner's (Wellcamp Airport); Cobb & Co Museum (historic transport and possible lunch venue for one of 5 days).

Accommodation: Registrants to secure own accommodation.

The recommended accommodation is Jolly Swagman Accommodation Park, 47 Kitchener St, East Toowoomba, (07) 4632 8735, <https://www.swagmanpark.com/>
Website Link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3453921>

Location: Toowoomba & environs

Transport: Members own transport (carpooling options possible)

Cost: \$135 members; \$145 non-members

Coordinator: Stuart Watt

Wed, 23 October 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm

2nd Queensland State Archives Visit

Details

This is a follow up visit for Map Group to the QSA and is the second visit for 2019. The visit will concentrate on early historic maps of Queensland - e.g. explorer's maps/charts of Queensland, early land settlement maps, early town maps.

Website Link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3435898>

Location: Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Rd, Runcorn QLD 4113

Transport: Members make own arrangements

Cost: Nil | **Coordinator:** Daphne Stephens

NOVEMBER

Wed, 06 November 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Map Group Event

Dr Ray Kerkhove conducting a tour of Aboriginal Camp Sites of Kedron Brook, Nundah - followed by lunch

Details

To understand how and where aboriginal habitation occurred in a part of the Brisbane Region prior to European Settlement. Ray Kerkhove, a well-known researcher of Aboriginal Camp Sites and Pathways within the Brisbane Region prior to and after European settlement, will undertake the Tour of Kedron Brook, Nundah.

Tour Requirements

Some walking - along the pathways to Shaw Park - so good shoes, hat, water etc. Extra Tour Element: Ray can offer an additional Tour to German Station Park and the Nundah (German) Cemetery located there - to explain the attack that took place here and the camp on this site (the Cemetery is itself worth seeing being a remnant of the original German Station). **This Offer is reliant upon numbers willing to register for it. It may extend the overall Tour by a bit.**

Lunch: Italian bistro Royal Hotel, 1259 Sandgate Road Nundah

Website Link: <https://www.rgsq.org.au/event-3216777>

Location: Kalinga Park, at the carpark by Diggers Drive, off Park Avenue Kalinga - near the main (Anzac) gates

Transport: Members to make own arrangements

Cost: free, lunch at own expense

Coordinator: Keith Treschman

Trip Report

NAIDOC Week Bush Foods

14 participants (10 members and 4 non-members) met at Redcliffe Library at 9.45 for a 10am start. It was a perfect day weatherwise. Our guest speaker was Sheryl Backhouse who kindly substituted for Veronica Cougar and she was assisted by James Hansen.

We had a very interesting and informative talk on bush foods which ranged from: Davidson plum jam, macadamia nuts, aniseed myrtle, native ginger, Old Man Saltbush, lemon myrtle, finger limes and native violet.

Also, Sheryl had prepared a variety of delicious foods for us to taste. To take home, we were given recipes and methods to incorporate bush foods in our home cooking as well as email links to nurseries.

We brought our own lunch and many of us sat in the Rotunda on Redcliffe jetty and enjoyed the bay atmosphere. It wasn't windy and just a beautiful way to spend time with fellow members.

After lunch some of us went to the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens, it was very close, and we wandered through noting the bushland vegetation.

2.30pm we headed home. It was a very successful and enjoyable day.

A special "Thank you" to Margaret who came down from Tewantin to assist Audrey with the morning tea.

Some informative links are: www.witjutigrub.com.au and www.qldbushfood.org.au/

By Jeanette Lamont



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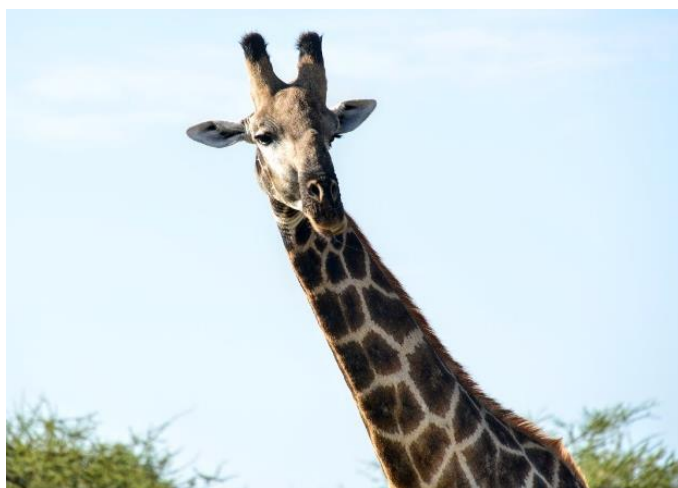
'GEOGRAPHY GAME PARKS AND GORILLAS'

tour of Central and Eastern Africa - PART II

by Leo Scanlan, Tour Leader

Following Tsavo West and our stay at the beautiful Kiliguni Hotel and two nights at Voi in Tsavo East, we moved on to Nairobi for our final day's outings where we visited the Giraffe Centre, Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage, and an interesting look into Karen Blixen's literary endeavours with a tour of Karen's house outside Nairobi.

The Giraffe Centre and Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage are a must see double when visiting this part of East Africa. The Orphanage is a great success story and is closely related to David and Daphne Sheldrick and their efforts in the preservation of Tsavo's magnificent elephants while The Giraffe Centre, which was originally set up as a breeding program for the endangered Rothschild's giraffe, presents a great opportunity for a personal and close encounter with these magnificent animals.



While I wouldn't attempt to list all of the animals seen on tour, we certainly spotted our share when travelling through Uganda. All of the 'Big Five' are present in Uganda except the Rhino. The ever-present Uganda Kob were quite prolific, lions were also seen, and we had walked with white rhino in the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary (it is to be hoped, with their breeding program, that one day some will be returned to the wild). A number of large elephants were seen when cruising the Kazinga Channel.

In Kenya, we witnessed the 'Big Five' (Elephant, Rhino, Lion, Buffalo and Leopard) on a couple of occasions with

large herds of Thomson's and Grant's Gazelle, zebra, wildebeest, bush buck, water buck, dik dik (the smallest of the antelope species), buffalo, zebra, topi, hartebeest, giraffe, lion, leopard, elephant, jackal, and hyenas on numerous occasions with similar numbers of the same and a repeat of the 'Big Five' when touring through Tanzania.

While I can't speak or name the highlights for everyone, 4 things stick out in my mind as being quite different from anything I have seen in the past. The gorillas were, of course, top of the bill, followed by the tower of giraffe, the tree climbing lions, and finally the sheer weight of numbers of the hippopotamus in the Retima Hippo Pool, Tanzania.

After what was a very physical exercise tramping through some rather 'impenetrable' bush, we finally came face to face with our Mishaya gorilla family.

Earlier that same morning this Mishaya gorilla family group had been tracked by The Uganda Wildlife Service Rangers who continually monitor their movements through the Bwindi Forest and then direct the day's activities related to permits applied for by visitors from all over the world. This tracking activity in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1994.

"When planning our trek, it was no accident that I had chosen to visit the gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. These gorillas are the crown jewels in Uganda's wildlife line-up, and they were also the jewels that would draw us into this never to be forgotten excursion into the Uganda scrub."

I can't begin to describe the size of the resident silverback male. He had massive shoulders, massive thighs and he just oozed power. Despite this, we managed to manoeuvre to within 7 or 8 metres of where he was quietly lying back and stripping away at the lush branches to eat, all within easy reach of his massive arms and hands while at the same time keeping a close eye on a couple of females and at least one very comical baby gorilla in his care. While these animals had a rather fearsome reputation portrayed in some literature from the past, there was absolutely no evidence of animosity towards our group of clumsy photographers clinging to the overgrown slope and crowding in on him and his family's space for this brief half hour of contact.

Finally, after a loud thumping of his chest, our guides indicated the gorilla's patience was wearing thin and perhaps it was time for us to leave. A comment was made to me that these animals have more protection here than most humans in this part of the world.

Crossing over into Kenya for the first time and during our first afternoon's game drive in the Masai Mara, we came upon a couple of tree climbing lions. There were more of these big cats in this particular pride but only two climbed the trees. While I was expecting that perhaps we might encounter some tree climbing lions in Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda, I didn't expect to see any here in Kenya. We managed to get close enough for those who use their phone to get some quite good pictures of one perched comfortably in the fork of a tree so I'm sure our trekkers got some wonderful photos with their cameras. The weather was all in our favour for photography as most

days were sunny and bright much like the light and intensity we're used to in Australia.

The Masai or Kilimanjaro Giraffe is a magnificent animal and there are many in the Serengeti. I have seen up to a dozen quite close on a previous trip, but, quite unexpectedly, as we drove through the national park and quite close to the end of a remote airstrip, stood a tower of giraffe, sixteen in number and standing quite still as if they were just waiting to be photographed.

This was a great surprise and something I just don't think I'm ever going to see again but, then, Africa never ceases to amaze. Needless to say, the cameras and phones were working overtime to record this rather unique wildlife spectacle.

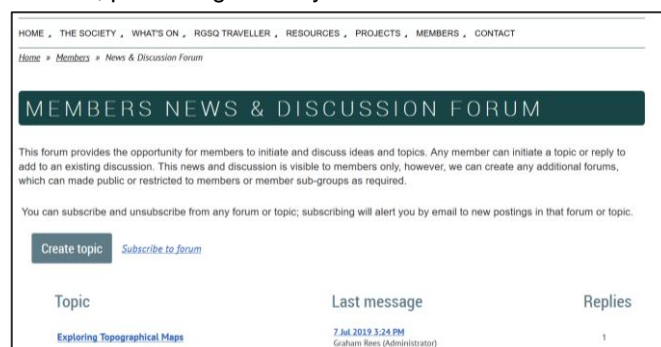
On past treks through national parks in Africa, I have seen numerous hippopotamus but this time at the Retima Hippo Pool near the converging Seronera and Orangi Rivers in the Serengeti, their numbers were really sensational. I don't really know how many but perhaps somewhere between five hundred and a thousand were jockeying for space. Impossible to count, hippos were everywhere in the river from 3-ton adult animals to babies. The water was a putrid green colour, had an equally putrid smell, and while the hippos wallowed the river was obviously the receptacle for everything, they had eaten the night before. To my surprise there were a couple of disgruntled scuffles amongst the adults, but I saw less "yawning" in this pool than I had seen in lesser populated pools previously.

Along with all of the animal species logged there was a very considerable catalogue of human geography witnessed as we passed through the many small towns and villages along the way. Not the large industrial cities like those in the West but more often a motley collection of small cottage industry and business shops lined up along mostly dusty main roads leading through town.

We took a group photo at the imaginary line, 'The Equator', looked down on the Great African Rift Valley, we visited a Masai village and looked in and moved on and through some very exceptional national parks and farming communities and finally we all shared some remarkable experiences along the way.

I would like to thank all our trekkers for your enthusiastic participation in an adventure I'm sure you will remember for a very long time.

If you'd like to keep in touch with your fellow RGSQ members or discuss any geographical topic the '**Members News and Discussion Forum**' is just the right platform. The forum is under the Members Only section on the RGSQ website, please log in with your credentials.



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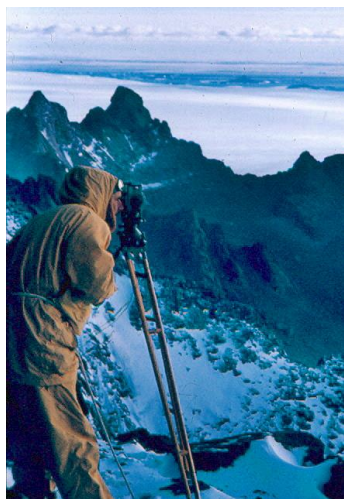
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**RGSQ LECTURE
at the University the
Sunshine Coast
"The Getting of
Australian Antarctica"**

By Syd Kirkby

Syd will speak of how Australia, a nation which had no individual identity for almost all of the discovery phase of Antarctica's history became its biggest claimant. He will also review the remarkably successful Antarctic Treaty and what it really does, rather than what it is widely thought to do.

Tuesday, October 22, 7.15pm-9pm

Venue: University of the Sunshine Coast, Lecture Theatre 2 (K Block)

RSVP: <http://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

The lecture is organised in association with the USC

Syd Kirkby is a long-retired surveyor who considers himself blessed to have spent practically all his working life in "Big Picture" and exploration surveys.

He was awarded the Polar Medal in 1958, made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1966 and made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2018. Syd was awarded the RGSQ Thompson Medal and the second highest and highest honours of the Australian Geographic Society. He was cited by the Australian newspapers in its published review of the 20th Century as one of the ten great Australian adventurers of the century, and was included in the Australian Museum's "Trailblazers, Australia's Fifty Greatest Explorers". *Photo: 27A Observing at Rum Doodle Peak, courtesy of Syd Kirkby*

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October 2019

Monthly Lecture: Tuesday 1 October
'Under the Dryline' by Justin Noonan, Storm Chaser

Lecture at the USC: Tuesday 22 October
'The Getting of Australian Antarctica'
by Syd Kirkby

Activity: 14 - 18 October

Toowoomba Field Trip - 5-day Event
(organised by the Map Group)

Map Group: Wed, 23 October 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm

2nd Queensland State Archives Visit

Ken Sutton Memorial Library: Monday 23 September 9:30am – 12 noon, 'Gregory Place'

The October Council will meet on the third Tuesday of the month

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