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From the President

Dear Fellow Members, our "Welcome night" on 4th February, the first members' meeting of 2020, was well-attended and very successful. Thanks to all those members who prepared and presented updates and activities for 2020 from the various committees and special interest groups. It's clear we have a great program for the year ahead.

I hope you can come along to the lectures and participate in some of the interesting activities and treks – you can find the whole year's program on the RGSQ website at <https://rgsq.org.au/programyear>.

During the Welcome night I was particularly pleased to catch up with some members from the Sunshine Coast. We are looking at options for presenting some lectures at the University of the Sunshine Coast again and/or making lecture presentations available online from RGSQ Spring Hill.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the first AGC mailout on 5-7 February. We couldn't run the AGC without you!

Have you ever met a *Chartered Geographer*?

<https://www.rgs.org/professionals/chartered-geographer/>

This title is achieved through an accreditation program based with the Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG) in the UK. Established in 2002, a **Chartered Geographer** is the internationally recognised accreditation for people who apply geographical skills, knowledge and understanding and are committed to maintaining their expertise through continuing professional development. "The *Chartered Geographer* accreditation gives confidence to employers, customers and decision makers that the professionals

who attain this status are practicing at a high level within their sector, can advise on innovative solutions and are active contributors to a vibrant international geographical community." Andy Murdock - Chair of Chartered Geographer Final Assessors Committee.

Chartered Geographers' knowledge and skills may be in the physical, environmental, resource management, social sciences or in the humanities, and across many areas of work: in education, teaching and training, in research, in the commercial world, including consultancy, in the public sector, charitable and not-for-profit organisations and in the planning professions. Chartered Geographers must be Fellows of the RGS-IBG. Eligibility has some fairly rigorous standards and involves an annual fee. There is a Framework of Competencies and a Code of Conduct designed to help Chartered Geographers to demonstrate their expertise and experience, no matter what their career stage.

It is an interesting concept that the Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG) some time ago had considered implementing for Australian Geographers but as yet has not implemented. I would expect that such accreditation should make it possible for the work and expert advice of geographers to be more widely recognised, cited and referenced in policy and strategic documents. For example, in January 2018 the UK Government's Science and Engineering (GSE) profession announced the appointment of a new pan-government Head of Geography, David Wood, a Senior Geospatial Data Analyst and Economic Geographer. No doubt the availability and status of Chartered Geographer assisted in championing the breadth of work undertaken by geographers in the UK, recognising their contribution to analysis, delivery and policy formulation across government. Currently there are at least 12 Australian Geographers who hold the RGS-IBG Chartered Geographer accreditation. The program may be of interest and worth considering in future especially for some of our Young Geographers.

Iraphne Childs, President

References:

<https://www.rgs.org/professionals/chartered-geographer/>
<https://www.rgs.org/professionals/charteredgeographer/eligibility>
<https://www.rgs.org/professionals/charteredgeographer/application/>

March 2020 Monthly Lecture

“Urban and Economic Networks in Human Geography”

presented by Dr Thomas Sigler, University of Queensland

Tuesday, March 3 | 7.30pm-9pm

Gregory Place, Level 1, 28 Fortescue St Spring Hill

Register: www.rgsq.org.au



Many geographical phenomena can be interpreted from a network perspective, including street grids, information flows, commercial volumes, traffic patterns, and human migration. This presentation overviews the application of network theory to understanding how cities are globally connected through flows of capital, people, and information. It begins with a basic explanation of network theory, before delving more deeply into the assumptions that feed into such research.

A series of powerful visualisations illustrates how the world around us is comprised of networks, and how we can formulate better policy by understanding human geographic phenomena through networks.

Find out more about the presenter:

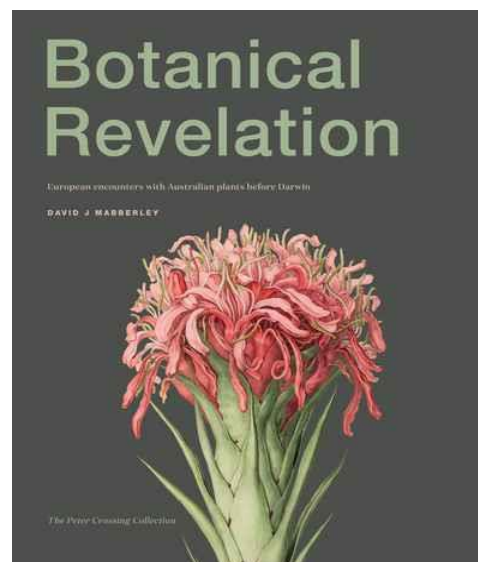
<https://sees.uq.edu.au/profile/9602/thomas-sigler>

News from the Council?

Council does not meet in January, but here are a few points from the December 10 Council meeting:

- Irphne reported that on 19th November she represented RGSQ at the Australian Academy of Science, National Committee for Geographical Sciences (NCGS) meeting in Canberra.
- The Ken Sutton selection panel was preparing an invitation flyer for the 2020 Sutton award to go out in February.
- In conjunction with the Royal Society of Queensland (RSQ), a small committee of RGSQ councillors are organising an expert panel and public forum in April on “*Is Queensland prepared for a warming climate?*”.
- Final 2020 lecture program was approved
- Property Committee continues with tasks including audit of RGSQ cages in basement & stationary cupboard to identify items surplus to needs; liaising with Body Corporate; Boardroom upgrade; WH & S manual
- Hire arrangements for RGSQ premises to other societies and outside organisations
- Scientific Studies further liaising with QYAC for a meeting in early 2020 on Stradbroke to discuss proposed project.

Botanical Revelation



Did you see the glowing review in *The Australian* of the book by David Mabberley – *Botanical Revelation: European encounters with Australian plants before Darwin?*

David is described as “a most distinguished educator and botanist with an international reputation”. He was one of the scientists who came on the Society’s Gulf of Carpentaria Scientific Study in 2002.

The year 2002 was the bicentenary of Matthew Flinders’ circumnavigation of Australia and the Society chose two sites, Pennefather River and Sweers Island, that were major collecting areas during Flinders’ voyage in 1802. David’s research at Pennefather River, in conjunction with John Clarkson, a regular participant in the Society’s scientific studies, related to the work of Robert Brown, the botanist with Flinders’ voyage.

David’s *Botanical Revelation* covers the European exploration and documentation of Australia’s plants from 1606 to 1836. The text is lavishly illustrated with beautiful botanical drawings many of which have never been published before. The review ends with the description of the book as “an engrossing reference, and a joy to behold”.

Image: Book cover - Mabberley, David J., *Botanical Revelation: European encounters with Australian plants before Darwin*. Sydney, NewSouth, Dec 2019. 9781742236476.

Contributed by Kath Berg

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NEW MEMBERS

We have much pleasure in welcoming Coldagh Margaret Barwise, Emily Conn and Charlotte Radel as new members.

We hope your association with your new Society is long and mutually enjoyable.

Is Queensland prepared for a warming climate?

The 2019-2020 summer climatic conditions and bushfires have raised concerns as to what the future holds for us in Queensland. Is this the new summer "normal"? If so, how can we adapt?



"Wind energy turbines at Windy Hill near Ravenshoe on the Atherton Tablelands in Tropical North Queensland, Australia. Credit: Wendy Townrow, www.istockphoto.com"

The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and the Royal Society of Queensland, in conjunction with Griffith University's Centre for Governance and Public Policy have organised a public forum to address these questions. We have assembled an excellent panel of prominent speakers to present some critical perspectives. We hope you can join us for this important event.

DATE Monday 6 April 2020
TIME 6:00pm - 9:00pm
VENUE Griffith University, Southbank Campus (see map over)
Lecture Theatre S05 2.04
226 Grey St South Bank, Qld 4101

PLEASE REGISTER by 30 March at www.rgsq.org.au as seats are limited.

Entry is **free** but registration is essential for catering purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

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 The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland

AN EXPERT PANEL AND PUBLIC FORUM

Keynote	Dr. Helen Cleugh Director CSIRO Climate Science Centre in Canberra
Bushfire response	Mr. Lee Johnson Former Commissioner Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and member of Emergency Leaders for Climate Action
Health impacts	Ms. Sue Cooke National Climate and Health Alliance
Food security	Mr. Michael Gutteridge Environmental and Social Scientist
Policy implications	Dr. Giorel Curran Griffith University Centre for Governance and Public Policy

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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

www.rgsq.org.au or contact the Office on 07 3368 2066.

24 March

SPICERS GAP DAY WALK



Cost: \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Maximum participants 12 / 7 spaces left

Book: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3732045>

We have a day walk in the Spicers Gap – Mount Mathieson area of the Main Range National Park planned for Tuesday 24 March. **Nevertheless, this activity is subject to the reopening of the Park roads and trails after the bushfires of late 2019.**

The focus for the day will be the Dividing Range and the barrier it forms between the coast and the Darling Downs, and the history of transport routes. We may also see how the area is recovering after the bushfires.

We will meet at Aratula, at the Bakehouse near the corner of Elizabeth Street and the Cunningham Highway, at 8:30am (parking should be available in Elizabeth Street) and car pool into vehicles with higher clearance for the drive up the Range on Spicers Gap Road to the National Park. Along the Cunningham Highway past Aratula, remnants of the Mount Edwards Railway embankment are just visible.

First stop will be at the foot of the Dividing Range at the site of the surveyed township of Clumber and we will have a look at copies of maps of the site.

We will then stop at the Pioneer Graves and hotel site before driving to Governors Chair Lookout, past Moss's Well.

Our walk will start from Governors Chair and go up about 1.7 km along the closed section of Spicers Gap Road where we will be able to see the way the road was engineered and built.

Those who wish to, can walk a further 6.4 km to complete the Mount Mathieson Trail circuit back to the vehicles. This part to the walk does involve a scramble down one steep, rocky section and shorter scrambles around or over rock outcrops. There are good views of Mount Mitchell, Cunninghams Gap, Mount Cordeaux, and further north along the range.

Those who do not wish to complete the circuit can stroll back down the road to Governors Chair.

Participants will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch, plenty of drinking water and sunscreen. Footwear will need to be suitable for walking too.

Organiser: Bob Reid

Wed 8 April 2020 – 9:30am to 3:30pm ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE AND BOGGO ROAD GAOL - DAY VISIT

Cost/Numbers: \$50 members; \$55 non-members

Max 25 participants / 15 spaces left

Book: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3740862>

Meeting point: 9:30am - Stephens Road Car Park – St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane

Transport:

Private transport (own car) – suggest carpooling. Our day will conclude at Boggo Road Gaol, immediately adjacent to Boggo Road/Park Road Railway Station for those wishing to return home by public transport.

St Laurence's College:

The visit to the school will allow RGSQ members and visitors to witness the developed URBAN GARDEN which was the subject of the April 2019 Lecture presented to members of RGSQ by St Laurence's College Geography Teacher and Head of Faculty-Humanities, Nataleen (Nat) Kilburn. The visit will also allow members and guests to see a wonderful example of the efficient development of urban space and maximization of resources which the school has achieved since opening in 1915.

Lunch:

Lunch is included in the registration cost and will be enjoyed at the RedBrick Hotel, 400 metres (5 min walk for fit walkers) down the hill from St Laurence's College (return walk may not be so easy). For those not wishing to walk, we can car-pool from the College and return, before heading to Boggo Road Gaol. Meals will be pre-selected and ordered prior to the event so that the meal can be ready for 12:30pm.

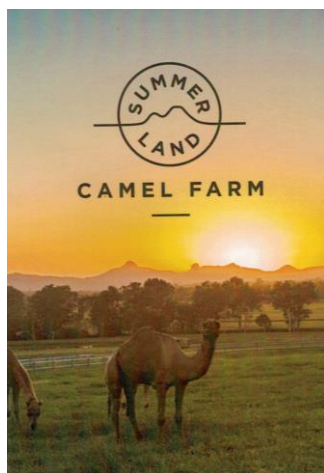
For options see website.

Boggo Road Gaol:

Following lunch at the Redbrick we will return to St Laurence's carpark and make our way 1.2 km to the Gaol carpark for our 2:00pm History Tour of the Gaol, complete with Prison Players. This is an extra feature to enhance the experience and bring to life the early days of the prison.

Fri May 8

SUMMERLAND CAMEL DAIRY



Cost: \$50 members; \$55 non-members

Book and RSVP: by 24 April

<https://rgsq.org.au/event-3735903>

Limit of 30 people/21 spaces left

Experience Australia's largest Camel dairy farm and Homestead food.

Self-drive to 8 Charles Chauvel Drive, Harrisville (Scenic Rim)

Visit the dairy and learn about the importance of camels in Australia's history and how the camels are milked. See the processing facility, the products and learn the benefits to human health. **Taste** the products.

Lunch: Enjoy an alternate drop, dessert and coffee with camel milk.

Morning tea: own arrangement (suggested - Café Queens Park, Ipswich)

Meet 10.30am at Farm for 11am tour

Directions: from Brisbane (allow 60-45 mins)

Take M3 Motorway until exit right onto M7 towards Ipswich and Toowoomba. Follow M2 merging onto National Highway 15 (Cunningham Hwy to Warwick) approximately 45 kms. Turn left onto Charles Chauvel Drive and left into Summer Land Camel farm. Bring an esky. You may wish to purchase products (fromage blanc, Persian feta and camel milk). Camel ride in garden is extra \$20.

Please notify dietary requirements when registering: vegetarian/gluten free.

Hope you can join us.

Find out more about the farm:

<https://summerlandcamels.com.au/>

Coordinator: Jeanette Lamont

July 14 Tuesday

CHRISTMAS IN JULY THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

Cost/Numbers: \$72 members; \$77 non-members.

Limit: 35 people

Book & RSVP:

<https://rgsq.org.au/event-3744794>
by 30 June

Travel by **bus** to Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve for morning tea.



The reserve comprises 55 hectares of subtropical rainforest. It is a living museum of diverse plant and animal life which delights with its tranquillity and beauty. Take time to explore the Rainforest Discovery Centre and/or take a short stroll through rainforest tracks.

Lunch at **Tranquil Park** - 483 Mountain View Road, Maleny.

Enjoy the beautiful views overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains for the **Traditional Christmas** Roast with meats, ham, roast vegetables and plum pudding or pavlova for dessert. Drinks not included.

Time - 8am - depart Eagle Junction Railway Station, Park Av. Return 3.30pm approx.

It promises to be a very relaxing and enjoyable day. Do hope you join us.

Coordinator: Jeanette Lamont

9 Sep - 20 Sep

RGSQ TREK TO LAMBERT CENTRE

2 spaces left



Book online: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3542937>

Many included attractions as detailed in the Program on the website.

Maximum limit: 20 people

Initial deposit \$350. Due by 9 March 2020: \$500 and final by 9 July 2020. Deposits are non-refundable (subject to conditions).

This exciting 12-day trip includes airfares from Brisbane to Alice Springs, a luxury 4WD Tour Coach with a driver/guide and camp cook.

The Lambert Centre was created by the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland as a Geographical Icon, to commemorate the Bicentenary of Australia in 1988. The monument is a flagpole modelled on parliament house in Canberra. The commemorative plaque will be replaced during this trek.

Along the way we will visit a number of significant sites in the 'centre', including the West MacDonal Ranges, Uluru & Kata-Tjuta National Parks, Coober Pedy and William Creek and finally Roxby Downs, Woomera and Port Augusta, before departing home from Adelaide.

Full Draft Itinerary, Accommodation and Coach are available on the website: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3542937>.

Coordinator: Wayne Mackenzie

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

The group will meet on March 23rd, 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

Tue, 10 March, 9:45am – 11:30am VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF LANDS, MAPPING AND SURVEYING

In 1982, the Surveyor General of Queensland initiated the setting up of the Surveying and Mapping Museum. The Museum has expanded to take in land administration to become the Museum of Lands, Mapping and Surveying and is a sub-branch of the Queensland Museum. The visit will be hosted by the curator, Kaye Nardella, who will present the various historical treasures in this newly refurbished Museum in Edward Street.

Event Requirements:

Members and non-members are required to register on the RGSQ website before **Thursday 5 March 2020**. **Please carry some photo identification (Drivers Licence) on the day of the visit** and meet at the address which is **near** the corner of Wickham Terrace and Edward Street at the Wickham Street carpark.

Location: Ground Level, 317 Edward Street, Brisbane, 4000. You may know this address as the CITEC Building.

Event link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-2849446>

Cost: members \$5:00; non-members \$10:00

Limit: 25

Coordinator: Len Lowry

14 May 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM MODERN MAPPING AND GIS TECHNIQUES

Details: John Tasker (RGSQ Member) will provide some insights into modern mapping and GIS techniques used by government and industry and where this technology is heading. Time will be available after for questions from members.

It is hoped later to form a small group to explore options and applications for members to use this GIS technology.

Location: Gregory Place, Level1/28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill Qld 4000

Registration: non-member – \$10.00

Costs: \$2:00 contribution towards morning tea

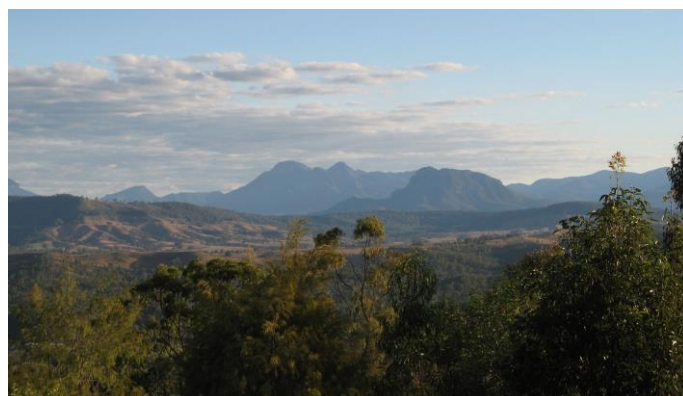
Event link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3682363>

Coordinator: Kay Rees

23-24 July EXPLORING THE SCENIC RIM

Cost: member \$30; non-member \$50

Book: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3725697>



This will be a two-day tag-along event with the options to stay at the Boonah Caravan Park/Showground, local motels or a local B&B or alternatively to join us each day after a trip from Brisbane. Join us for Explorers, Surveyors, Panoramic Views, Historic Monuments, Railway History, Pioneer Churches, Starry Nights and Good Company.

Members are to make their own accommodation and catering arrangements. More details will be available for members who register for this event.

Meet: In the Boonah Showground, entry near 8 Melbourne Street, Boonah

Coordinator: Neville McManimm

RGSQ President visit to the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia



Photo: I. Childs with RGSSA President, Leigh Radford, in the RGSSA library; courtesy of I. Childs.

On 22 January this year, Ralph and I had the pleasure of visiting the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSSA). We were hosted by the President, Leigh Radford, OAM and immediate past President, Rod Shearing OAM, who kindly gave us a tour of the RGSSA's magnificent library which is housed in the State Library of South Australia.

The RGSSA library contains over 25,000 volumes and is one of the most significant collections of rare geographical books and manuscripts in Australia. Amazingly, the oldest book in the library is a beautifully bound version of Ptolemy's *Geographia* published in 1482.

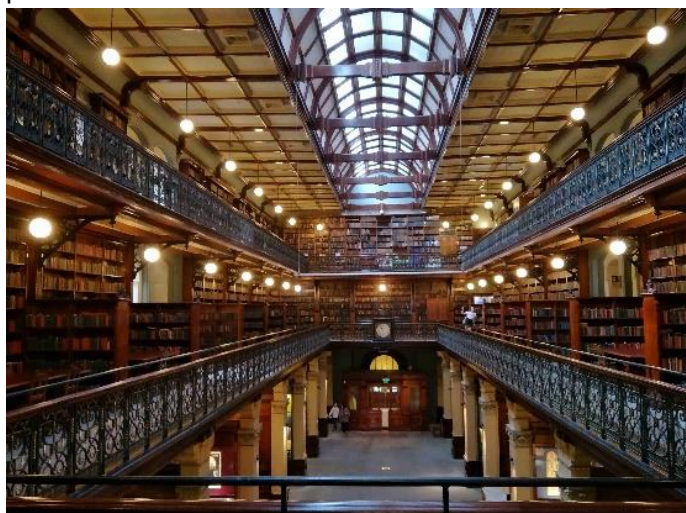


Photo: Inside the library of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia; courtesy of I. Childs.

Other rare atlases include two Colom atlases (c1650 and 1670) and Mercator's atlas (1635). The manuscript collection contains many significant items including three Sir Joseph Banks' manuscripts (1766, 1768, 1811), John McDouall Stuart's diary of his fifth expedition (1861/62) and two letters written by Colonel Light.

During our discussions of the similar goals and challenges facing our two Societies we resolved to organise a 3-way meeting of the Presidents of RGSSA, GeogSoc NSW (Dr. Rae Dufty-Jones) and RGSQ. The aim will be to develop further collaboration in areas of mutual concern. The meeting will be on May 5th at RGSQ. I look forward to welcoming Leigh and Rae to RGSQ.

BELLA ITALIA TREK 2020

CANCELLATION

To those Royal Geographical Society of Queensland members who have supported RGSQ Traveller treks this year and on numerous previous occasions we regret to inform you that due to an insufficient number of clients to make our Bella Italia trek a viable proposition RGSQ Traveller have cancelled our proposed Italy Trek for 2020.

Hopefully we can produce some more enticing travel options for RGSQ members in the not too distant future.

Leo Scanlan

SHARE YOUR VIEWS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE RGSQ COMMUNITY

MEMBERS ONLY

<https://rgsq.org.au/members>

This area on the RGSQ website can only be viewed by members of RGSQ and covers topics of interest and benefit to members.

Please log in with your credentials to see the 'Members' tab.



This is your area

To get the most out of your membership join in and feel free to make suggestions about what you would like see on the web site, what are your interests, where would you like to visit, what topics would you like to learn more about?

Give Forums a Go

Forums provide a convenient way for members to discuss issues. Please join in the conversations by posting comments or starting a new subject. If you like we can easily start new forums to discuss whatever topics members would care to cover.

GEOGRAPHIC & TRAVEL NOTES

<https://rgsq.org.au/geotravelnotes>



Surprisingly, many society members have a life outside of the RGSQ!

Our members have a broad range of interests in many disciplines and here is some their stories and notes about - well just about anything that may contribute to our understanding and enjoyment of the world around us.

You can access the *Geographic & Travel Notes* under the *Resources* tab.

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[Urban and Economic Networks in Human Geography](#)

Lecture by Dr Thomas Sigler

Activity: Tuesday 24 March

[Spicer's Gap Day Walk](#)

Map Group

Tuesday 10 March, 9:45am - 11:30pm

[Visit to the Museum of Lands, Mapping and Surveying](#)

Ken Sutton Memorial Library

Monday 23 March, 9:30am-12 noon

RGSQ premises

The March Council will meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

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