



From the President

Dear Members, I hope members in Southeast Queensland have managed to stay well and cope with the recent lockdown. At this writing we are, thankfully, out of lockdown, but remaining vigilant under some restrictions to control the re-emergence of the COVID Delta strain. Despite the challenges of holding the Olympics in Tokyo with its high rate of COVID cases, the event has been a success and at least it gave us something to keep us entertained during lockdown. How good were those Australian swimmers and athletes!

Geography reveals new vulnerability in Brisbane's lockdown:

The recent Southeast Queensland lockdown has presented a new and largely unanticipated vulnerability due to the geography and demography of the 11 affected LGAs in Brisbane. Consider the list of the 10 private and State schools at the core of the outbreak:

- Indooroopilly State High
- Ironside State School
- Brisbane Grammar School (Boys)
- Brisbane Girls Grammar School
- St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace
- St Peters Lutheran College
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School
- Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie)
- Pullenvale State School
- Brigidine College

This list includes most of the elite and wealthiest schools in Brisbane. Students attending these schools and their families were required to isolate and/or quarantine for up to two weeks, many obliged to remain in quarantine longer as more cases have emerged within those families. Many of these students and their friends in a wider circle of western Brisbane suburbs are from households where parents work in professional fields. According to the ABS 2016 Census the most common occupation in Greater Brisbane was Professionals 23%. This includes medical specialists and practitioners and healthcare workers. It was reported (ABC News) that more than 400 medical professionals were forced into isolation during the outbreak in Southeast Queensland due to their children's attendance at the listed schools. This was a first for

essential medical workers, who are normally allowed to work during lockdowns. This development placed a burden on our hospitals, especially in emergency departments, with non-isolating medical staff having to pick up the extra workload.

At RGSQ:

- We successfully presented via zoom our monthly lecture by Martin Crotty **Reimagining James Cook and Australian History** on 3rd August with 53 registrants including 12 non-members. So, this was indeed a popular topic.
If you missed it catch it on RGSQ's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2WD4ARJhBDliOxa3qndb4Q>
- We have launched the 2021 photographic competition. This year's theme is **City and Townscapes of Queensland**. See more details on page 4 of this Bulletin and on the [website](#).
- Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Map Group's much-anticipated **Upper Brisbane Valley trip** scheduled for 5-6 August due to the lockdown that week. We hope to re-schedule that trip and will keep registrants informed.

Keep checking the RGSQ website for updates on these and other Society events.

AGM and Council nominations

The RGSQ Annual General Meeting is on 19 October. If any member would like to nominate for the 2021-2022 Council, please email the Office at info@rgsq.org.au for a nomination form or to discuss a role on the Council please feel free to contact me at 0419 756 936.

With best wishes, *Iraphne Childs, President*

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WHAT'S ON

For all upcoming RGSQ events, please visit the Society's website www.rgsq.org.au under 'What's On'.

Monthly Lecture/Meeting Tuesday 7 September | 7.30pm-9pm

Student Forum and Discussion Panel

Led by RGSQ's Young Geographers Group

Location: Online only via Zoom

Registration essential: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-4345423>

Please note: The presentation may be recorded.

If you have any questions, please email us at info@rgsq.org.au.

REPORT: CHRISTMAS IN JULY



RGSQ group, 'Christmas in July' activity on the Sunshine Coast, July 2021

15 members took part in this day trip which was postponed from Tuesday July 13 due to COVID-19 advice. Unfortunately, some members were unable to make the change of date. We departed at 8.15 from Park Ave, bus stop 27 Sydney St. Eagle Junction. It was a beautiful sunny day with no wind.

En route, we learned about the origin of the region with the break-up of Gondwanaland and movement across a hot spot. The Blackall Range was formed from the volcanic activity about 30 million years ago when basalt flows covered the sandstone landscape. The 14 outstanding mountains, as seen today, are the result of intruded magma (molten rock) and erosion.

On arrival at Mary Cairncross Reserve, morning tea was at either the renovated Café or self-catered in the picnic area. We then had 90 minutes to wander through the various facilities. These included the Rainforest Discovery Centre with the Interactive interpretive displays, an elevated viewing deck with beautiful views of the Glasshouse Mountains and a canopy walk. There was time for a walk through the 1.7km circuit track of subtropical rainforest which featured an impressive range

of flora e.g. the Rose Gums, Red Cedars, Native Tamarind trees and large root buttresses. Some members saw the Trapdoor spider burrows near the track and the Log Runner bird in a hollow stump.

Lunch was at Tranquil Park, 483 Mountain View Road, Maleny. We were treated as special guests in a function room overlooking the mountains and were the only diners because usually the restaurant is closed on Mondays. Our meal included all the trimmings of a Christmas lunch with bon bons, and the traditional roast meats and vegetables. This was followed by an alternate dessert drop of Plum pudding or Pavlova. There was plenty of time to relax, share jokes, chat with members, and enjoy being outdoors.

We left at 1.45 and arrived back at Park Ave at 3.15, without being delayed by with road works.

All told a delightful day with exercise, good food, and great company in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Contributed by Jeanette Lamont

Australian Geography Competition

Congratulations to the Queensland students who won prizes in the 2021 Competition:

Name	Year	School	Prize
Oliver Dauber	7	Brisbane Grammar School	Equal first in Queensland
Jake Parker	7	Brisbane Grammar School	Equal first in Queensland
Nicholas Carroll	8	Brisbane Grammar School	Equal first in Australia
Name withheld	8	Brisbane Grammar School	Equal first in Australia
Chris Zhu	8	Brisbane Grammar School	Equal first in Australia
Name withheld	9	All Saints Anglican School	Equal first in Queensland
Seungho Shin	9	All Saints Anglican School	Equal first in Queensland
Amelia Salmon	10	St Hilda's School	First in Queensland
Will Matthews	11	Brisbane Grammar School	First in Queensland
Simone Gloag	12	Cannon Hill Anglican College	Equal first in Australia

Brisbane Grammar School won the Queensland school prize and was ranked 4th in Australia.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the Competition mail-outs and scanning this year:

Ralph Carlisle, Mary Comer, Roger Grimley, Laurelle and Len Lowry, Neville McManimm, John and Mary Nowill, Peter Nunan, Graham and Kay Rees, Bob Reid, Sue Reid, Chris Spriggs, Daphne Stephens, Doreen and John Wilkinson

We couldn't have done it without you!

Kath Berg and Rachel Honey

GOOD NEWS!

The Property Committee successfully applied to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) for a grant of \$6,671.40. This money will be used to upgrade the lighting in the lecture area and library and to improve the presentation facilities in the Boardroom and the lecture area. These improvements will be implemented over the next few months, and you will all be able to enjoy the benefits of them when you next visit Gregory Place.

Pamela Tonkin & Daphne Stephens

RGSQ at GTAQ Conference

On Saturday 31 July the Geography Teachers Association of Queensland (GTAQ) held its annual conference at the Education precinct QUT-Kelvin Grove. Around 80 teachers attended from around Southeast Qld and as far afield as Cairns, Mornington Island and Roma. At the conference venue RGSQ President, Iraphne Childs, set up an RGSQ display which generated considerable interest among attendees. Iraphne was pleased to re-connect with some teachers whom she had taught in their Geography/Education degree programs at QUT and UQ. One of those teachers, Nina Holland, who is at Warwick State High School is pictured here.



Iraphne also presented Australian Geography Competition (AGC) prizes to three winners from Brisbane Grammar School. RGSQ Secretary, John Tasker, presented a workshop on Accessing and Using Data. Conference organiser, Julie Davis, (GTAQ President and AGC Committee Co-Chair) received the news of the lockdown late morning, so unfortunately had to curtail the afternoon's proceedings.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have much pleasure in welcoming Doug Hoare, Thomas Bradley, and Peter Negus as new members of The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. We hope your association with your new Society is long and mutually enjoyable.

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O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat 16-18 June

Contributed by Stuart Watt, RGSQ member winner of RGSQ's 2020 Photography Competition.



In mid-June, I took my prize for the 2020 landscape photo competition staying at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat for two nights. Since the start of COVID, Heather and I have been selective about where we visit. Apart from infrequently seeing family in Brisbane, this was the first time we had ventured to a tourist destination.

Previously we stayed at O'Reilly's in the mid 1980s with our then four-year-old daughter. O'Reilly's has evolved since then while retaining its original charm and history. The staff were helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly. COVID safe practices were in place. The accommodation was cosy and comfortable, particularly since the weather during our stay was quite cold and windy. The meals were excellent. Heather found the staff very helpful in catering to her dietary requirements.



"We walked some of the shorter tracks around the Guesthouse and spent some time just relaxing. I enjoyed the two early morning bird walks, indulged my photographic interests, both ornithological and astronomical, and tried the thrill of the Flying Fox."

Our thanks to the Society, organisers of the photo competition and to O'Reilly's for sponsoring the competition.

Images courtesy of Stuart Watt.

RGSQ

2021

CITY AND

TOWNSCAPES

OF QUEENSLAND

PHOTOGRAPHY

COMPETITION



Submission due date:
Friday 29th October 2021

1ST PRIZE

1 NIGHT ACCOMMODATION
AT BINNA BURRA
SKY LODGE

2ND PRIZE

FRAMED WILDLIFE
ILLUSTRATION BY
LOCAL BRISBANE ARTIST

3RD PRIZE

ONE YEAR FREE RGSQ
MEMBERSHIP

RGSQ invites **members**

to submit excellent

photos of **city and**

townscapes of

Queensland for a

photography

competition. The

competition is

open to **RGSQ members**

only and for **new**

unpublished photos.

Entry fee \$5 per participant

Pay via rgsq.org.au

Max 3 entries per participant

Submit photos to info@rgsq.org.au

* For sending in your images please follow these steps: a maximum of 3 images submitted per participant; minimum 1800 pixels x 2400 pixels stored as a high quality jpg. Landscape or portrait orientation.

Include a caption (<20 words) for each image you submit. Please include your name, the location of your image and the year it was taken.

** By submitting your photos to the RGSQ 2021 City and Townscapes of Queensland Photography Competition, you agree to share the photos with RGSQ for future use. All photos will be copyrighted under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license, which means that each photo is owned by the creator (you as the photographer), and it can be shared and adapted freely when appropriate credit is given.

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Entries will be judged by the RGSQ
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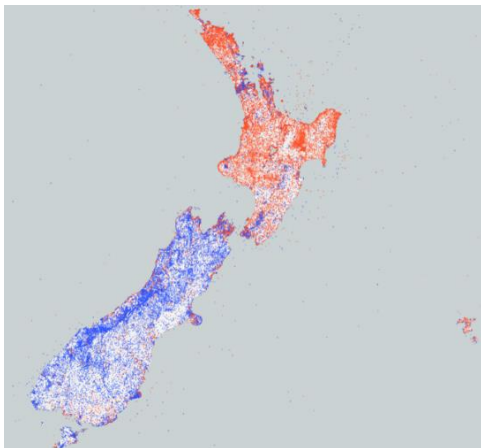
Indigenous place names in Australia and New Zealand

In the August lecture to the Society, *Reimagining James Cook and Australian History*, Martin Crotty said “the great majority of New Zealand place names would be Māori, I would think, whereas it is a minority in Australia, but a significant minority”.

I wondered about that, so I did a little bit of ‘research’ (Google, not academic).

I found this great map for New Zealand, created by researchers from Te Pūnaha Matatini and Dragonfly Data Science

supported by Te Hiku Media. It shows Māori and English place names. What a difference between the North Island and the South Island!



Unfortunately, I didn't find any such map for Australia. The best I could come up with was this quote from Bruce Pascoe: "Something like 60-70 per cent of place names in Australia are Aboriginal names". Bruce Pascoe is the controversial author of *Dark Emu* and a committee member of First Languages Australia, which has partnered with the ABC in the project 'This Place: The Meaning Behind the Name'.

Contributed by Kath Berg

Sources: <https://insights.nzherald.co.nz/article/our-place-names>; <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-21/to-learn-your-country-start-by-learning-its-aboriginal-names/10719890>

What's happening on Council?

On 17 August, six Councillors met in-person at RGSQ in Fortescue Street with three Councillors attending the meeting via Teams online i.e. a quorum of 9. Reports were received from Iraphne Childs (President), Annie Lau (Treasurer), Rachel Honey, Kath Berg & John Tasker (AGC), Pamela Tonkin (Property), Iraphne Childs (Publications), Patrick Moss (Scientific Studies), John Tasker (Young Geographers) and Lilia Darii (Business Manager). Matters discussed included:

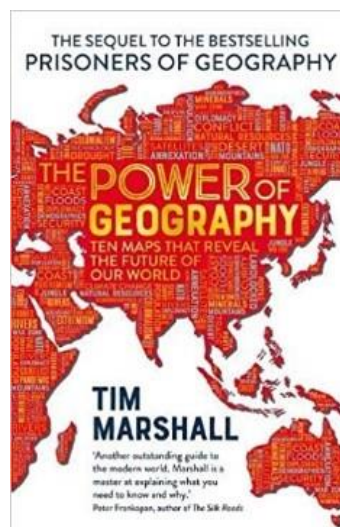
- Successful Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant of \$6,671.40 received to improve lighting and presentation facilities at RGSQ premises
- RGSQ insurance for 2021-2022
- Legal advice re. simplifying the Ken Sutton Trust
- iGeo (International Geography Olympiad) was successfully completed during the week of 10-13 August under challenging circumstances with

lockdowns in several Australian states. The Australian team of four students brought home four bronze medals

- Promising on-going links between RGSQ and Binna Burra initiated
- Three new members were confirmed

Book review – *The Power of Geography*

By Ralph Carlisle



Having read *Prisoners of Geography* by the same author, Tim Marshall, it caught my attention when I found that he had published a sequel, *The Power of Geography*, earlier this year. This latest book is quite up to date – COVID and Biden are referred to.

The structure of the new book is essentially the same as its predecessor, but its focus is on the future. The sub-title is *Ten*

Maps that Reveal the Future of Our World. The book has ten chapters, one for each country or region (Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Greece, Turkey, The Sahel, Ethiopia, Spain, Space) – a different set of countries and regions from the first book. The first chapter is devoted to Australia, the geographic significance of the country being its location between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Australian readers can judge how well the author has painted an accurate picture. I found his discussion was acceptable, if somewhat simplified and clichéd. The juxtaposition of chapters on Iran and Saudi Arabia, on Greece and Turkey and on The Sahel and Ethiopia helps informed comparison of each pair. While it is surprising for there to be a chapter on Space (space-ography?), it is nonetheless thought-provoking. Apart from mentions of the South China Sea, there is no reference to South-East Asia. I would have preferred a chapter on Indonesia to the one on Spain.

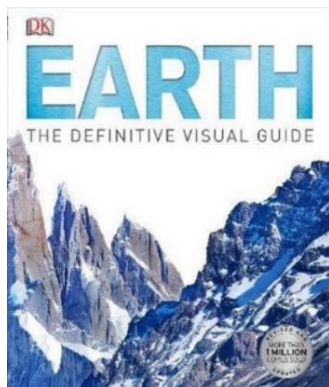
Many of my comments about the first book (see my review in the [RGSQ Bulletin for June 2021](#)) apply to this sequel. The book is more informed journalism than authoritative but there are ten pages of bibliography. While the title includes the word ‘geography’, and geography underpins much of discussion, most of the text is about history and domestic and international politics (geopolitics). Some of the terminology may irritate geographers. Like its predecessor, this book is readable and informative. The writing style includes passages that are often ironic, understated, droll, irreverent to power or sarcastic. Each chapter reads like a ‘long-read’ article in a serious magazine. The BCC library has ten copies.

The June issue of the RGSQ Bulletin is available at https://rgsq.org.au/resources/Documents/Bulletin/2021/2021_RGSQ%20Bulletin%20June%20Vol%2056%20no%2005.pdf

Australian Geography Competition

Prize Books

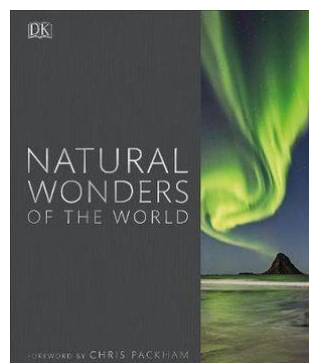
Members who visited RGSQ while the prize books were laid out for posting showed a lot of interest in which books we had chosen. We thought other members would also be interested. The descriptions and images are adapted from our book supplier, www.booktopia.com.au.



Year 7 – *EARTH: THE DEFINITIVE VISUAL GUIDE*, Dorling Kindersley, 2013

Earth includes details of the tallest, longest, widest, most important, and unusual geographical features of our planet in quality artwork and photography and clear descriptions, covering everything from volcanoes, deserts and rivers to weather systems, rocks and minerals.

It delves further into the workings of our planet by understanding its health and the interaction between people and the environment – from living in volcanic areas to deforestation, from climate change to the death of insects around the world. It covers the human impact on nature and importantly, how we can preserve our physical environment.



Year 8 – *NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD*, Dorling Kindersley, 2017

A continent-by-continent journey around the Earth's most beautiful, spectacular, and captivating landscapes – a survey of the world's natural treasures.

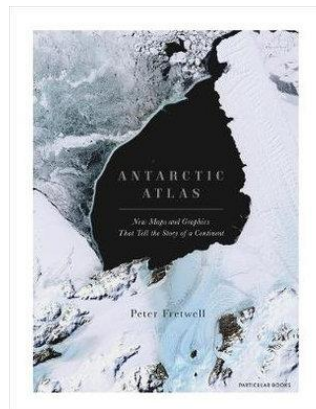
Landscape photography is combined with 3D terrain models and other explanatory artworks to reveal what lies beneath the surface and show how geographical features are formed, from South America's Amazon River to Asia's Himalayas and Australia's Ninety Mile Beach. To complete the picture, the plants and animals that inhabit these remarkable environments are also included.



Year 9 – *OVERVIEW: A NEW PERSPECTIVE OF EARTH* by Benjamin Grant, Random House, 2016

Inspired by the "overview effect" – a sensation that astronauts experience when given the opportunity to look down and view the Earth as a whole – the high-definition satellite photographs in *Overview* offer a different way to look at the landscape that we have shaped.

More than 200 images of industry, agriculture, architecture, and nature highlight incredible patterns while also revealing a deeper story about human impact. This photographic journey around our planet captures the sense of wonder gained from the aerial vantage point and creates a new perspective on Earth.



Year 10 – *ANTARCTIC ATLAS* by Peter Fretwell, Penguin, 2021

Antarctic Atlas, by a leading cartographer from the British Antarctic Survey is not just a book of traditional maps. It measures everything from the thickness of ice beneath our feet to the direction of ice flows. It maps volcanic lakes, mountain ranges the size of the Alps and gorges longer than the Grand Canyon, all hidden beneath the ice. It shows us how air bubbles trapped in ice tell us what the earth's atmosphere was like 750,000 years ago, proving the effects of greenhouse gases.

Colonies of emperor penguins and the journeys of individual seals have been intricately tracked and mapped. Research stations in Antarctica and their unique architecture are laid out here, along with the challenges of surviving in Antarctica's unforgiving environment.



Year 11 – *REFERENCE ATLAS OF THE WORLD*, Dorling Kindersley, 2021

This atlas includes more than 640 high-definition maps and over 950 illustrations and diagrams. The opening section provides maps that illustrate our world's physical, political, economic, and demographic geography. The main section is a series of clear and concise maps by area. Each page contains extra information, including inset maps, photographs, and text. New information in this edition includes everything from revised country names, such as Eswatini for Swaziland, to updated country statistics and population numbers. The cross-referenced index contains 80,000 place names.

[From Kath: *DK Atlases are my favourite because of their clear cartographic style. They publish atlases in several sizes, including a larger Complete Atlas. We chose this one as it was published this year.*]

Information about one more book presented as a prize this year, will be included in the October Bulletin because of space constraints.

Contributed by Kath Berg



Out of the fire, into the pandemic – recovery continues at Binna Burra

At the beginning of the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires across Australia, Binna Burra Lodge - one of Queensland's iconic heritage-listed nature-based destinations - was destroyed on Sunday 8 September 2019. Located inside the Lamington National Park, access to the Binna Burra Cultural Landscape was cut off for one year as major repair road works were undertaken. To mark the bushfire anniversary and reopening, on Tuesday 8 September 2020, a traditional smoking and healing ceremony was undertaken on the site of the original 1933 summer camp at Binna Burra by representatives of the Yugambeh Aboriginal language group. It also signalled the start of a Reconciliation Action Plan process for the new, post-bushfire era of Binna Burra.

The reopening, however, occurred in the continuing global COVID pandemic, placing additional stress on a business that has thus far met all the challenges typical in a disaster recovery phase. Meeting those challenges and taking advantage of the recovery opportunities that arise would not have been possible without the support of people near and far who feel a connection to the place, its history and its landscape. That includes many members of the RGSQ who have their own individual stories and connections to Binna Burra and the Lamington National Park – linkages that stretch back to the early years of the establishment of RGSQ (then the **Geographical Society of Australasia, Queensland Branch**) in 1885.

In early 1930, environmental pioneers Romeo Lahey and Arthur Groom met at a small gathering at Barker's Bookstore in Brisbane convened to discuss forming an organisation to do more for the conservation of Queensland's natural areas. On 15 April 1930 nearly one hundred people turned up at the Lord Mayor of Brisbane's Reception Room at City Hall when Lahey and Groom were appointed as President and Secretary of the new National Parks Association of Queensland Inc.



Focus was on the Lamington area, the geological story of which started during the Palaeozoic Era 225+ million years ago, when the single land mass called 'Pangea' separated into two super continents: Laurasia and Gondwana. Growing out of the initial NPAQ membership, commencing in 1933 and incorporated as an unlisted public company in 1934, Binna Burra Lodge has been a social enterprise with a strong environmental focus and one of Australia's longest operating nature-based tourism ventures. As per the original constitution crafted by Binna Burra's co-founders, Romeo Lahey and Arthur Groom, no individual shareholder can own more than 2.5% of the shares.

Currently almost 1,000 people and their families are shareholders. New shareholders are welcome to invest in the company until April 2022 at \$1 per share, minimum of 500 shares (shareholder discounts apply across accommodation, food and beverage and activities offered at Binna Burra). You can easily support the ongoing recovery of Binna Burra with the purchase of \$1 shares direct on the Binna Burra website – just go to www.binnaburralodge.com.au/buying-shares/.

RGSQ Members are welcome to visit Binna Burra to enjoy the superb natural environment, accommodation opportunities and support the recovery of this iconic Lodge.

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Contributed by Steve Noakes, Chairperson, Board of Directors and RGSQ member

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Lecture/Meeting: Tuesday, 7 September

Student Forum and Discussion Panel

Activities/Events:

9-10 September: *Two Day Visit to Warwick and District Warwick – Echoes of the Past*

14 September: *Finding life on Europa? Map Group presentation*

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