

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED



The Australian Geography Teachers' Association Awards are presented biennially for products of Australian origin associated with the teaching of geography in schools.

Categories of award

Entries are invited in the following categories:

1. Primary school resource.
 2. Junior secondary school textbook
 3. Senior secondary school textbook.
 4. Broadsheet, chart, wall map.
 5. Atlas.
 6. Video.
 7. CD ROM/DVD.
 8. Website.
 9. Non-commercial, teacher produced resource.
 10. Geography teaching source material.
 11. Geographical education publication (journals)
 12. GIS/spatial technology teaching resource.
 13. Geography Pedagogy – Book or article
- Note: a product may be entered in only one category.*

Criteria for judging the awards

The primary aim of the awards is to recognize products which either have made or are likely to make a significant contribution to the teaching of geography in schools. 'Products' means such items as books, slide sets, models, computer software, video and films developed for use in schools and does not exclude the creative development of other products. Judges will take into account the quality of the product in terms of its currency, authenticity, application of contemporary and innovative

style. The product must have been first published or produced in Australia between the last date of eligibility for the previous award (1 June 2008) and the first day of the month which is four months prior to presentation of the award (1 September 2010). An AGTA Award may not necessarily be given in each category.

Form of the award

A framed citation bearing the emblem of the association will be presented to the author/designer and publisher/manufacturer of the product and, where applicable, permission will be given to the producer or manufacturer to display the association's endorsement of the product.

A Highly Commended Certificate may also be awarded in any category. A Highly Commended Certificate will usually be awarded in a category where no entry is judged worthy of an AGTA Award. In exceptional circumstances it may be awarded to outstanding entries in those categories where an AGTA Award has been given.

Composition of the judging panel

An independent panel of judges comprises the President of the association or her nominee and no fewer than four judges appointed by the AGTA Board. The convener for the 2010 Awards is Leonie Brown, Head of Teaching and Learning at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Bacchus Marsh Victoria.

The panel is a broadly-based group with expertise in the production of teaching

materials and their use in the classroom and includes geography teachers.

No person having an association with any likely entry is appointed as a judge.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Rules of Judging

The decision of the judges will be final and binding. In the event of their being unable to reach a decision or to find an entry of sufficient merit, they may decide to not make an award in a particular category.

Entry application and fee

It is essential that an entry form for the Awards be lodged with AGTA by the closing date indicated. Entry forms may be photocopied to meet entrants' needs, i.e. multiple entries. A fee of \$110 incl. GST *per entry* (commercial publishers) and \$22.00 incl. GST (AGTA affiliated associations, non-profit organisations and individuals) is payable. Tax invoices will be sent direct to entrants. Payment must be received within 14 days from date of invoice for entries to be considered. Cheques should be made payable to Australian Geography Teachers Association Inc.

Format of entries

The entrants shall submit six copies of a brief statement nominating the category of award and containing a clear indication of the nature of the product and its aims. The judges have the right to seek further information from an entrant in verification of any statement submitted.

Submission of entries

Registered entrants are required to forward one copy of the product to the panel of judges. The association will not be responsible for the cost of transporting entries for the purpose of judging, or for any cost relating to the insurance of entries during transit. Entries, marked 'AGTA 2010 Awards' and accompanied by a completed entry form, should be delivered to the

Geography Teachers' Association of Victoria (GTAV) office, PO BOX 2066, Camberwell West, Victoria 3124.

Closing Date

The closing date for entries is Friday 29 October.

Exhibitions and publicity

The association reserves the right to publicise and/or exhibit the award winning and other entries at conferences and in journals.

Announcement and presentations

The Awards will be announced in the journal of the association and in the journals/newsletters of the affiliated associations. All entrants will be notified in writing of the winners of the awards. The Awards will be presented at the biennial conference of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association at Scotch College, Adelaide in January 2011.

Other matters

It is intended that the award not be restricted to commercial or professional producers but that any individual or group, whose products meet the criteria, may submit entries.

If requested, products will be returned to the publishers within 30 days of the announcement and presentation. The costs involved will be borne by the entrants. It shall be the responsibility of the entrants, if they desire, to protect their product by copyright or patent application.

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