



# Don Biddle Awards 2013



Friends of Geography in Australian schools





## The Don Biddle Awards ...

- recognises and honours outstanding contributions by individuals towards geographical education in Australia.
- provide a way by which AGTA can express appreciation to those who have made an exceptional contribution to geographical education in Australian schools.





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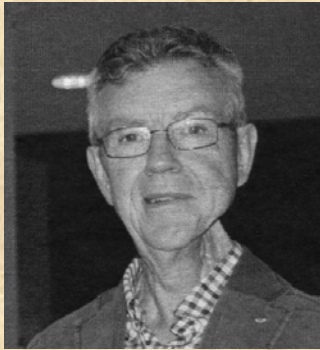
- outstanding contributions towards geographical education in Australian schools. Such contributions may take the form of resources, strategies, research, publications, unpaid work, publicity or any other activity which have improved teaching and learning in geography and/or raised public awareness about the value of geographical education.
- the contribution of an individual over a sustained period.
- the contribution of an individual at the national level.



## Susan Bliss

- Previous AGTA Treasurer (at a particularly difficult time with the introduction of GST and electronic accountancy)
- Past lecturer in Geographical Education at Universities in Sydney
- Dedicated to professional education and conducted a plethora of professional learning sessions for the GTANSW over many years
- Prolific writer of students textbooks
- Leader in the study of globalisation in geographical education in Australia
- A lifetime dedicate to geographical education





# John Butler



- Writer of over 25 popular geography text books (since 1975)
- In 2010 awarded the *Medal of the Order of Australia* for services to education, particularly geography
- Lead writer for Primary School Geography resources for the 2012 GeogSpace project
- Recently retired after over 40 years of geography teaching at state and private schools in South Australia
- Past President of the GTASA (1977-1980)
- Awarded Life Membership of the GTASA in 1986
- Member of the AGTA Board in the 1970's
- Chartered Geographer - awarded by the Royal Geographical Society (UK)
- Liaison person between Royal Geographical Society of South Australia and schools in South Australia and GeogSpace
- Former geography consultant to schools in South Australia (1975-82)

# Stephen Cranby



- President of GTAV 1997-1998
- AGTA Board Director 1995-2005 and 2010-2012
- AGTA Chair 2001-2003
- AGTA Vice President 1999-2001 and 2011-2012
- AGTA Chair during the introduction of the 2001 AGTA Company Constitution
- Worked tirelessly to raise the profile of geography on a national level during his time on the AGTA Board
- Teacher of geography for over 25 years
- Contributor to resources and publications to support geography teaching
- Innovator with the use of technology in the classroom
- Profiled teacher of excellence in the GeogStandards project in 2007-2008
- A passionate geographer with a great influence when working on AGTA, in his school/s and with the GTAV



## Alaric Maude

- A lifetime dedicated to geographical education at Flinders University in South Australia
- Representing IAG, in 2008 Alaric commenced work with AGTA in establishing the 'Towards a National Geography Curriculum' project
- A key writer of the 'Towards a National Geography Curriculum' project Position Paper presented to ACARA in May 2009
- Appointed as the Lead writer of the ACARA Australian Curriculum: Geography process in October 2009
- A passionate supporter of geography in schools through his IAG work and ACARA Australian Curriculum: Geography writing work between 2009-2012
- Continues to advocate for quality geography in schools through his involvement in academic geography networks