

Earth Science Week 2013

Geoscience Australia hosted Australia's Earth Science Week celebrations in October with activities supporting the international theme of *Mapping Our World*, promoting awareness of the many uses of maps and mapping technologies.

As part of this year's theme, scientists and cartographers informed the public about how geoscientists, geographers, and other mapping professionals use maps to represent land formations, natural resource deposits, fault lines, geologic heritage, and other geophysical features. A *Geocaching* activity based on freely available smartphone GPS technology provided opportunities for the public to obtain hands-on experience through an outdoor treasure hunt using GPS-enabled devices. Participants were asked to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find a container hidden at the location.

Geoscience Australia also conducted its annual photography competition—*Top GeoShot* as part of Earth Science Week 2013.

More than 350 outstanding entries were received for this year's *Top GeoShot* competition, including 67 entries for the Student category. The winners were announced as part of Earth Science Week celebrations. Congratulations to all the winners.

Related articles and websites

Top GeoShot 2013
www.ga.gov.au/education/public-events/archive/top-geoshot-2013.html

For more information

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Figure 1. Overall Winner, Peter Power, Coogee Cliffs, Coogee, New South Wales (**left**). People's Choice, Mieke Boynton, Secrets and Whispers, Western Australia (**right**).



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Mapping our World: Terra Incognita to Australia
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www.nla.gov.au/exhibitions/mapping-our-world

Specialist Group in Tectonics and Structural Geology (SGTSG)
2–8 February 2014

Biennial meeting of the Special Group in
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