



GSA MEETING

Tuesday 16th June

5:00pm for 5:30pm (drinks from 5pm)

David Brown Lecture Theatre, Building 47 at ANU

(Dinner to follow afterwards)

Geology and Earth Sciences in the curriculum – how well is this placed for the future?

***A comparative look through the
past, present and future
of the Australian Curriculum***



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Presenter:

Having worked in curriculum development for science throughout her career, **Felicity Bruce** is currently the Curriculum Executive Officer responsible for Science in the ACT Department of Education and Training. Felicity has worked with curriculum both in schools and in the central office and was part of the review team for the current ACT Curriculum Framework *Every chance to learn*. She has also participated in three forums for the Australian Curriculum. Felicity came to teaching with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Advanced Diploma in Education and, like so many science teachers has developed her understanding of geology and earth sciences while on the job. Felicity recently completed a Masters in Education Leadership which supports her in her role of developing science curriculum and supporting teachers of science across the ACT System.

Abstract:

This presentation will take the audience through a journey of curriculum change. Starting from the audience's personal experience, changes will be tracked through a range of examples from the 1994 introduction of *Science – a curriculum profile for Australian schools*, *The National Statements of Learning for Science* (2006) to the directions set by the *Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Science* (2009). Opportunities available to the audiences for participation in the development of the Australian Curriculum are highlighted.

The address will challenge the audience to consider the importance of developing science teacher's content knowledge and passion for geology as equally if not more important than the curriculum offered to students. The need for engaging and life-changing experiences that capture the imagination of students to undertake further studies in geology will also be explored.

Non-Members Welcome - come along and meet a GSA member!

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Specialist Group events: The Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology Specialist Group is holding its biannual conference at Acacia Hotel, Kangaroo Island (SA) on 8-13 November. For further detail see <http://sggmp.gsa.org.au/KI09/index.html> Places are limited, so register your interest early.

Sedimentology Specialist Group is holding a Consortium for Ocean Geosciences (COGS) in Perth (WA) on 5-7 July. The conference will be followed by a six-day field trip (8-13 July) to the Canning Basin. For further detail see <http://cogs.anu.edu.au> Get in quickly because time is running out!

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