

RGSSA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



1. Belonging to, and sharing expertise and experiences with, a friendly group of likeminded people, passionate about geography and related subjects, and dedicated to the multiple scientific and community objectives of the Society.
2. Superior access to the most significant collection of rare geographical books, maps, and manuscripts in Australia located in one of the world's five most beautiful libraries¹.
3. Member-only access to bespoke field trips and excursions.
4. Discounted access to a regular frequent program of diverse and fascinating guest lectures.
5. Access to *GeoNews*, our bi-monthly newsletter that delivers news of key Society activities, events, and member-authored articles straight to your inbox/ letterbox.
6. Full access to our flagship learned publication, *South Australian Geographical Journal* which, since its foundation in 1885 as the Society's *Proceedings*, is both Australia's most longstanding scholarly periodical devoted exclusively to geography and one of the oldest geographical journals in the world.
7. Opportunities to purchase RGSSA publications and products offered at a substantial discount.
8. Entrée to other South Australian, Australian, and international cultural and academic institutions.
9. Eligibility to vote in all RGSSA elections and to stand for election to the Society's Council.
10. Admission to one of the most longstanding learned societies for geography in the world.
11. Members admitted to Fellowship may use the letters FRGSSA after their name.
12. Opportunities to use the Society's resources to undertake personal and professional research in geography and related fields.
13. Scope to offer or receive research, fieldwork, and publications support.
14. Becoming part of, and networking within, thriving state, national, and international communities of geographers.
15. Learning, developing new skills, and applying familiar ones through the Society's wide range of activities and networks.
16. Opportunities to work in small teams with other volunteers on many of the Society's diverse array of activities (e.g. awards, communications, education, excursions,

¹ See Marcus, L. 2017, 'The World's Most Beautiful Libraries' *Conde Nast Traveler* Published in https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-worlds-most-beautiful_b_8962752 (6 December). See also <https://adelaideaz.com/libraries> and <https://adelaideaz.com/articles/mortlock-wing-of-south-australia-s-state-library-has-interior-regularly-rated-among-the-world-s-most-beautiful-copy>

library, marketing, programs, publications, research) and to shape the future of the Society.

17. Influencing the contemporary character of geography through educational advocacy and practice.
18. Sustaining the vitality and value of geography, a critical discipline for current times.
