



Earth Science Week at Geoscience Australia

Earth Science Week 8-14 October 2006

Earth Science Week is an international event which endeavours to raise awareness of earth science and its significance and impact on every day life. This year Earth Science Week will be celebrated between 8-14 October and the theme is "Citizens Science". It encourages people to learn more about what geoscientists do and how their work contributes to the wellbeing of society.

Please join us in celebrating Earth Science Week 2006 by participating in our competitions for secondary school students.

- **Years 7-12 writing competition – *"Discuss Sir Douglas Mawson's geoscientific contributions to Australia"***

Douglas Mawson was an academic, field geologist, Antarctic scientist and explorer. The Internet is an excellent research tool, however, please encourage your students to research Mawson's achievements using resources such as their school or local library. Essays should be no longer than 1 A4 page and students are encouraged to reference their work.

Entries will be accepted by mail until COB September 15 and winning schools will be notified shortly after by telephone. Please ensure that all entries are submitted in class groups by the school, and that they include the student's name, and a contact name and phone number of the teacher-in-charge. Winners will be invited to attend a prize giving ceremony during Earth Science Week, possibly with the involvement of our Parliamentary Secretary. A note for parents of prize winners requesting permission for their child to be photographed by media will be provided prior to the event.

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