

## 2007 AIG Geoscience Student Bursary Awards

Every year the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) awards bursaries to geoscience Honours & Postgraduate students at Australian universities. The bursaries are funded by sponsorship from individuals, companies and geoscience organisations. This year we had an excellent response from students and in September we awarded geoscience bursaries to ten students around Australia. We would like to congratulate the following students on their awards:

- Robin Armit from Monash University, for his project: “*Geodynamic evolution of a Proterozoic crustal scale shear zone: constraints from deformation, metamorphism and geochemistry*”. Robin was awarded a Bonwick-AIG Honours Bursary.
- Matthew de Paoli from Sydney University, whose PhD project is titled “*The eclogite-granulite transition: a case study in Breaksea Sound, New Zealand*”. Matthew was awarded an AIG Postgraduate Bursary to attend a field-based workshop in the USA.
- Lachlan Hallett from the University of Adelaide, who was awarded a PIRSA-AIG Honours Bursary for his project: “*Structural and metamorphic evolution of rocks in the Mann Ranges*”.
- Zarah Heyworth from the University of Queensland, for her project: “*Identifying the nature and temporal evolution of the multi-component sources of subduction zone magmas*”. Zarah will use her Terra Search-AIG Postgraduate Bursary to carry out ion microprobe work at the Research School of Earth Sciences at ANU.
- Megan Hough from Monash University, for her project: “*Application of 3D modelling to mineral exploration under cover: the Woods Point - Walhalla Gold Region, Victoria*”. Megan was awarded a SMEDG-AIG bursary to assist with costs involved in attending a short course and field trip at the recent SGA conference in Dublin.
- Catherine Loye from the University of Adelaide, who was awarded a Kagara Zinc-AIG Honours bursary for her project: “*Structural and metamorphic evolution of the Vestfold Hills, East Antarctica*”.
- Grant Mockunas from Ballarat University for his project: “*Hydrogeology and salinity processes in the Mt Mercer - Illabrook area*”. Grant was awarded an AIG Honours bursary.
- Ruth Musgrave from Monash University, who was awarded an AIG Honours bursary for her project: “*Computational modelling of compressional deformation in layered geological structures*”.
- Thomas Raimondo from the University of Adelaide, who was awarded a PIRSA-AIG Honours bursary for his project: “*Kinematic and geochronological framework for intracontinental deformation in the Western Musgraves, Western Australia.*”

- Rachel Skelly Vazey from the University of Newcastle, who was awarded an AIG Honours bursary for her project: “*Identifying coastal alignment response to extremes in wave climate over the Holocene on the mid North coastline of NSW.*”

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