



SMEDG support for TESEP

The SMEDG committee has agreed to provide both financial and in-kind support to the Teacher Earth Science Education Programme (TESEP), which has been teaching teachers in eastern Australia states since 2008. It has won awards and influenced many thousands of students. The SMEDG committee strongly believes that this a very deserving geoscience cause which is indeed an important investment in the future of our profession and will also improve community recognition of the importance of the Earth Sciences.

SMEDG support is as as follows:

- SMEDG will fund 10 rock kit sets and supporting material for each of two years (2021 and 2022), with the option of ongoing support, subject to review. The kits target upper primary and lower and mid secondary students. This would effectively provide teaching materials for up to 40 schools over the two years.

Each rock kit set comprises:

2 TESEP Australian Rock Kits & 2 Plate Tectonics posters (for 2 nominated schools).

- We will promote support on the SMEDG website and provide a link to TESEP site.
- We will seek, from SMEDG members, nominations of potential schools with a special focus on NSW regional areas. SMEDG members in regions may also be able to provide extension support to targeted schools.
- We encourage SMEDG members working in industry to advocate for company financial support for TESEP.

For more information about TESEP go to its web site at <https://www.tesep.org.au/>

