

In this issue we have some great advice and interesting insights into the career of Jenni Clifford of Santos. To nominate yourself or to recommend someone for the Member Spotlight, please contact communications@aseg.org.au.

1. What is your current role?

Staff Geophysicist at Santos

2. For how long have you been a geophysicist?

It will be 20 years in January

3. What do you like most about being a geophysicist?

When you have that **Ah-ha!** moment, unravelling a geological puzzle that suddenly explains a dry hole or opens a new play, or a seismic attribute that suddenly shows what you intuitively knew was happening.

4. If you weren't a geophysicist what would you be?

A geologist. I worked out pretty quickly once I started university that geoscience was what enthused me. But if the industry ever goes belly-up, maybe a science teacher? I love enthusing kids about science.

5. What is your best interview tip?

Have confidence in yourself, without looking cocky.

6. What's one thing that we wouldn't know about you?

I love to cook for other people. Particularly baking. I love being able to make something from scratch and have other people go "Mmm, this is good!", preferably with their mouth full and a rapturous expression on their face.

7. Where was your best sunrise location?

In Alice Springs, watching the morning light shining off the ranges. So peaceful.

8. What are you reading at the moment?

The Martian, by Andy Weir.

What made you decide to be a geophysicist?

I always knew I wanted to be a scientist. But after finding first year geology and geophysics so much more fun than my other subjects, I couldn't take any other path.

9. What's one thing you wish someone had told you when you were at university?

Don't ever feel embarrassed to ask questions. All the time. Chances are you're not the only one wanting to know the answer.

10. What's your most treasured textbook?

Interpretation of Three-Dimensional Seismic Data by Alistair Brown. I have bookmarks in it for my favourite diagrams.

11. Your funniest or worst field memory?

Going out to a drill rig when a woman in the field was apparently a novelty and becoming an instant source of curiosity for almost every bloke on the rig. They offered to harness me up and hoist me to the top of the mast "for a good view". I would have looked like a really odd blue flag being run up a flag pole! I declined.

12. What do you do in your spare time?

Recreational cooking. Not the after-work dinner dash, but creating something new or extravagant, or trying to recreate something I've eaten and loved in a restaurant.

