

This issue we get to know Stephanie Kovach, the secretary of the NSW ASEG branch. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for an interview, please send us an email to [communications@aseg.org.au](mailto:communications@aseg.org.au)

**1. For how long have you been a geophysicist?**

Quite a short time! I finished studying last year (2017) at Macquarie University, where I majored in geology and geophysics during my undergraduate degree, then focused on geochemistry for my Master of Research. I am currently employed at Bridgeport Energy Limited where my horizons have once again broadened, and I am involved in many different geoscience aspects.

**2. What do you like most about being a geophysicist.**

There are numerous reasons why I enjoy being a geophysicist; however, the main one is satisfying my curiosity with what is happening beneath the surface. In this way, it is very rewarding familiarising myself with a data set and outlining the anomalies, then being able to produce an interpretation. I enjoy having the ability to learn more about the Earth by remotely determining what the rocks are doing in the subsurface. The majority of geoscientists would also agree with me, that field work is a definite highlight and I appreciate having the opportunity to travel to interesting locations.

**3. What is your best interview tip?**

In addition to what the previous members have mentioned in their spotlights about being prepared and researching the company, I believe it is important to relax and take some time to ensure that you answer the question to the best of your ability. Interviews can be daunting for recent graduates, try your best to relax and keep in mind the interviewers were once in your position and know how nervous you might be. Also, if possible, ask for feedback.

**4. Tell us about your best field meal.**

It is too difficult to decide. In the field I develop an appetite so all meals are great! I enjoy having sandwich lunches in remote places, with fantastic views. I believe we are very fortunate to have these chances; whereas, others make a great effort to have similar experiences. Dinners under the stars by a camp fire are special too, especially when it is barbequed steak paired with a refreshing drink.

**5. What are you reading at the moment?**

As usual, I'm reading a few things at the moment - Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty, and the latest issues of Time magazine and National Geographic.

