

In this issue we get to know Janelle Simpson. To nominate yourself or to recommend someone for the Member Spotlight, please contact communications@aseg.org.au.

1. What is your current role?

I am currently employed as a Senior Geophysicist by the Geological Survey of Queensland. I am part of team that oversees the acquisition of new precompetitive geophysical data to assist the exploration industry in Queensland. In addition to designing and overseeing these programs, we try to spend as much time as possible modelling and interpreting the data we collect.

2. For how long have you been a geophysicist?

I have worked as a geophysicist since 2010, when I started at the GSQ.

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

I love the challenge of putting together different datasets to understand new things about the Earth.

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

In a world where I didn't do science at uni I would probably have chosen either a landscape architect or a primary school teacher.

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

I thoroughly enjoy knitting, though I don't get to do it as much as I would like.

6. What made you decide to be a geophysicist?

I stumbled on geology completely by accident. I went to university determined to study biology and took geology to fill in my spare units. By the end of first year I had decided that biology wasn't for me and decided to pursue geology

with vigour, before finally settling on geophysics towards the end of my undergraduate and during my Honours degree.

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

Building interpersonal relationships with people both inside and outside your organisation is a vital part of building a successful career.

8. What do you do in your spare time?

I love cooking and reading. On any given Saturday I can be found making some elaborate dinner creation with the enthusiastic assistance of my older brother.

