

This month we get to know Suzanne Haydon from the Geological Survey of South Australia.

1. What is your current role?

Geophysicist at the Geological Survey of Victoria

2. For how long have you been a geophysicist?

25 years

3. Tell us about your best field meal?

A freshly-baked roll from the local bakery every day (a Victorian luxury) and then cheese, tomato, mayo, ham and capsicum - assembled and eaten on the tailgate of a Toyota Hilux in the bush somewhere.

4. What made you decide to be a geophysicist?

I wanted a career that combined maths/physics as well as outdoor activities. Geophysics fits the bill perfectly.

5. What is a challenge you have overcome and how did you do so?

Combining work and family. Being at a workplace with flexible work arrangements helps a lot, and it is getting easier now that the kids are older. I sometimes work odd hours to help get things finished.

6. What reaction do you mostly get when you tell someone that you are a geophysicist?

Usually a blank look. I think it's the "physics" part that throws people. When I explain that it's a combination of geology and physics, people think that it sounds interesting.

7. What aspect of geophysics do you enjoy most?

I enjoy working with a bunch of talented people and am grateful for opportunities to meet and learn from other geophysicists and people in related fields. I always return from the ASEG Conference re-energised and with a list of things to follow up and incorporate in my work.

