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I am pleased to announce that nominations for the 2013 ASEG Honours & Awards are now being received. On p. 9 of this issue, Andrew Mutton – Chairman of the ASEG Honours and Awards Committee, canvases the award categories and outlines the nomination procedure. I encourage all our readers to view this call as a wonderful opportunity to grant those who have served the ASEG, and contributed well to geophysics, the recognition they deserve.

The exciting new era of e-publishing is upon us; it is of no exaggeration to state that it is one of the most significant milestones in the history of the

dissemination of the written word since the Gutenberg Press – or the Underwood typewriter for that matter! So as part of this evolution, the ASEG and SEG shall co-publish and co-brand a new book by David Isles and Leigh Rankin, entitled *Geological Interpretation of Aeromagnetic Data* in e-book format (see p. 12). A full review shall be presented within a future issue.

A new initiative within the ASEG is the publication of a 'contractors table' (see p. 13). The impetus of this ambitious development stems from the success of a similar provision by KEGS. It has been a long time in the making, so I am proud for it to debut within this issue of *Preview* and look forward to it flourishing on the ASEG website.

Our readers are no doubt aware that applications for geophysics extend far beyond the mining industry, for example, civil engineering, environmental monitoring, stellar physics and planetary exploration. Yet, among the most captivating is the application of geophysics to archaeology – the BBC production *Time Team* is one of my

favourite shows. Professor Micheal Asten and students Jesse Savage and Lachlan Grose – both part of the Talented Students Program, worked with Alpha Archaeology on two historic sites using equipment provided free of charge by Fugro Instruments: Jesse searched for lost graves, situated at the 1803 Lt Collins Settlement east of Sorrento, using electrical resistivity profiling, while Lachlan performed a ground conductivity survey in an attempt to locate the rubbish dump of the 1839 Viewbank Homestead (see p. 22).

Finally, I'd like to refer our readers to p. 20, so as to learn the history of TESEP and appreciate the difference it makes to school students wishing to learn more about the earth sciences. Please do see the bigger picture: TESEP is seeding to provide the industry with new geophysicists, but requires ongoing support and funding. So if someone ever complains to you that there is a shortfall of qualified personal, do question their stewardship towards geophysics and ask them bluntly, 'How have you supported programs such as TESEP?'.

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