1. **Background**

   a. Established in 1958, this Prize has been generously donated in honour of Mr A.J. Shearsby of Yass from his geological friends and from the Rotary Club of Yass.

2. **Eligibility**

   a. To be eligible for this Prize, students must:
      
      I. be enrolled in a Geology unit in at least one of their semesters during their first year of study at the University of Sydney, and
      II. completed Earth and Environmental Science as part of the New South Wales Higher School Certificate in the previous year.

3. **Selection Criteria**

   a. The Prize will be awarded on the basis of academic merit.
   
   b. The Prize will be awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Science, or their nominee.

4. **Value**

   a. The Prize is valued at $150 and is tenable for one year only.
   
   b. The Prize annual value will be paid as a one-off payment.
   
   c. Deferral of the Prize is not permitted without the prior permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Science or their nominee and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.
   
   d. The Prize will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
   
   e. No other amount is payable.

5. **Ongoing eligibility**

   a. Not applicable.

6. **Termination**

   a. The Prize will be terminated if the recipient:
      
      I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
      II. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
      III. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information,
      IV. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
      V. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.
b. Once the Prize has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Prize funds paid to the Prize recipient be reimbursed.