

OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #6: 1 April 2025

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

Herewith the OGG Newsletter #6. Please see updated Table below showing presentations for the rest of April (**Gold-geology presentations**), as well as the environmental focussed talks for May and June 2025. The completed gold-presentations are on YouTube and available via the link to the OGG Playlist links on the second page.

Our thanks to the many participants that have attended and contributed to the success of the gold presentations. Ongoing and forthcoming OGG activities are shown below and in the accompanying flyers.

OGG Presentations & Breakfast Program (to June , 2025)

Date (2025)	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/Time
Thursday 3 April	Dr Bjorn Von Der Heyden (Univ. Stellenbosch)	Southern African metallogeny with a focus on gold	In-person + Zoom (RSA 11h00) Onrus Manor
Thursday 10 April	Keith Kenyon (Hermanus, RSA)	Why does the Placer vs Hydrothermal origin for the Wits Gold controversy persist	Zoom (RSA 10h00)
Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 April, 2025	Emeritus Prof. Terence McCarthy (Wits University)	Structural controls on gold deposition in the Wits supergroup	Zoom (RSA 10h00)
Thursday 17 April	Graham Gavine (Welkom, RSA)	Observations of Wits gold deposits in the Free State region (30mins)	Zoom (RSA 10h00 – 11h30)
	Wrap-up + Review	General Discussion; Key Take-aways, Follow-up Actions – Prof Neil Phillips	
Thursday 8 May, 2025	Dr Jeannine McManus (Vogelgat Nature Reserve Manager)	Experiences of contrasting approaches to wildlife conservation in Sir Lanka and South Africa	In-person + Zoom RSA 11hoo Onrus Manor
Thursday 5 June 2025	Dr James Blignault (Environmental Economist)	The economics of restoring degraded ecosystems	Zoom Presentation RSA 11h00 Onrus Manor Breakfast Meeting

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172892738?pwd=M1NWUkJFYzhqdTJ2Qk0yZ3BrV2srZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 7289 2738; Passcode: **Overberg**

OGG Breakfast Meetings & Presentations – These are held at Onrus Manor from 09h30, with breakfast at 10h00 & presentations (in-person & Zoom) at 11h00 on the first Thursday of the month. Participants are requested to please confirm their attendance at the breakfasts for catering purposes.



OGG Members Annual Fees (R250.00 per person) – Many thanks to All OGG Members who have paid their Subs and made generous donation donations. The ongoing support for OGG activities are much appreciated.

For those who have not yet paid, a reminder that OGG 2025 Annual fees are now due. Bank details are shown below:

STANDARD BANK ACCOUNT NAME: OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP NPC
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10168933800 TYPE: CURRENT ACCOUNT
BRANCH CODE: 051001 SWIFT ADDRESS: SBZA ZA JJ

OGG YouTube Presentations

Previous **OGG presentations** (132 since 2021) are available on YouTube for viewing and sharing, and can be accessed via the following link(s):

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW1jR8f-KMmPX8ANZGA-OYna&si=YdnZ9VqXJB_OqEMW

All about Gold: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW2tZEQv06FmiLjubVejMGhh>

Diamonds: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW09ljwv17VCUINBd5l_-VvH&si=ddqs1KfuDYuSF1PW

Darwin Cape Town Commemorative Visit by Dutch Tall Ship, Oosterschedlde

In early April 2025 the historical Dutch Tall Ship, *Oosterschedlde*, is visiting the Cape of Good Hope in memory of **Charles Darwin's** 1836 journey to the Cape in the *Beagle*. Information and activities related to this visit are contained in the Press-release link below. A visit to the famous Sea Point Contact (SPC) will take place on Thursday 24th April, 2025:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gvXaWHGHRJkoZA7LZ3YzAjlgtHX_sPWZgFQyLhwjco/edit?usp=sharing

Articles & YouTube Presentations of Interest

Utah State University develops new method to date billion-year-old oxidation events in rusty rocks

<https://search.app/aWWWdYo5hpcjwZup8>

Mining's king of private capital says governments must intervene (*Mining Weekly*, 1 April, 2025)

<https://www.miningweekly.com/article/minings-king-of-private-capital-says-governments-must-intervene-2025-04-01>

Lead pollution in a mining city – Kabwe, Zambia (*npr Newsletters*, 30 March, 2025)

<https://search.app/EBC2diT7Yn39BnSq7>

2025 OGG Excursions

De Kelders Caves + Surrounds (half-day Excursion) (Saturday 30 August, 2025) – The excursion will include visits to the Caves formed in the *Bredasdorp Group* limestone at the interface with the underlying TMG sandstones and an ~1km beach-walk westward along Walker Bay to *Bredasdorp Group* mega-dune remnants. It will provide insight into the exceptional anthropological records of the southern-Cape coast, an overview of the geology and structural features of the TMG sandstones, and picnic lunch for those wanting to enjoy the sea, sand and scenery. Further information of this Excursion program will follow.



