

# OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #11: 7 August, 2025

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

## Highlights:

- ❖ Successful *Wits Gold Presentation Series* provides catalyst for **GOLD26** Conference to be hosted in RSA
- ❖ Fascinating GeoExcursions are being offered to Babanango and Beaufort West (*see p#2*)
- ❖ OGG School educational activities in the Overberg region gaining traction

## OGG Presentations & Breakfast Program (to December, 2025)

Date (2025)	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/Time
Wednesday 13th August	<b>Gareth Boothway</b> (WWF)	<b>Enabling ambitious impacts for people and nature - WWF's Strategy 2030: Utilising landscapes at scale to benefit nature and people</b>	In-person + Zoom RSA 11hoo Onrus Manor
Thursday 4 September	<b>Dr Bruce Eglington</b> (Dept Geological Sciences, Univ of Saskatchewan)	Plate reconstruction models from the Archean to present-day: implications for the Wits Basin(s) and gold origins.	Zoom on-line Presentation (details to follow)
Thursday 2 October	<b>TBA</b>		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2025	<b>Malcolm Lee, Stuart Dunsmore &amp; Prof Chris James</b>	Post-mortem of the Klein River - Stanford 2023 Flood: Interventions & early-warning system to ameliorate future impacts	In-person + Zoom RSA 11hoo Onrus Manor
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ronnie Hazel</b> (Retired geologist)	Experiences of a De Beers geologist in Russia in the early 1990's	In-person + Zoom RSA 11hoo Onrus Manor

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172892738?pwd=M1NWUkFYzhqdTJ2Qk0yZ3BrV2srZz09>  
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.

## Geology & Related Topics in the News

Hidden' Beneath Our Feet: The Wonder of South Africa's Geological Heritage (DM, 25 July, 2025)  
<https://www-dailymaverick-co-za.webpkgcache.com/doc/-/s/www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2025-07-25-hidden-beneath-our-feet-the-wonder-of-south-africas-geological-heritage/>



A GeoExcursion through Earth's Ancient Crust: Babanango 5 – 9 September, 2025.  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1837355413600576145&th=197f990391cda291&view=att&zw&disp=inline>

FRIENDS OF IZIKO FOSSIL TRIP TO LEMOENFONTEIN GAME LODGE, BEAUFORT WEST: 17 - 21 Sept, 2025.  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1839068411426306589&th=1985aef9f4b4fa1d&view=att&zw&disp=inline>

S&P Global Market Intelligence - World Exploration Trends. PDAC Special Edition, 2025  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1839684293603285844&th=1987df1e3316db54&view=att&zw&disp=inline>

Occhipinti, S. (2025). Motivation for Learning Geosciences: The Teaching-Learning Process – Analysis, Evaluations, and Proposals. *IntechOpen*, Published: 23 January 2025. DOI: 10.5772/intechopen.1007983  
<https://www.intechopen.com/chapters/1200725>

James Hutton: The Founder of Modern Geology. *American Museum of Natural History*, 2025  
<https://www.amnh.org/learn-teach/curriculum-collections/earth-inside-and-out/james-hutton>

### **OGG YouTube Presentations**

All previous **OGG** presentations on **YouTube**:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW1jR8f-KMmPX8ANZGA-OYna>

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

**All about Diamonds:** [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW09IjwvI7VCUINBd5I\\_-VwH&si=ddgs1KfuDYuSF1PW](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW09IjwvI7VCUINBd5I_-VwH&si=ddgs1KfuDYuSF1PW)

### **2025 OGG Excursion #2**

**Gansbaai, Walker Bay eastern-margin, & De Kelders Caves Geoexcursion – Saturday, 30 August, 2025 – See full details in accompanying Flyer.**

### **OGG Annual Fees & Bank Details (R250.00 per person)**

Our thanks once again to All those OGG Members who have paid their 2025 annual fees and made generous donations to support our activities. As per Hennie Greeff's prior Note, we will in due course implement changes to the membership structure, recognising our long-term regular paying members, Senior Citizens, Students and non-geologists. Members in arrears for two years will be removed from the OGG membership list. Bank details are as below for those who are not yet paid up for 2025:

STANDARD BANK ACCOUNT	OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP NPC
ACC NO: 10168933800	CURRENT ACCOUNT
BRANCH CODE: 051001	SWIFT ADDRESS: SBZA ZA JJ





# AGM and GeoQuiz

## Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of South Africa Western Cape Branch

On the Agenda:

2025/2026 committee elections, GSSA reports, activities  
and updates, as well as a fun-filled geology quiz!  
Light refreshments provided.

**Details:**

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 (New date!)

**Where:** Newbery Hall, Athenaeum, Newlands

**Time:** 6:00 for 6:30 pm

Reminder to pay your membership fee!

