

# OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #1: 15 January, 2026

(OGG – Req. No. 275-138 NPO)

**Welcome back** – We trust that All our OGG Members and sponsors had an enjoyable holiday and festive season, and that 2026 will be a good one. Likewise, we look forward to seeing and engaging with You at OGG activities through the year.

## OGG 2026 Presentations & Breakfast Program (to April, 2026)

2026	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/ Time
Thursday 5 February	<b>Bruce Engelsman (SRK)</b>	Geological Setting Influencing the Geotechnical Journey: tailings dams case studies & learnings from work in the nuclear power industry	<i>In-person + Zoom RSA 11h00 Onrus Manor</i>
Thursday 5 March	<b>Dave Crow Neil Philips Julian Vearncombe</b>	<b>Recap of OGG 2025 Gold presentations:</b> -Modern placer analogues for Wits gold -Wits metamorphism, fluids & alteration -Structural controls on Wits gold	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
2 - 6 March 2026		<b>March 2026 University of Melbourne GOLD Conference.</b> Details available from: – <a href="mailto:melanie.finsch@unimelb.edu.au">melanie.finsch@unimelb.edu.au</a>	
12 March	<b>Jonathan Law</b>	Witwatersrand quartzites and the stories they tell	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
19 March	<b>Matt Mullins</b>	Carbon, sedimentology and underground observations	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
26 March	<b>John Parnell</b>	Witwatersrand carbon – what we see, what might have been	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
2 April	<b>Dave Crow Neil Phillips</b>	<b>Carbon in Phanerozoic rocks &amp; channels Part-1</b> -Metamorphic carbon/graphite in Phanerozoic metamorphic systems -Erosion channels in the Witwatersrand	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
5 April		<b>Easter Break</b>	
9 April	<b>Dave Crow General Discussion</b>	<b>Witwatersrand Channels Part-2</b> -Channels, sediments and black sand -Braid plain channels and Wits sedimentology	<b>Zoom RSA 10h00</b>
7 May	<b>Dr Sue Winkler</b>	Large scale structures & geodynamics of Western Gondwana interpreted from satellite data	<b>Zoom RSA 11h00</b>

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 (Hermanus) from 09h30, with breakfast (R130.00pp) at 10h00, presentations (in-person & Zoom) at 11h00 on the first Thursday of the month. Participants are requested to confirm attendance at breakfasts for catering purposes.



## Farewell to Dr Stephen Edward Haggerty

With sadness we report the passing of Prof. Stephen Edward Haggerty on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026, in Miami, Florida (USA). Born in RSA, Steve spent much of his life and geological research time in the USA, initially focussing on lunar rocks and oxide mineral studies, then became an iconic figure in the mantle and kimberlite world. A man of many interests and talents, Steve pioneered studies of mantle metasomatism and, fittingly, has a *barium iron magnesian titanite* mineral named after him. He obtained his PhD from Imperial College London, and after a post-doc at the Geophysical Laboratory (as it was then), then taught at the University of Massachusetts, before moving to Florida International University, Miami (USA). A larger than life character who was still pursuing field-related projects in Liberia, until his untimely passing. Steve will be fondly remembered by the International Kimberlite community for the fun and enthusiasm that he exuded. A comprehensive Obituary is in preparation and will be circulated once completed.

## Short-courses & Symposia

**March 2026 University of Melbourne GOLD Conference.** The course content is summarized in the attached flyer and additional details are available from: – [melanie.finsch@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:melanie.finsch@unimelb.edu.au)

**GOLD-27 3-Day International Symposium;** Sun City 13 – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027 – Make sure you diarise the dates for this event. Details to follow.

## Geology & Related Information and News

Talking about rocks by geologist Shawn Willsey (*YouTube, 7mins*)

<https://share.google/pUf6vD4DVq9Pf7ANI>

Mapped: All of the World's Volcanic Eruptions in 2025 (*Visual Capitalist*)

<https://share.google/nfTKq1JSApv2pDsYN>

Geoheritage of the Iconic EN280 Leba Road - Huila Plateau, S-W Angola (2024)

<https://share.google/5KiWAgICbuKMhcvlN>

## 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)



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

Annual OGG membership fees for 2026 are R250.00 per person (the same as in 2025). Together with donations and sponsorship, membership contributions sustain the varied activities of the OGG, which has been in active since 2018 as a registered and compliant NPC/NGO. Bank details are shown below:

Reviewed/audited accounts are available should paid-up members and donors wish to review the performance of the OGG. We look forward to the support of existing and new members through 2026.

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

## **OGG Activities & Membership**

The OGG is a voluntary organisation focussed on sharing knowledge, transferring skills and experiences of the *Overberg Geoscientists Group* to increase awareness of the importance of Geoscience and related topic in our daily lives, stimulate and mentor geoscientists of the future, and expose our youth to the building blocks of life & sustainability. New member, including non-geologists, students and scholars are welcome.

For details of the OGG activities and interests contact one of the members below. Suggestions regarding educational activities, excursions, and interaction with other professional groups and non-geologists are welcomed. Please share these documents with interested parties and groups.

*Mindful of the POPI Act, kindly advise us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list.*

***Many thanks. Best wishes,  
JOHN, HENNIE, ANNABELLE & THE OGG TEAM***

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