

OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

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Highlights:

- Overberg Geoscientists Website V-1 to be launched shortly.
- OGG, University Stellenbosch & Melbourne Gold-26 Presentation Series completed successfully, all six YouTube presentations available on-line (see *All about Gold* link p.-2).

OGG 2026 Presentations & Breakfast Program (to October, 2026)

2026	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/ Time
7 May	<i>Dr Sue Winkler</i>	Large scale structures & geodynamics of Western Gondwana interpreted from satellite data	<i>In-person, Zoom RSA 11h00 Onrus Manor</i>
4 June	<i>John Blaine</i>	Geological History of the Onrus River: Evidence from the September 2023 floods, Peat beds and Archaeology	<i>In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor</i>
2 July	<i>Winter Break</i>		
6 August	<i>Paul Lee</i>	Antarctica: Ice, Climate and Exploration at the End of the Earth	<i>In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor</i>
10 Sept	<i>Gregory Katz</i>	State of the Diamond Market and future trends & developments	<i>Zoom RSA 11h00</i>
17 Sept	<i>Dr Andy Moore</i>	The origin of large and exceptional Gemstone diamonds	<i>Zoom RSA 11h00</i>
1 October	<i>Tim Lewis</i>	New insights into the formation and structural deformation of the Table Mountain Group	<i>In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor RSA 11h00</i>

sZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172892738?pwd=M1NWUkJFYzhqdTJ2Qk0yZ3BrV2srZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 7289 2738; Passcode: **Overberg**

Breakfast Meetings & Presentations – Onrus Manor (Hermanus) from 09h30, breakfast (R130.00pp) is at 10h00, presentations (in-person & Zoom) at 11h00 on the 1st Thursday of the month. Participants are requested to confirm attendance for catering purposes.

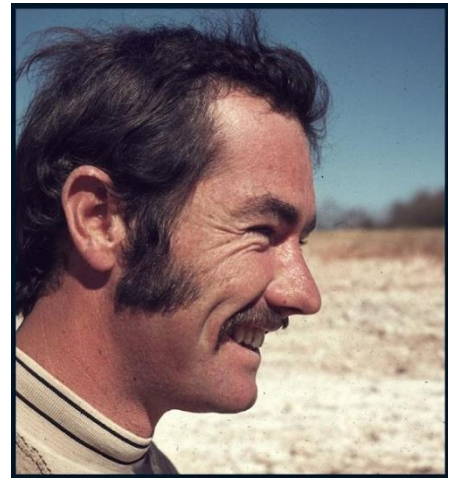
Forthcoming OGG Excursions

- **Onrus River Valley** one-day GeoExcursion (*John Blaine*): **6 June, 2026 (fully subscribed)**
- **Greater-Worcester & Hex River Valley** – 2,5 day GeoExcursion (*Jurie Viljoen, Dr Anso Le Roux, Dylan Blake*): **4 – 6th September, 2026. (fully subscribed)**



Farewell to Geology Legend Graham L. Palmer
(06/07/1946 – 12/04/2026)

We extend condolences to the Family, friends and geological colleagues of Graham Palmer, who passed away in Hermanus in early April. Graham was a wonderful Family man, exploration geologist, passionate golfer, cricketer and leader. He had a successful and fun career as an explorationist and was actively involved in the uranium exploration boom in Beaufort West, South Africa, during the 1970's spurred by a global energy crisis and soaring prices. Thereafter, as a key member of the Anglo American Base Metals Group, he led the discovery of the major Namakwa Sands heavy mineral deposits (titanium and zircon) on South Africa's West Coast, located in the Graauwduinen/Brand-se-baai area, and associated with Cenozoic sediments. An Obituary covering the life and achievements of Graham will follow.



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

All about RSA Geoheritage (work in progress): <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW2n3ZXAfTEdA8Iiun5H64m>

Publications of Interest

Ed Stoddard - Zama Zama operations easier than legal mining. (*Daily Maverick*, 14 April, 2026).
<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2026-04-14-zama-zama-operations-easier-than-legal-mining-new-report-details-woes-of-sas-junior-miners/>

Moore, A.E. (2026). Type Ila diamonds with Fe-Ni inclusions are not proxies for large irregular Type Ila diamonds – (*South African Journal of Geology*, 2026/1).
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De Beers Centenary Publication 1988 – (*Geobulletin*, Vol. 31-1; 1988)
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