OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #8: 01 July, 2026

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

OGG Website – http://www.ogsg.co.za/

Highlights:

- **Wits Gold Legacy Project Workshop & Core-shed Visit (June, 2026 -** this event was a great success & important lead-up to the GOLD-27 Conference @ Gold Reef City, 13 – 17 April, 2027.

- **OGG Website** – This is functioning well, suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

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

2026	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/ Time
6 August	***Paul Lee***	Antarctica: Ice, Climate and Exploration at the End of the Earth	***In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor***
10 Sept	***Gregory Katz***	State of the Diamond Market and future trends & developments	***Zoom RSA 11h00***
17 Sept	***Dr Andy Moore***	The origin of large and exceptional Gemstone diamonds	***Zoom RSA 11h00***
1 October	***Tim Lewis***	New insights into the formation and structural deformation of the Table Mountain Group	***In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor RSA 11h00***

Zoom 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 (R145.00pp) is at 10h00, presentations (in-person & Zoom) at 11h00 on 1st Thursday of the month. Participants are requested to confirm attendance with Annabella Greef for catering purposes.

Annual OGG Membership Fees & Bank Details

We are now at the half-way mark for 2026 and would like to remind OGG members who are not paid-up, to please contribute. Membership is R250.00 pp per annum.

Our thanks to All those who are paid-up, and for the generous donations received. These fees, donations and sponsorship, sustain the activities of the OGG, a registered/compliant NPC/NGO. Annual fees are R250.00 per person. Bank details are shown below:

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

Publications of Interest

Floating volcanic rock is disrupting life in PNG – (*The Conversation, 16 June, 2026*)
https://theconversation.com/floating-volcanic-rock-is-disrupting-life-in-papua-new-guinea-and-the-problem-will-last-a-long-time-285155

Geology in Motion: Investigating the Role of Geology on D-Day – (*Reservoir Issue., May/June 2026)*
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1868851065808636531&th=19ef7e248ba24a73&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=19ef7e0d29d8ed24ed41&zw

The Klein Karoo's Red Stone Hills – (*DM, 17 June, 2027*). ttps://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2026-06-18-the-klein-karoos-red-stone-hills-small-potatoes-for-geologists-high-value-for-photographers/

The clean energy transition, colossal expansion of the Int. mining industry. (*P Clack, June, 2026*)
https://share.google/l65CeUsSoeP1qNhBr

World's 2nd-most used resource (silica sand), is being consumed at 50 billion tons a year- (*ecoNEWS*)
https://www.ecoticias.com/en/not-gold-not-oil-sand-the-worlds-second-most-used-resource-is-being-consumed-at-50-billion-tons-a-year-and-shortages-are-already-pointing-toward-a-global-crunch/33076/

Cape Town Minerals Club, July 2026 Newsletter: see Website for updates - http://www.ctminsoc.org.za/

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-MPMaHidsW09Ijwvl7VCUlNBd5l_-VwH&si=ddgs1KfuDYuSF1PW

All about RSA Geoheritage (work in progress): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW2n3ZXAflTEdA8Iiun5H64m

OGG Activities & Membership

OGG objectives - to share knowledge, transfer skills and pursuing educational interventions/activities to highlight the importance of Geology and Geoscience in our daily lives, stimulate and mentor future geoscientists, and expose our Youth to the building-blocks of life & sustainability. New members are welcome, please share these documents with interested parties or contact a Member below for details. ***(Mindful of the POPI Act, please also advise us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list).***

Many thanks. Kind regards,
JOHN, HENNIE, ANNABELLE & THE OGG TEAM

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Meetings, Short-courses & Symposia

LIPS & Dyke Swarms Conference, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Nyeri, Kenya: 3 – 7 August 2026 and Pre-, Post- Field Excursions. For details Contact - klausen@sun.ac.za.

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1857899685207981536&th=19c895eb8d21bde0&view=att&zw&disp=safe

Lichtenberg Centenary Diamond Conference: 10 – 13 September, 2026
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b3c7f64a1&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1856390417167986326&th=19c3393fb3bcae96&view=att&zw&disp=inline

South African Geophysical Association (SAGA) Conference, Cape Town: October, 2026
https://sagaconference.co.za/invitation-to-participate/

International Paleontological Conference (IPC7), Cape Town: November 2026; https://www.ipc7.site/