

OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #10: 01 September, 2026

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

OGG Website – <http://www.ogsg.co.za/>

Highlights:

- **3rd Earth Age Display launched at the De Hoop Nature Reserve** in collaboration with *The De Hoop Collection* (see separate article attached)
- **On YouTube – the excellent 6th August, 2026, Antarctica presentation** by **Paul Lee** is now available on line: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYd8NipuSG4>
- **Nomzamo ECD School wall damage caused by** early-May 2026, storms has been repaired thanks to the generous contributions of OGG Donors/Members, and other contributors (see below).

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

2026	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/ Time
Thursday 10 Sept	Gregory Katz	Manufacturing exceptional gemstone diamond in RSA & update on the international diamond business.	Zoom RSA 11h00
Thursday 17 Sept	Dr Andy Moore	A megacryst based- model for predicting the presence of large irregular Type-II diamonds in kimberlites.	Zoom RSA 11h00
Thursday 1 October	Tim Lewis	New insights into the formation and structural deformation in the Table Mountain Group.	In-person, Zoom Onrus Manor RSA 11h00
Thursday 5 Nov	Charles Mostert (Sun Ranch Solar)	Case Study – An Integrated Approach to Continuous, Low Cost, Power Supply.	Zoom presentation RSA 11h00
Thursday 3 Dec	John Bristow	Travels in the Okavango Delta - One of Africa's three great inland deltas (September, 2025)	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 Greeff for catering purposes.



Farewell to a Colleague and Friend

It is with sadness that we share news of the passing of Julian Cutland, after a long debilitating illness, in spite of which he maintained his positive and cheerful disposition. Julian had a long career with Anglo American, and in particular the *Anglo American Research Laboratory* (AARL) where he played a key role in the computing group and development of Geological Information Systems (GIS).

In 1979, Julian and his wife, Sadie, joined a small group of determined parents to establish the *Childhood Cancer Foundation of South Africa* (CHOC). What began as a parent support group, grew into a national organisation that has stood beside thousands of children, teenagers, and families facing childhood cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. Rest in peace, Julian. Your legacy will live on.

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-MPMaHidsW2n3ZXAfITEdA8liun5H64m>

Publications of Interest

Walking Among the Ruins of Great Zimbabwe (*The Collector*, 2026)

<https://share.google/OpEgaaHDslpDaCSTZ>

De Hoop Collection early southern Sapien's behaviour and history (*De Hoop Collection*, Jan. 2024)

<https://www.dehoopcollection.com/origins-of-early-southern-sapiens-behaviour-exhibition/>

Stanford geology student marries a mining engineer in 1898 (*Economic Times*, 24 August, 2026)

<https://m.economictimes.com/magazines/panache/in-1898-a-stanford-geology-student-married-a-young-mining-engineer-and-began-a-life-of-travel-30-years-later-she-became-americas-first-lady/articleshow/133386188.cms>

Repairs to the Nomzamo ECD School Wall, Zwehlile (greater Hermanus)

As most southern & Western Cape (RSA) residents will be aware, in Early-May 2026 severe Cape winter storms and winds, caused extensive damage across the Overstrand region, with the boundary wall of Nomzamo ECD school suffering severe damage (see image below).





Nomzamo School perimeter wall after early-May 2026 storms



The repaired and reinforced School boundary wall as of 13 August, 2026

The positive response to our request for contributions from OGG donors and members, and other local Hermanus (southern Cape) organisations and individuals, was exceptional. Consequently, the perimeter wall has been rebuilt with improved foundations and additional support pillars (see image above). Paintwork and finishing is ongoing and at the same time further improvements have been made to the school playground apparatus.

The School Principal & Staff, Parent Body and OGG Team are grateful for the financial contributions that ensured that this work could be completed. Letters of thanks to OGG donor groups and members, and other parties, who generously contributed financially for the repairs will follow.



Annual OGG Membership Fees & Bank Details

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

A reminder to OGG members and participants who are not paid-up, to please assist by settling your outstanding fees. 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

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 one of the Team 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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The famous 5,05carat Kazanjian Red Diamond

From the legendary Lichtenburg (RSA) diamond fields, recovered in March, 1927. One of the world's rarest red diamonds (Image: from *Gregory Katz, Trigon-Adamas, Rosebank, RSA*)

- The Kazanjian Red – The one-of-a-kind red diamond
<https://www.kazanjian.com/pages/the-kazanjian-red>
- Ian Balfour (2000). FAMOUS DIAMONDS. *Christies, Fourth Edition*, 320pp.

