

OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #10: 01 October, 2026

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

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

Highlights:

- **Greater-Worcester & Hex River Valley Excursion (4 -6th September):** Most successful, with 33 participants. See the link below to the Excursion photo library:
https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNLVsGqOkf_EEtZ_UY6nLduDxIHV1l0Z9mWY_jlc_rqy6NF01dgHtMxvmymP4inhA?key=S25NbnhnbVNtc19SU2RPNVljeDdjbnJOMENDWmFB
- **Greg Katz** presentation - **Manufacturing exceptional gemstone diamonds** - (10 Sept, 2026) – a demonstration of local world class diamond manufacturing abilities. YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhrshS7jg4g&t=154s>
- **Dr Andy Moore** presentation – **Megacryst origin for large & exceptional Type-II diamonds** (17 Sept, 2026) YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xbk2LCCufo0&t=4s>

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

2026	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/ Time
Thursday 1 October	Tim Lewis (Classic Stone)	In search of Ice Ages Past 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	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.



OGG Annual Fees & Bank Details

A reminder to OGG members and participants who are not paid-up, to please assist by settling your outstanding 2026 membership fees. Bank details are shown below.

Our thanks to All those OGG members 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.

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

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-MPMaHidsW09ljwvl7VCUlnBd5L_-VwH&si=ddgs1KfuDYuSF1PW

All about RSA Geoheritage (work in progress): <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW2n3ZXAfITEdA8liun5H64m>

Publications of Interest

Lions Head Gold Mining Company (Cape Town) 1887 (*Willem Steenkamp, July 25, 2015*)
<https://share.google/pP0Czm18zHyB4KJYK>

What would happen if Yellowstone supervolcano erupted (*The Conversation, 21 Sept, 2026*)
<https://theconversation.com/end-of-humanity-blow-by-blow-account-of-what-would-happen-if-the-yellowstone-supervolcano-erupted-now-288649>

Mining communities push for constitutional justice as Parliament delays accountability (*DM, 12.08.26*). <https://share.google/JEQDOioMtK2YsyQ6V>

African Parks: when conservation becomes a question of power (*DW. 9 September, 2026*)
<https://share.google/tVXzdWvhnsy5c7Pp>

Pretoria landscaping company in court over baobab tree exports (*News 24, 10 September, 2026*). <https://www.facebook.com/DavidMaynierDA/posts/well-done-to-our-department-of-forestry-fisheries-and-the-environment-law-enforc/1557921996347683/>



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 advise us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list).***

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

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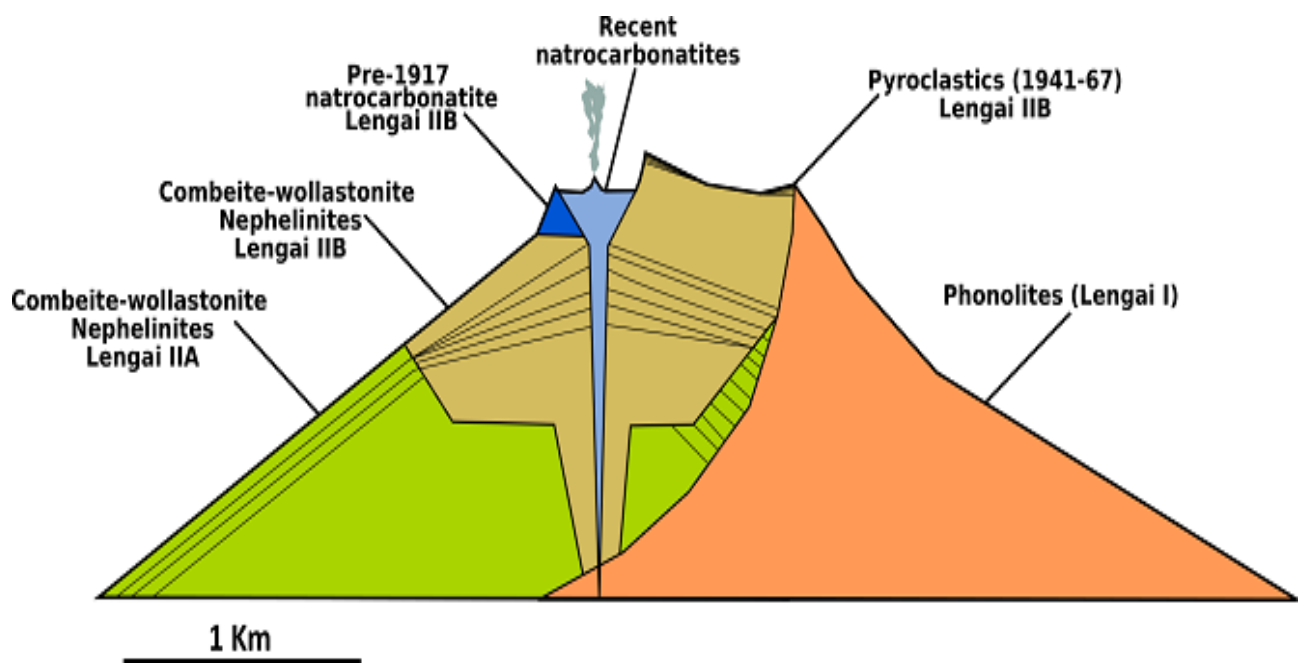
Ol Doinyo Lengai Volcano – Tanzania

Tanzania's outlandish Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano, the only volcano on Earth that is currently erupting carbonatite lava, a rare type of volcanic rock that is rich in sodium, potassium, and calcium carbonate, and has low silica, typically less than 25% silica by weights. The volcano has been sinking at a rate of 1.4 inches per year for the past decade. It is located in northern Tanzania, just south of Lake Natron, in the East African Rift Valley System.





Solidified natrocarbonatite lava in Ol Doinyo Lengai's crater, from August 2001.
 (Photo: *Thomas Kraft*, CC BY-SA 3.0, via *Wikimedia Commons*).



Ref: Tanzania's Ol Doinyo Lengai, only active volcano known to erupt natrocarbonatite (Space Daily, 11 September, 2026). <https://share.google/zXJnLhVZC0w7RTr8n>

