

## Update from the AEGC 2018 Conference Organising Committee



At the time of writing there are only five months until the conference and still a lot to do. Extended abstracts are being reviewed, booths are still being sold, workshops have been finalised, and sponsors are being sought.

Early bird registration is now open (<http://www.aegc2018.com.au/>). It will close on 31 October 2017, so get in quickly! Please note that if your paper is accepted as part of the conference you will have until 31 October to register for the conference to ensure your place in the conference programme.

We are proud to announce that our Platinum sponsor is Australia Minerals, our Sapphire Sponsor is CSIRO, our Gold Sponsor is Oil Search and our Opal Sponsor is Geoscience Australia. Our Silver Sponsors are Bridgeport Energy, Geosoft, Horizon Oil, Kinetic and Velseis. Wireline Services Group will be our lanyard sponsor, while GBG Australia will sponsor one of our morning teas and First Quantum Minerals are sponsoring the best paper and poster awards. There are still sponsorship opportunities available if your company is looking for exciting promotion opportunities. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested and would like further information.

Our team of paper reviewers are ploughing through around 300 extended abstract submissions. By the time of this publication the programme will be near completion. We are very impressed with the quality of the abstracts and are very happy with the programme. Our thanks to all who submitted an abstract, this is an exciting programme. We have eight

concurrent streams; three covering the Energy stream, three and half covering the Mineral Geoscience stream, and one and half covering the Near Surface and Groundwater stream. In the Energy stream we cover a diverse range of topics from Basin Symposia (WA, CA and EA), through to Non-Conventional, PNG and New Technologies in Seismics. The Mineral Geoscience theme covers such topics as geophysics and geology case histories, airborne geophysics, magnetics and EM theory, and Industrial and Strategic. The Near Surface and Groundwater theme has such topics as innovation, case studies and what is new in groundwater investigations.

Peter Botten, the Managing Director of Oil Search, will be giving the plenary address. Keynote speakers are listed below and the conference website contains photos and a short biography of most of them.

The exhibition hall is filling up fast, please visit the website to see who has

already secured a spot. If your company would like a booth please get in contact with us ASAP. The prospectus is available for download on the conference website: (<http://www.aegc2018.com.au/>). The Conference Organising Committee has endeavoured to contact as many companies as possible - if your company hasn't been contacted please let us know ASAP!

Please stay tuned to the website for any updates to this programme. We are also constructing an exciting Schools programme. Local high schools will be invited to participate in an information day to learn about the geophysical industries, and be given the opportunity to visit the trade exhibition. We have finalised a couple of excursions to visit some key geological sites in the region.

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**Table 1. Confirmed Keynote speakers**

Speaker	Affiliation
Peter Baillie	CGG
Katarina David	University of New South Wales
Natasha Hendrick	Santos
Kevin Hill	Oilsearch
Jim Macnae	RMIT
Graham Heinson	University of Adelaide
Richard Flook	Private Consultant in Industrial Minerals
Ryan Noble	CSIRO
John McGaughey	MIRA Geoscience
Richard Hillis	Deep Exploration Technologies CRC
Kevin Ruming	Geological Survey of NSW
Ross Large	University of Tasmania
Steve McIntosh	RioTinto
Mike McWilliams	CSIRO
Richard Blewitt	Geoscience Australia

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On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, we would like to invite you to attend the First Australasian Exploration Geoscience Conference in Sydney, to be held from February 18-21 2018. The event will be jointly hosted by ASEG, PESA and AIG.

The theme of the meeting is Exploration, Innovation and Integration.

The Conference will also incorporate the Eastern Australia Basins Symposium normally managed by PESA and the rolling 18 months Conference of ASEG and will be home to the highest quality technical program and Exhibition that members will have grown accustomed to from our three organisations.

Discover Sydney, Australia's famous harbour city and capital of New South Wales. Plan your Sydney visit with beautiful sundrenched beaches and much more.

See you in Sydney in 2018!

*Max Williamson and Mark Lackie (Co-Chairs)*

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