



2007 National Opal Symposium

The Future is in Our Hands

COOBER PEDY
3 - 5 April 2007

PROGRAM &
REGISTRATION

Welcome



National Opal Symposium. This is the 5th National Opal Symposium and we hope the best and most productive yet.

The Committee has put together a careful blend of speakers involved in a variety of roles within the industry including mining, mining administration, mining safety, exporting, retailing and marketing.

We have also arranged speakers of world repute including Dr Gaetano Cavalieri, Professor Michael Archer and Mr Ross Honeywill to give a more holistic impression of what the industry needs to do to move forward.

The theme of the Symposium this year is "The Future is in Our Hands". I see this as a fitting theme as the industry, more now than ever, needs to have a coordinated and cooperative approach to development. The industry has suffered a downturn in recent times and the biennial National Opal Symposium presents a unique opportunity for those involved in all levels of the industry to network and discuss ideas and issues of common concern.

Regardless of what part of the industry you are involved in, we encourage you to attend and take part in arguably the most important opal event of the calendar year. We look forward to welcoming you in April 2007.

Yours Sincerely,

Yanni Athanasiadis

Chairperson

Symposium Program

Day 1 Tuesday 3rd April

Venue: Italo-Australian Miners Club
Registration Evening and 'Ice Breaker'

3:00pm – 5:00pm Registration

5:00pm – 6:00pm Happy Hour

6:00pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception

Day 2 Wednesday 4th April

Venue: Desert Cave Convention Room

9:00 Introduction by Frank Pennisi, Coober Pedy Miners Association of 2007 National Opal Symposium Chairperson

9:05 Symposium Welcome
Yanni Athanasiadis, Chairperson,
2007 National Opal Symposium

- 9:10 Opening Address**
Hon. Mr. Paul Holloway MLC, SA Minister for Mineral Resources
- 9:20 South Australia**
Dr. Paul Heithersay, Executive Director, Minerals and Energy, PIRSA
- 9:35 Queensland**
Jack Barnes, Mining Registrar – Quilpie, Mineral Resources Group and Jan Domagala, Mineral Resources Group
- 9:50 New South Wales**
Debbie Knee, Mining Registrar – Lightning Ridge, Mineral Resources Group
- 10:05 Question and Answer Session**
- 10:20 Morning Tea**
- 10:45 SA Developments in Prospecting/Mining and Geology**
Brian Morris, Mineral Resources Group and Jingping Zhe, ZZ Resistivity Imaging Pty. Ltd.
- 11:05 NSW Developments in Prospecting/Mining and Geology**
John Watkins, Senior Geologist Mineral Resources Group
- 11:25 QLD Developments in Prospecting/Mining and Geology**
Jan Domagala, Mineral Resource Group
- 11:45 Developments in the Genesis of Opal**
Jack Townsend, Senior Geologist PIRSA (Retired)
- 12:05 Question and Answer Session**
- 12:40 Safety on the Opal Fields**
Bryan Atterton, Opal Fields Inspector, SafeworkSA
- 1:00 Lunch**
- 2:00 Workshop - Future of the Australian Opal Industry**
Mr Ross Honeywill, Managing Director, Neo Group
- 4:00 Day 2 Close**
- 5:00-7:00 Champagne Sunset Tour at the Breakaways (Option 1)**
- 6:00-7:00 Happy Hour 'The Levels Bar' – Desert Cave Hotel (Option 2)**
- 7:30 Symposium Dinner Desert Cave**

Day 3 Thursday 5th April

Venue: Desert Cave Convention Room

- 8:55** **Welcome: Steve Baines, Mayor, District Council of Coober Pedy**
- 9:00** **Opal Mining: Historical Perspective and Economic Imperatives for the Future**
Kenneth Helfand, Opal Miner and Exporter
- 9:30** **Retailing Opal Online – An Evolving Market**
Paul Sedawie, Managing Director, Seda Opals Pty. Ltd.
- 10:00** **Morning Tea**
- 10:30** **Latest Export Opportunities and How Austrade Can Help**
Tim Latchford, Export Advisor, Austrade
- 11:00** **Marketing Opal**
Andrew Cody, President Elect – International Colour Gem Stone Association, Director – Cody Opal
- 11:30** **How Scientific Research can help the Opal Industry**
Professor Michael Archer, Dean Faculty of Science, University of New South Wales
- 12:00** **Introduction to Dr Gaetano Cavaleri**
Working Together to Achieve Goals
Dr Gaetano Cavaleri, President, World Jewellery Confederation
- 12:45** **Question and Answer Session**
- 1:00** **Lunch**
- 2:30** **Workshops (optional)**
- Geological (TAFE)
 - Fossil Identification – South Australian Museum (Umoona Opal Mine)
 - Noodling (on opal fields)
 - CO2 Explosives (on opal fields)
 - NOMA Workshop – proposed Scientific Research Working Party (by invite only)
- 4:30** **Day 3 Close**
- 6:00** **The Wind Up**
Happy Hour 7-8pm – Italian Club, followed by 'The Miners Debate' hosted by PIRSA

The Social Program

Registration Evening Day 1 - Tuesday 3rd April

Italo-Australian Miners Club - 3pm until late

We want the ice well and truly broken by the time this day runs out, but remember – great stayers know how to pace themselves!

Conference Sessions Day 2 & 3

Desert Cave Convention Room

Morning tea will be provided each day in the Convention Room.

Lunch will be served in the Desert Cave Dining Room on Day 2 & 3 and will comprise a hot dish, cheese board, fruit platter, orange juice and tea/coffee.

Workshops from 2pm-4:30pm Day 2 & 3 – TAFE SA

Coffee and tea making facilities will be provided.

The Symposium Dinner Day 2 - Wednesday 4th April

- Option 1 5:00pm – 7:00pm Sunset Breakaways Tour
(payment to Desert Cave prior to tour)
- Option 2 6:00pm – 7:00pm Happy Hour at the Levels Bar
(Desert Cave)
- 7:00pm Meet at Desert Cave Dining Room
- 7:30pm Master of Ceremonies - Roger Taylor
Welcome & acknowledgement of sponsors
- 7:40pm Mr Ross Honeywill
The Way Ahead - Australian Opal Industry
Futuristic Speaker
- 7:55pm Entrée
- 8:30pm Tiny Peco Productions Performance
Dancing on Opal
Opal Dress modelled by Nicole Willis
- 8:45pm Main Course
- 9:45pm After Dinner Speaker
Paul Martell - Comedian
- 10:15pm Dessert

The Wind Up Day 3 – Thursday 5th April

7:00pm - 8:00pm Happy Hour – Italian Club
followed by the 'Mining Debate'

Topic: Is there any opal left?

Supporting Events

INAUGURAL

Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show

Coober Pedy Greek Community Hall,
Saint Nicholas Street, Coober Pedy

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 April 2007

The inaugural Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show will consist of two days of gem miners, wholesalers and retailers displaying their wares.

There will also be stallholders showcasing associated jewellery equipment such as polishing and cutting machinery and lapidary supplies and accessories.

There will be three deluxe rooms catering for 'top-of-the-range' gemstones as well as over 40 indoor booths and outdoor allotments showcasing gems, gold and silversmith equipment and accessories. A great opportunity to buy opal direct from the miners!

Coober Pedy Opal Festival

Saturday 7 April 2007

A unique outback experience in the opal capital of the world ...

Discover Opal and Underground Living in Coober Pedy

Try Noodling (fossicking) in a UV lit machine! Then, have your gems cut and polished. See mining machinery in action and watch mine rescue demonstrations. Visit underground cafes and restaurants, shops, homes, churches, galleries and museums.

Take an Opal Walk

Throughout the Opal Festival, opal shops will display some of their most precious and unusual gems including opalised fossils! You could win an opal worth \$1000 – just by taking the opal walk.

At the Show Grounds on Saturday

- Street Parade and Fair
- Multicultural food, music and dancing
- Opal Miners Hall of Fame presentations
- Amusement rides
- 'Toss the Sausage' competition (no, it's not what you're thinking...)
- Children's novelty events
- Live Band from dusk onwards

For further information on these events ring
Freecall **1800 637 076**
or visit **www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au**

Delegate Registration Form

Please fill in your name details as you would like them to appear on your name badge (a registration form must be filled in for each delegate). All prices below include GST.

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

Postal address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Telephone (wk): _____

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Email: _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Full Registration - \$275.00 or Single Day Registration - \$110.00

Symposium Dinner Registration - Desert Cave Hotel, Wed April 4

(Note: the Registration Evening, Symposium Dinner and "The Wind Up" are already included in the FULL registration fee. This section is for partners, friends, colleagues and those with single day registrations ONLY. Symposium Dinner Registrations are subject to availability. Full Registration delegates will have first preference.)

Number of tickets required @ \$55.00: _____

Total cost = \$ _____

These tickets are for (list names): _____

Air Travel - Regional Express Airlines (REX) has indicated that they will operate a second flight before and after the Symposium if there is demand for the service. If you plan to travel by air, which dates will you be arriving or departing?

Adelaide to Coober Pedy: _____ Coober Pedy to Adelaide: _____

Symposium Fee Total: \$ _____

Payment Details - Please make cheques payable to "2007 National Opal Symposium Inc.". Cheque payments from outside Australia should be by bank draft in Australian dollars.

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2007 National Opal Symposium
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Coober Pedy SA 5723
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FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2007**

Keynote Speakers



Dr Gaetano Cavaliere. Dr Cavaliere is the current President of CIBJO, the World Jewellery Confederation and has been since 2000.

The Confederation is the worldwide organisation of the National Trade Associations from 39 countries, 20 Associate Members and 17 Gemmological Laboratories.

Dr Cavaliere is the director of his family company, established in Italy in 1821.

Dr Cavaliere's academic qualifications include a "Laurea" in Economics from Catania University, majoring in Marketing and Market Research. He also holds a Master Degree awarded jointly by the Catania University and the University of Rotterdam, in multi-criteria decision theory and business administration, finance and international marketing. In addition to this he is a Chartered Accountant and Auditor and has worked in an accountancy firm with branches in Turin, Milan and Rome. Dr Cavaliere is a respected global business consultant and is a member of many international advisory boards on commerce and marketing.



Ross Honeywill. A respected business futurist, Ross is widely quoted in the national media and is in demand as an engaging international speaker on the secrets to business success. A founder of the Centre for Customer Strategy and Managing Director of the Neo Group, Ross is co-author of successful business book, *I-Cons – The Essential Guide to Winning and Keeping High-*

Value Customers published in Australia by Random House (September 2001), sold internationally by Amazon and translated into Chinese for publication in Mainland China (2004). Through his leadership role at KPMG (Asia/Pacific) between 1997 and 2001, Ross has become an internationally recognised authority on consumer behaviour and the impact of a rapidly changing social fabric on the future of business. Over the past two years, Ross was keynote speaker at ten international business conferences, four of them in the USA. Over the past decade, Ross has personally advised major financial, telecommunications, beverage, travel, retail and media corporations.

Ross' communication and motivational skills ensure the success of every speaking engagement he undertakes. Ross' address is being prepared especially for the Australian opal industry.



Professor Michael Archer. Professor Archer graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in geology and biology from Princeton University in 1967 and gained a PhD in zoology from the University of Western Australia in 1976. In a distinguished career as an academic and curator, he has won numerous awards both for his research and for the promotion of science.

Professor Archer came to Australia in 1967, joining the Western Australian Museum as a Fulbright Scholar. He was appointed Curator of Mammals at the Queensland Museum in 1972 and after six years in that position joined UNSW as a lecturer in the school of zoology. He became an associate professor in that school in 1985 and professor in 1989 before taking up a concurrent appointment as Director of the Australian Museum from 1999 to 2003.

MCs & After Dinner Speaker



Peter Goers - Symposium MC. 891 ABC Adelaide Evening Presenter, Peter Goers is a doyen of the theatre as actor, director and reviewer, Peter Goers is also well known for his social commentary. Peter describes himself as a 'reformed social irritant'.

Raised in the western suburbs, he's worked in the theatre for 35 years. As a theatre critic and feature writer for The Advertiser and arts editor of the Sunday Mail, he was known as The Critic That Ate Adelaide.

He has mellowed into a delightful dotage. He began his opinion column for the Sunday Mail in 1991 and apart from several years when he lived in Istanbul, Turkey where he was known as "Australian Delight", the column has been continuous. Goers hosts the Evening Show on 891 ABC Adelaide and enjoys public speaking for worthy causes.



Roger Taylor - Dinner MC. Before moving to the Upper Spencer Gulf as presenter of the ABC North and West Morning Program, Roger Taylor lived most of his life in Melbourne.

He forged a successful and rewarding career in public broadcasting at both Triple R and 3CR, combining his passions of politics, culture and sport in innovative and popular programs such as 'Gotham City Gossip', 'High & Low' and 'The Dropkicks Football Show'.



Paul Martell - After Dinner Speaker. Paul Martell is a multi-talented performer, who adds impact to any occasion with fast paced Irish wit and an abundant array of Hollywood impressions. Whether he is Master of Ceremonies at a three-day conference, comparing an awards presentation, creating a hoax character at a seminar or performing his cabaret show at a gala dinner,

Paul stands alone as the consummate professional.

He is the only Australian performer to have been voted Comedian of the Year at the Australian Variety Artists Mo Awards on twelve occasions. On the Hilton Hotel circuit he has appeared with Andy Williams, Shirley Bassey, Thelma Houston, Isaac Hayes, Wayne Newton and Shirley MacLaine. His television credits go back to Don Lane, Bert Newton, Midday with Ray Martin and Hey Hey It's Saturday. Paul's client base reads like a corporate Who's Who. He has performed at five conferences for National Mutual including Greece, and for AMP in Malaysia and Greece. His Australian road shows include Toyota, Ford, Norwich Union, Lend Lease, Mazda, Nissan, Elders and Qantas.

Symposium Registration

Delegate Registration Options

All fees include GST and are in AUD\$. Please indicate your registration choice by ticking the appropriate box(es) on the tear-off page, fill in the fee amount in the Payment Summary space and return the Registration Form to the Symposium Secretariat no later than Friday 9 March 2007.

Full Symposium Registration includes:

- Welcome reception (Tuesday 3rd April)
- All conference sessions (Wednesday 4th April & Thursday 5th April)
- Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Symposium Dinner (Wednesday 4th April)
- 'The Wind Up' (Thursday 5th April)

One Day Symposium Registration includes:

- All conference sessions for that day
- Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch for that day

(Note: it does not include social events such as the Conference Dinner and/or 'The Wind Up')

Dinner Registration includes:

- Symposium Dinner Only (Wednesday 4th April)

Further information

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