

Name:	Bowen Basin Geologist’s Group (herein abbreviated to “BBGG”)
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Membership:	Membership is open to geoscientists from mining companies, consultancies, government organisations, and educational institutions active in mining and exploration in the Bowen Basin & its environs.
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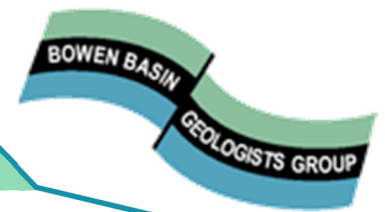
Purpose:	a) To be a non-partisan, non-political, informal group of geologists; b) Provide a forum for sharing and comparison for mutual benefit of geoscientific information and methods developed by exploration and mining; and, c) Encourage improvement of understanding of the geology of the Bowen Basin & its environs.
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Office Bearers:	Executive: The Chair and Secretary are to hold the post for 2 years <i>Note: the BBGG Chair automatically becomes Bowen Basin Symposium Committee Chair but, because of the demands of the role, a different Symposium Committee Secretary may be selected.</i> ACARP Representative: An ACARP representative should be elected from BBGG membership at the same time, and for the same term, as the Executive. This role is to keep BBGG members informed on the ACARP process, activities & outcomes, and to coordinate the BBGG/ACARP meetings.
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Costs:	a) No membership fees; and, b) Usually, the costs of the site BBGG meetings/mine inspection are to be borne by the host.
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Privacy Rule:	To maintain privacy, member contact details (e-mail lists, hardcopy lists, website contact details, etc.) are not to be given to anyone outside the BBGG. Particularly, these details are not to be given to other professional organisations or advertising groups.
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Meetings:	BBGG Meeting a) Generally, to be held at a Bowen Basin & environs mine site on a one-day basis; b) Three meetings per year (early, middle, late); c) Rotation of venue between available mine sites; and, d) Meetings to consist of a business session, presentations (preferably informal and audience- interactive) and a mine inspection. BBGG-ACARP Meeting A combined BBGG/ACARP meeting should be held biennially. This to coincide with the early normal meeting of that year (usually held in March before ACARP proposals are called for in April so that ACARP priorities can be set). Bowen Basin Symposium A major conference is to be held at regular (currently 5-yearly) intervals to cover the
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geoscientific issues which have transpired and are emerging during the interim period. A separate Bowen Basing Symposium Committee is to be formed to administer this conference.

Note: information about the Symposium and its Committee roles is contained in a separate set of documents

Awards:

The **Leichhardt Award** is to be awarded biennially and should be presented at the combined BBGG-ACARP meeting.

The rules governing the Leichhardt Award and the Nomination Form for this award can be found on the BBGG website.

Publication:

While papers presented at BBGG meetings are usually not published, the opportunity is available.

Presentations given at BBGG meetings will be published on a totally voluntary basis and this is purely at the discretion of the author/s of the presentation/s.

The BBGG's media for these publications is the Geological Society of Australia's Coal Geology Group journal and the BBGG website (see below).

Website:

The BBGG website is to be managed by the Secretary and, generally, is to contain information about: the BBGG, news, membership, events, BBGG contact, ACARP projects and a website sitemap.

The website is also to have a member sign-up and login facility to allow members to register and change their own contact details. This facility is to be password protected to maintain member privacy.

The BBGG website's homepage address is: bbgg.cqu.edu.au

ADDENDUM

(Can be used for providing justification to management to attend meetings)

The BBGG meetings held at mine sites and technical venues provide opportunity for the site geologists to:

a) Be reviewed by their peers

This is very important in the professional development of our geologists as each of us is prepared to put up for show and critique what is being achieved;

b) Be supported by the geological fraternity

On-site geologists have to justify the exploration and development expenditure undertaken. Knowing that other operations are successfully or unsuccessfully undertaking particular techniques is critical to sound management of each company's resources;

c) Be exposed to the development of cutting edge technology

The literature is usually so far behind, and the BBGG cuts quickly to the core issues affecting mine geologists. It also holds combined meetings with the Australian Coal Association Program (ACARP) on a two-yearly basis so that its members are kept informed on the outcomes of the latest geology-related R&D projects;

d) Provide exposure of geology "outside the square" of the operation

It is important that geologists do not become inward looking at their deposit, otherwise things will be missed; and,

e) Focus completely on geology without interruption from the operation just for one day, three times a year.