

Conference Programme 15-20 October 2023

Sunday 15th October

5.00 - 7.30pm Pre-registrations at St John's Training Hall
7.30pm **Ice-Breaker at Wilsons Hotel**

Monday 16th October

8.00 - 8.45am Registration at Reefton Community Centre
8.45 - 9.00am Official Welcome to Reefton by Buller Mayor
9.00 - 9.15am Official Welcome by AMHA President

9.15 - 10.30am **Session 1. Chair : Ross Barnett**

9.15 - 9.45am Paul Thomas, Quartzopolis and the Reefton Goldfield Heritage
9.45 - 10.30am Keynote Address : John Taylor, Mining Heritage Sites – Abandoned Sites or
Community Assets

10.30 - 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00 - 12.30pm **Session 2. Chair : Ross Barnett**

Reefton Goldfield Geology & Mines

11.00 - 11.30am Paper 1 John Taylor, The Reefton Goldfield Geology and Mineralisation
11.30 - 12.00pm Paper 2 Megan Williams, The Globe-Progress Mine Rehabilitation
12.00 - 12.30pm Paper 3 John Taylor, The importance of Historic Goldfields Data.
12.30 - 1.30pm **Lunch**

1.30 - 3.00pm **Session 3 Chair : Nic McArthur**

Alluvial Gold Mining & Water

Races

1.30 - 2.00pm Paper 4 Ross Barnett, "A result in excess of Expectations". The Norwegian Party
of Waitehuna Gully, Otago, New Zealand
2.00 - 2.30pm Paper 5 Dave Stone, The Rimu Gold Dredge
2.30 - 3.00pm Paper 6 John Taylor, Modern interpretation of historic alluvial gold drilling data.

3.00 - 3.30pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.30 - 4.30pm **Session 4 Chair : Wendy Carter**

Gold Miners – People & Superstitions

3.30 - 4.00pm Paper 7 Julia Bradshaw, Gold Mining Women in New Zealand
4.00 - 4.30pm Paper 8 Anne Both, Ghoulies and Ghosts and things that go bump in the night.
Miners superstitions past and present
4.30 - 5.15pm **"Whispers of Gold" Documentary**

Tuesday 17th October

9.00 - 10.30am **Session 5 Chair : Nic Haygarth**

Reefton Gold Mining & Exploration

9.00 - 10.00am Paper 9 John Taylor, Gold Mining on the Reefton Goldfield : Past & Present.

10.00 - 10.30am Paper 10 John Taylor, Historic Geophysical Surveys of the Reefton Goldfield.

10.30 - 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00 - 12.30am **Local Heritage Site Visits (Blacks Point Museum & Stamper Battery)**

12.30 - 1.30am **Lunch**

1.30 - 3.00pm **Session 6** **Chair:** Ross Both
Australian Mining

Ventures

1.30 - 2.00pm Paper 11 Nic Haygarth, "This mountain may run your motor car" : J.T. Moate And the Adelaide Oil Exploration Company

2.00 - 2.30pm Paper 12 Geoff Hudson, Mining Technology Transfer : England-Russia-New Zealand-Australia.

2.30 - 3.00pm Paper 13 John Ferguson, Allan Blackman, Rochelle Bull & Denise Juler, One Moment in Time : Who was at the Scottish Gympie No, 2 on 16th June 1900?

3.00 - 3.30pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.30 - 4.30pm **Session 7** **Chair:** Anne Both
Mining Communities & Personalities

3.30 - 4.00pm Paper 14 David George, Jack Barry, a wild colonial Bay?

4.00 - 4.30pm Paper 15 Philip Hart, A different sort of mining community.

4.30 - 5.15pm **AMHA Annual General Meeting**

5.30 - 6.30pm **AMHA General Meeting**

Wednesday 18th October

9.00 - 10.30am **Session 8** **Chair:** Nicola Williams

Geoconservation & Mining Heritage

9.00 - 10.00am Paper 16 Angus Robinson, **Geoconservation Documentary**

10.00 - 10.30am Paper 17 Ken McQueen, Options for linking mining history with Geoheritage in Australia

10.30 - 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00 - 1.30pm **Heritage Site Visits (Globe Mine Site Restoration)**

1.30 - 2.30pm **Lunch**

2.30 - 3.30pm **Session9** **Chair:** Geoff Hudson
Geoconservation & Mining

Heritage

2.30 - 3.00pm Paper 18 Nic Haygarth, Review of the Second International Conference on Mining and Underground Museums at Wieliczka & Zabrze, Poland, May 2023

3.00 - 3.30pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.30 - 4.30pm **Session 10** **Chair:** Mary Traves

Mining Heritage & Mining History

- 3.30 - 4.00pm Paper 19 Jo Hart, The Runanga Miner's Hall & the Rise of the NZ Labour Party.
4.00 - 4.30pm Paper 20 John Taylor, Mining Heritage Mitigation. Tools in the Toolbox.
4.30 - 5.15pm **"Jos Divis" Documentary**
5.15 - 6.15pm **Advisory Committee (St John's Meeting Hall)**

Thursday 19th October

- 9.00 - 10.30am **Session 11** Chair: Simon Nathan
Historic Mines & Explorers
9.00 - 10.00am Paper 21 John Taylor, Dr. Macolm Maclaren : New Zealand's Greatest Economic Geologist ?
10.00 - 10.30am Paper 22 Don Maclean, The Historic Bawdwin Pb/Zn Mine, Myanmar
10.30 - 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00 - 1.30pm **Heritage Site Visits (Echo Coal Mine)**

1.30 - 2.30pm **Lunch**

2.30 - 4.00pm **Session 12** Chair: Nic McArthur
West Coast

Mines

- 2.30 - 3.00pm Paper 23 Simon Nathan, The saga of coal mining around Seddonville, Buller Coalfield
3.00 - 3.30pm Paper 24 John Caygill, The Uranium Prospect in the Lower Buller Gorge.
3.30 - 4.00pm Paper 25 Mary Traves, The Lost Quarry, Dobson.
6.30 for 7.00pm **Conference Dinner at Dawson's Hotel**

Friday 20th October

- 9.00 - 10.30am **Session 13** Chair: Jim Staton
West Coast Alluvial & Quartz Gold Mines
9.00 - 10.00am Paper 26 John Barry, "There was gold in the grass". Mapping the hidden Landscape of the Charleston Goldfield.
10.00 - 10.30am Paper 27 Simon Nathan, Processing gold-bearing quartz ore in the early 20th century : an illustrated case study from the Snowy River battery, Waiuta, New Zealand

10.30 - 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00 - 12.30am **Session 14** Chair: Simon Nathan
Mining Technology & Communities

- 11.00 - 11.30am Paper 28 Jim Staton, Stamper Battery Reconstruction.
11.30 - 12.00am Paper 29 John Taylor, The Bella Pump House, Thames Goldfield, New Zealand
12.00 - 12.30pm Paper 30 Julie Benjamin, Buller Residents and the 1949 Ranfurly Shield Challenge.

12.30 - 1.30pm **Lunch**

1.30 - 3.00pm **Session 15** Chair : Nicola
Williams

- 1.30 - 2.00pm Paper 32 Charles Brunning, The Denniston Coalfield 150th Anniversary .

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2.00 - 2.30pm Closing Session

2.30 - 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.00 **Conference Closes**

Post - Conference Field Trip

Saturday 21st October

8.30am Depart Reefton for Westland Mineral Sands and Charleston Goldfield

4.30pm Book into Westport Hotels

Sunday 22nd October

9.00am Denniston and Stockton Coalfields

5.00pm Return to Westport

Monday 23rd October

7.00am Bus Departs WESTPORT for Christchurch via Greymouth & Arthurs Pass