

## **SMEDG Life Member Medal to Kim Stanton-Cook**

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For meritorious service to the exploration community of Australia and especially New South Wales, we are pleased to award a SMEDG Life Member Medal to Mr Kim Stanton-Cook.

Kim graduated from Macquarie University in 1971. In his fifty-plus years in the mineral exploration industry, he has done just about everything and worked just about everywhere. He has been employed by major companies and junior companies, and has been self-employed as a consultant. His work history spans exploration for gold, silver, lead, zinc, nickel, tin, uranium, molybdenum, platinum group metals and phosphate. He has been involved in mineral exploration programs throughout Australia - in most of our major mineral belts and associated with many significant deposits -

- In the Northern Territory - the Jabiluka uranium-gold deposit in the Alligator Rivers field, and the Tanami gold belt.
- In Queensland - the Maureen uranium-fluorite-molybdenum deposit and the Selwyn-Starra gold-copper system in the Cloncurry Belt.
- In the Yilgarn Block of Western Australia - the Kanowna Belle, Granny Smith-Sunrise and Wallaby gold deposits.
- In Tasmania - the Beaconsfield - Tasmania Reef gold deposits.
- In New South Wales - the Broken Hill Block and, closer to home, the Copper Hill and Cargo deposits among other prospects in the Lachlan Fold Belt.
- In South Australia - the copper-gold-uranium belt of the Gawler Craton.

Without going into all the details, Kim has participated in exploration projects in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Fiji, Chile, the USA and Canada. He has reviewed mineral properties in Vietnam, the Philippines, China, Mongolia, Brazil and Zimbabwe. And he has assisted in the assessment and development of gold, base metals and uranium deposits.

Kim has held a number of management positions, including Chief Geologist then Exploration Manager for Delta Gold, and Group Exploration Manager for Otter Gold. His major management role was as Managing Director of ASX-listed Golden Cross Resources from 2006 to 2014.

Over the years, Kim has been a fantastic supporter of SMEDG, including being a long-standing committee member. He remembers attending the first SMEDG meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1972. Subsequently, Kim made sure he got along to SMEDG meetings whenever

he was in Sydney on field breaks. And, as the years went by, he gave several technical presentations at SMEDG meetings. He is proud of the fact that he was present on almost every SMEDG Harbour Cruise. He says he only missed one, to a 'useful' coronary by-pass operation in 2001 - and complains that Jock Gilfillan and Geoff Derrick upstaged him with their own heart ops at the same time. His attendance for that cruise was provided by a facsimile cut-out provided by Roger Smyth-King. On a more serious note, Kim was closely involved with the organisation of most of the early SMEDG-AIG symposia. His other involvement with SMEDG was, and still is, with updating and maintaining the website

Back in 1993, Kim gave a talk to geology students at the University of New South Wales. Demonstrating his enthusiasm for our industry, his talk was entitled ["Exploration - there are no new mines without it."](#) In his introduction, he said "The title of my talk is a self-evident truth."

Ladies and Gentlemen, Kim Stanton-Cook is a great geologist, a great explorationist, a great mentor to many young geologists, a great family man, a great supporter of SMEDG, a great human being and a very worthy recipient of the SMEDG Life Member Medal.

Ken Maiden  
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