

## Vale Tony Hope



It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that well-known geologist, historian and SMEDG supporter Tony Hope has passed away aged 82. Born in Hobart, Tony graduated from Sydney University in 1961 and like many of his colleagues, his career developed in the exciting early years of 'modern' mineral exploration. He initially worked for multinational companies in the remote terrains of the Asia/Pacific region (PNG and the Philippines), before moving on to work for mainly junior companies. He later used the experience gained in these roles to write books and to contribute to better international relations. He was an important member of the exploration teams which discovered and/or advanced two of the largest porphyry Cu-Au deposits in the SW Pacific – Bougainville (for CRA) and OK Tedi (for Kennecott & BHP) - as well as Kennecott's Lihir gold deposit. In the Philippines from 1969-1979, Tony worked for BHP and Lepanto, and the following tribute by one of the Filipino geologists who worked for him attests to Tony's character and the respect in which he was held .... *"Anthony Hope is a detail-oriented manager, a workaholic, and an exemplary and inspirational manager to his department. He is a legend to us Filipino geologists in mineral exploration who worked with him during his "tour of duty" in our country."*

In addition to the projects and companies mentioned above, Tony added greatly

to the understanding of the Mt Morgan Au-Cu deposit, several heavy mineral sand deposits in Queensland and the Murray Basin, the Browns Creek gold deposit, and several bentonite deposits.

In 2011, looking back at his action-packed career, Tony wrote the meticulously researched book titled *“The Hope Factor”*, in which he told the gripping stories of the discovery of a number of these deposits including the day-by-day exploration events and decision-making which led to their discovery. The book is enriched by hundreds of historic photos of the people engaged in these discoveries, with many of the photos taken by Tony. At a recent “students meet industry” BBQ hosted by Andrew Slood and Fender Geophysics, Tony generously arranged for each student who attended to be given a copy of this landmark book – a very worthy addition to every geologist’s bookshelf.



Tony’s interest in international relations extended to fostering China-Tasmania business interests, and he wrote several other books on historical topics.

Tony's warm personality and big smile will be greatly missed by his many colleagues throughout Australia, PNG and the Philippines. His legacy will be the many geologists who he inspired, and the books he wrote.

We would also like to take this opportunity to pass on our sincerest condolences to Tony’s wife Susanne, his family and friends on his passing.

**“The Hope Factor”**  
**Mineral Discoveries in Australia, Papua New Guinea & The Philippines**  
**A Book by Tony Hope**

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