

MIKE SMITH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AM)



Mike with one of the display rocks for the National Rock Garden - the Eugowra Granite

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful news that the hardest-working “retired” geoscientist in Australia (Mike Smith), has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2024 King’s Birthday Honours list for his significant service to the geological and earth sciences. Mike is a very worthy recipient of this award.

Most of us have benefited from Mike’s tireless efforts to some stage during our careers, and we are all aware of the unique passion which he brings to every task he undertakes. In addition, he has always been a strong advocate for the geosciences, from lobbying Parliamentary committees to contributing to geoscience textbooks for schools.

Mike has been a driving force in supporting and leading many of our geoscience associations, including:

- National Rock Garden – Current Vice Chair and Director
- Australian Society of Exploration Geophysics (ASEG) – Past President and Life Member
- Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) – Past President and Committee Chair
- Geological Society of Australia (GSA) – Past Councillor and Distinguished Fellow
- Australian Geoscience Council (AGC) – Past President and Chair
- Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies – Past Treasurer
- Sydney Mineral Exploration Discussion Group (SMEDG) – Life Member

This comes at an opportune time, with construction of Stage 1 of the National Rock Garden's new National Arboretum site commencing on May 15, and the completion of the move of the first group of rocks (those which were at the temporary site near the lake) on May 30. Details of the construction and move can be found in the latest [NRG newsletter](#).

Our hearty congratulations to Mike !!