

MAY 2017 SYDNEY – SHOTCRETE

The EAGCG's (The Group) first meeting for 2017 was held on the 18th and 19th May 2017 at the Mecure Hotel on George in Sydney. This event also saw the unveiling of the new EAGCG Logo.

One Hundred and ten ground control practitioners which is a new record for any EAGCG meeting attended with delegates from the mining, tunnelling and civil Industries who heard 15 presenters give 19 presentations. Two excellent Key Note presentations were given by Dr Harry Asche and Dr Stefan Bernard .

- Shotcrete in the context of civil and mining applications
- De-bonding of shotcrete linings

The Australian Shotcrete Society (AUSS) presented a very well received educational series on shotcrete covering many aspects of shotcrete from a brief overview admixtures, mix design principles, application equipment specification and how it works and finally the testing of shotcrete.

Day 2 saw some great talks from both the mining and tunnelling fraternities on a number of interesting subject concerning shotcrete. There was a prize for the two most outstanding talks given by members.

- Matthew Hicks (The Rix Group) "Slope stabilisation and the beauty of shotcrete"
- Geoff Potgieter (Glencore – Mt Isa) "Improvements in shotcreting at Mt Isa Mines"

The overall feeling was that once again the EAGCG delivered a most worthwhile, high quality meeting that was relevant and well received by all attendees. A vote of thanks needs to be given to our sponsors

