

## NOVEMBER 2017 MELBOURNE Waste Dumps and Backfill

The EAGCG's (the Group's) second meeting for 2017 was held on November 23 and 24 at The Donkey Wheel House, Melbourne.

Forty ground control practitioners heard 33 presenters give 21 presentations. Four excellent keynote presentations were given by Tony Grice from AMC, John Simmons from Sherwood Geotechnical and Sam Spearing from WASM:

- “Recent developments in the design and implementation of mine waste systems”
- “Guidelines for mine waste dumps and stockpile design”
- “Mechanical saturation and life-of-mine planning for a 600-m high dump”
- “An overview and challenges associated with mine waste disposal on surface and underground”.

Even though the attendance numbers were down a little from our usual numbers, it didn't dampen the enthusiastic discussions after each presentation. The Group thanks all presenters for sharing their experiences and appreciates the considerable time taken to prepare their talks. As always, the qualities of all presentations were outstanding. Daily prizes for the presentations considered to be both valuable and entertaining went to:

- Ryan Veenstra (Newmont) “Paste – Waste at Newmont Tanami Operations”
- Cody Tennant (Outotec) “Backfill / Barricades”.

A prize for young practitioner was awarded to:

- Brayden Burchman (Glencore) “Paste fill operations at the George Fisher mine”

The consensus amongst attendees after the event was that it went very well. Like all of our meetings, the professional development and networking opportunities that this meeting provided were invaluable. Providing these opportunities cost-effectively is a fundamental reason for having these meetings and for the existence of the Group.

The Group could not have provided such a high-quality meeting at such a reasonable cost if not for the generous support of the 19 sponsors: Active Minerals, AMC Consultants, BASF, DSI Underground, Elasto Plastic Concrete, ESG, Fero, GCP Technologies, Geo Geosystems, Grace: GCP Applied Technologies, Jenmar, Kinetic, Minova, Monash University, Normet, Pangea, Sika, Split Set Mining Systems and UTT Mapei. Their support is greatly appreciated by the Group. You can link to their websites from the Sponsors page on the Group's web site.

The presentations will soon be uploaded to a password protected area on the Group's web site. A password to access the information will soon be sent to attendees. Once received, attendees can download the presentations for a limited time.

The next meeting will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018 in Brisbane. The topic will be “Ground Support”. Members will be kept informed by email, LinkedIn and on the Group's web site as more details become available. Please contact the Secretariat at [EAGCGSecretary@outlook.com](mailto:EAGCGSecretary@outlook.com) for sponsorship and participation information.

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