

## Colleagues

You are invited to attend the second conference of the [Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association](#) (ARGA) which will be held in Mildura in north-western Victoria between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2012. This conference is being held jointly with the [Australian Clay Minerals Society](#) (ACMS) conference - more regolith bang for your buck!

The venue for the conference will be the renowned Grand Hotel in Mildura (Quality Hotel Mildura Grand). We plan two days of presentations (the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>) with joint ARGA/ACMS sessions in the morning and separate ARGA/ACMS sessions in the afternoon. We have been extremely fortunate in securing Tony Mason, Martin Kennedy and Jim Bowler as plenary speakers.

Jim Bowler and Tony Hope will lead discussion on the mid-conference field trip, which will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. We plan to visit Lake Mungo National Park in order to review the geomorphological history of region, the Arumpo Bentonite mine and the Gingko heavy mineral sands mine. In case the hot weather is of concern, we will be travelling by air-conditioned bus.

The mid-conference field trip will be followed by the conference dinner which will be held on a paddle steamer whilst cruising the Murray River. The after dinner speaker will be Tony Hope, the author of "The Hope Factor" – a personalised account of exploration and mining in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

The post-conference field trip will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and will be led by Richard Cresswell - a hydro-geologist well known to many ex LEMERs. This field trip will focus on environmental management issues in the Murray River flood plain and will visit salt interception schemes, dune fields and River Murray wetlands.

Students are particularly encouraged to attend and present at this conference, and both ARGA and ACMS are offering free registration for all students presenting, and a limited number of student bursaries to assist with travel and accommodation costs.

Registration costs \$280 and includes the conference program, mid conference field trip and conference dinner. The post-conference field trip will cost \$55

To register, or for more information about attending this "must do" conference for the Australian regolith geologist, visit [www.regolith.org.au](http://www.regolith.org.au). Alternatively, complete the attached registration form.

See you in Mildura in 2012!!

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