

Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association (ARGA)

Committee Meeting

4.00 pm AEST Thursday November 17th 2016

Phone conference

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was opened by Andrew McPherson at 4.05 pm, and convened by Andrew (with the permission of the Vice President). Apologies: Nadir, Leah.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting (July 21st 2016)

Minutes of the 21 July 2016 meeting were accepted with no modification (moved by Ian; seconded by Stephanie).

3. Matters arising from Minutes not dealt with elsewhere

No additional matters.

4. Correspondence

Iain Copp (student at University of Western Australia) got in touch to join ARGA (nomination supported by John; seconded by Andrew).

5. Finances

Update provided by John – details below.

ARGA Statement of Accounts 17 November 2016

Account Balance as at 17 November 2016:

Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	\$29,084.05
Westpac Deposit Bearing Interest	\$1,376.56
TOTAL	\$30,460.61
Bills Paid (Ian Roach – website hosting costs)	\$199.00
Interest since 20 July 2016	\$84.44

6. Conference planning

- Proposed conference dates and locations were discussed. Dates ranging from Nov/Dec 2017, through to Mar/Apr 2018 were suggested. Issues such as timing relative to

cultural events in SA, school/public holidays, venue availability, cost, weather conditions, etc. require further consideration. The suggestion of having a dinner in Adelaide on the Saturday before the conference to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of CRC LEME was again raised. Carmen will develop a spreadsheet and share via Dropbox so that the Committee can populate it with suggested dates/locations. A discussion post-meeting between Andrew, Ian and Stephanie tentatively concluded that dates in mid-March might be most appropriate in terms of weather and minimising cultural event/holiday clashes. Ian also suggested that consideration be given to Fowlers Gap for May 2018.

FYI: Climate data for Port Augusta (BoM) show average mean maximum temps of ~30 for most of the months currently under consideration.

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature												
Mean maximum temperature (°C)	32.2	31.4	29.9	25.2	21.1	17.8	17.1	19.1	22.6	25.4	28.3	30.5
Mean minimum temperature (°C)	18.8	18.7	17.0	13.4	10.1	7.7	6.8	7.8	10.0	12.6	15.1	17.3

- Carmen also noted and put on record a conversation with Steve Hill regarding potential support for the next ARGA conference from the Geological Survey of South Australia (GSSA), with the quote “we help where we can” attributable to Steve.

ACTION: Carmen to create and share via Dropbox the conference planning spreadsheet.

ACTION: ALL to populate with proposed dates/locations.

7. Website

Ian reports that 3 new ‘Friends’ have signed up to the ARGA Facebook page.

8. Other business

- Carmen reports that she will be conducting a one-day regolith mapping course as part of the National Exploration Undercover School (NEXUS) to be held at the University of Adelaide between 28 Nov and 18 Dec. For details see <http://www.nexus.org.au/>
- John’s follow-up with Lisa Worrall regarding legacy CRC LEME publications has not yet received a response.
- Membership list currency was raised. Andrew to check and update ‘current’ membership list based on attendees at 2016 ARGA conference, and send an ‘opt out’ email to others on the mailing list in order to confirm their status.
- AGM 2017 discussed. Our 12 month anniversary since the last one is February. Andrew to identify a possible date in February to suit all Committee members for an AGM phone-hook up.

ACTION: Andrew to mail-out to other contacts and update membership list.

ACTION: Andrew to circulate proposed date for AGM.

9. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 4.32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Name (Position):

Signature:

Date: