



## 2018 Program of Activities



Date	Description
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Informative presentation by Robin Offler on the new Port Macquarie Geo Trail followed by Luncheon at West Wallsend Workers Club. Meet at 11.45am with talk to start at 12:00 Noon.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Astronomy Night. Col Maybury's Place, Kurri. It will be a dark night with a thin crescent moon rising about 1:30 am which won't impact on us at all. Alternative is Sat 24 Feb, there is a big bright gibbous moon setting in the west which will deteriorate the viewing conditions considerably. Last Back-up Sat 10 Mar. Dependent on weather and moon phase.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Bus trip to ANSTO. Lucas Heights
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018	Tathra. Interesting geology associated with Lachlan Fold Belt. Meet in camp-kitchen at 5.00pm on 8 <sup>th</sup> April for trip briefing.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Only on one day)	Terrigal to Putty Beach. Vehicle based activity examining the Terrigal Formation. This activity is weather dependant, optional dates
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	Port Macquarie Excursion: "When the Ocean Floor came Ashore!", Geo Trail field trip. Follow up to Robin Offler's Talk. (See Notes below.)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2108	2018/19 AGM commencing 3pm in afternoon, followed by our Annual Soup & Slide Night - bring your USB stick with your favourite pics. At Ian & Sue Roger's Residence.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Annual safari exploring the geology of Red Rock NSW, and the Sapphire Gem Fields of QLD, from Esk, Cania Gorge, Biloela, Ruby Vale to Carnarvon Gorge
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018	Girrakool walk to Mooney Mooney Bridge
October 2018 (TBA)	Vacy, examination of quarry that has some unusual minerals
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Treasures on the Tideline – Beachcombing along southern end of Stockton Beach, then onto Fishermans Bay. Picnic lunch at Boat Harbour. Friday morning. Explore the beaches for beautiful shells and other remains of sea creatures washed up onto the sand and left stranded by the falling tide. Learn to identify some of them and find out about their habitat. Where did they come from? I will email participants handouts I have prepared to help identify their finds.
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Annual Christmas party

Notes:

- 1) This list was discussed and finalised at the meeting held at the Christmas Party, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- 2) Further details will be provided as they come available or notified in an Activity Notice.
- 3) 2018 marks the AGSHV 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year with plans to celebrate this milestone. Date and times will be announced in due course.
- 4) If you intend in participating in an Activity, and after an Activity Notice has been sent out, please notify the Leader of that Activity so that they know you are attending and they can advise of any last-minute updates. Some activities, such as the Annual Safari, may require earlier notification.
- 5) ANSTO trip still needs more people to confirm for bus trip numbers. Confirm with Chris Morton ASAP. Many people who have already visited here say that it is very worthwhile visit.
- 6) Port Macquarie Geo Trail talk in January is taking numbers so that we can give the Workers Club a heads up for catering purposes. Please contact Richard Bale.
- 7) Further detail on Port Macquarie for next year:
  - a) There will be a 5pm meeting / happy hour on the first night to discuss the final arrangements, which will be dependent on weather and tides. This will be followed by two full days in the field. People will return home on the fourth day.
  - b) Port Macquarie Excursion: "When the Ocean Floor Came Ashore!", 18th to 22nd June 2018. Suggest staying at Flynn's Beach Caravan Park (02)6583 5764 which has cabins and caravan sites and well off Main Street. There may be a limit of 20 people due to the difficulty of access to one area in particular (Rocky Beach).
  - c) There will be a 5pm meeting / happy hour on the first night to discuss the final arrangements, which will be dependent on weather and tides. This will be followed by two full days in the field. People will return home on the fourth day.
  - d) The tour will begin with the Geotrail walk along the top of the cliff line. This will be followed by detailed exploration of some of the more interesting areas at Tacking Point, Lighthouse Beach, Shelley Beach, Flynn's Beach, and the section between town and Flynn's Beach. The latter will require much scrambling over steep vegetated ground and participants on this the most interesting part will need to be reasonably fit. We will see the exceptionally rare blueschist rocks formed at extreme pressure and low temperature, interesting melanges and rich deposits of manganese, cobalt, nickel, scandium and cerium. We will learn how a big iron ore mine in the centre of town was an important producer over 60 years ago, but no trace remains!
  - e) There will be plenty of time to relax over coffee at numerous excellent cafes and some free time will be available to explore non-geology attractions

Below is a list of useful dates for 2018.

### **Important Dates for 2018**

New Year's Day	Monday, 1 January 2018	
Australia Day	Friday, 26 January 2018	
Good Friday	Friday, 30 March 2018	
Easter Saturday	Saturday, 31 March 2018	
Easter Sunday	Sunday, 1 April 2018	Daylight Savings Ends – Clocks back 1 hour
Easter Monday	Monday, 2 April 2018	
Anzac Day	Wednesday, 25 April 2018	
Queen's Birthday	Monday, 11 June 2018	
Bank Holiday**	Monday, 6 August 2018	
	Saturday, 29 September 2018	– AFL Grand Final
	Sunday, 30 September 2018	– NRL Grand Final
Labour Day	Monday, 1 October 2018	
	Sunday, 7 October 2018	Daylight Savings Starts – Clocks forward 1 hour
Christmas Day	Tuesday, 25 December 2018	
Boxing Day	Wednesday, 26 December 2018	

### **NSW School Term Dates, 2018 (Eastern Division)**

Term 1	Tuesday, 30 January 2018	Friday, 13 April 2018
School Holidays	Saturday, 14 April 2018	Monday, 30 April 2018
Term 2	Tuesday, 1 May 2018	Friday, 6 July 2018
School Holidays	Saturday, 7 July 2018	Sunday, 22 July 2018
Term 3	Tuesday, 24 July 2018	Friday, 28 September 2018
School Holidays	Saturday, 29 September 2018	Sunday, 14 October 2018
Term 4	Monday, 15 October 2018	Wednesday, 19 December 2018
School Holidays	Saturday, 22 December 2018	Tuesday, 29 January 2019

### **Queensland School Term Dates, 2018**

Term 1	Monday, 22 January 2018	Thursday, 29 March 2018
Term 2	Tuesday, 17 April 2018	Friday, 29 June 2018
Term 3	Monday, 16 July 2018	Friday, 21 September 2018
Term 4	Monday, 8 October 2018	Friday, 14 December 2018