

Earth Science Week 2009 celebrations

The 12th International Earth Science Week was celebrated from 11 to 17 October 2009 based on the theme 'Understanding Climate'. Events were held around Australia to celebrate and raise awareness of the Earth sciences in the community, and to recognise the contributions of people working in these fields.

A highlight of Earth Science Week 2009 was the official screening of the winning entries and the presentation of awards for the third national *Geologi* Short Film Competition at Geoscience Australia's headquarters in Canberra on 12 October.

Over 400 students across Australia produced and submitted short films for the competition, which was hosted by Geoscience Australia and the Australian Science Teachers Association. The films were judged on their science content, creativity and promotion of the theme 'Earth science in everyday life'. Film topics included natural hazards, geological time and Australia's natural resources.

The senior gold *Geologi* was won by 'Movements of the Earth' produced by a Year 12 student from Tully State High School in Queensland. The junior gold *Geologi* was presented to students from Presbyterian Ladies' College, Perth, Western Australia, for their short film 'Oil'. This year's *Geologi* included a primary school category for the first time, with students from St Therese Primary School, Mascot, New South Wales, taking the gold *Geologi* for their film 'Volcanooo!'.

The Earth Science Week celebrations concluded with Geoscience Australia's annual Open Day on Sunday 18 October. Open Day saw around 1300 visitors participate in a variety of displays, activities and tours highlighting how geoscience is being applied to some of Australia's most important challenges. Among the visitors to Open Day was the Minister for Resources and Energy, The Hon. Martin Ferguson AM, MP.

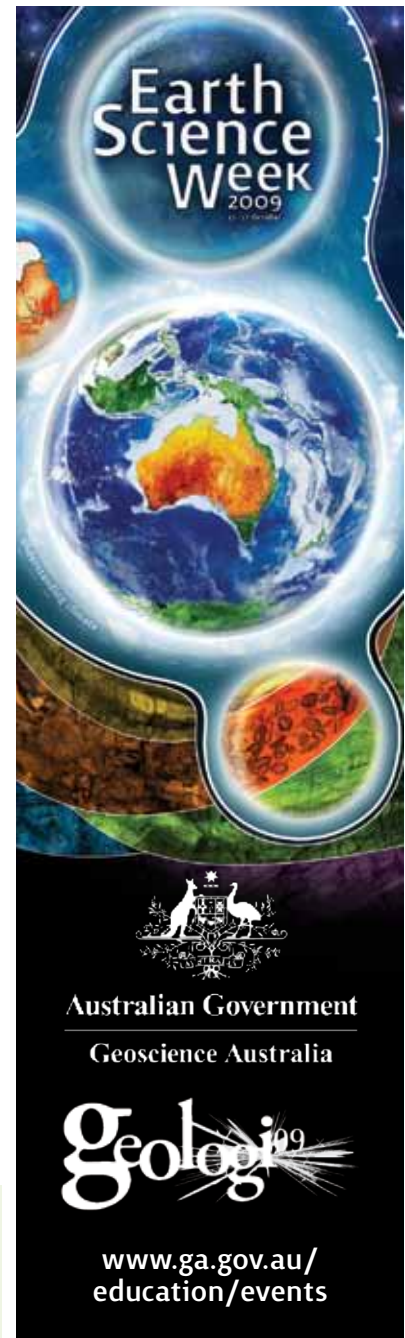
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Figure 1. Winners of the 2009 *Geologi* Short Film Competition with Dr James Johnson, Chief of Geoscience Australia's Onshore Energy and Minerals Division, following the presentation of awards.



Related websites

Earth Science Week-Geoscience Australia

www.ga.gov.au/education/events/science-week/index.jsp

Earth Science Week-International
www.earthsciweek.org

Geologi

www.ga.gov.au/education/events/geologi-short-film/index.jsp



NAPE Expo 2010	11 & 12 February
American Association of Professional Landmen GBR Convention Center, Houston, Texas, USA Contact: NAPE, 4100 Fossil Creek Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137 USA	p +1 817 306 7171 f +1 817 847 7703 e info@napeexpo.com www.napeonline.com
PDAC 2010 International Convention & Trade Show	7 to 10 March
Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada Contact: PDAC, 135 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1G6	p +1 416 362 1969 f +1 416 362 0101 e info@pdac.ca www.pdac.ca
AGES-Annual Geoscience Exploration Seminar	22 to 24 March
Northern Territory Geological Survey Alice Springs Convention Centre Contact: Northern Territory Geological Survey, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0800	p +61 8 8999 5313 e ages@nt.gov.au www.nt.gov.au/d/Minerals_Energy
XXIV FIG International Congress 2010	11 to 16 April
International Federation of Surveyors Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre Contact: arinex Pty Ltd GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001	p +61 2 9265 0700 f +61 2 9267 5443 e fig2010@arinex.com.au www.fig2010.com
World Geothermal Congress 2010	25 to 30 April
International Geothermal Association Bali International Convention Centre Contact: Organising Committee WGC 2010, Grha Bimasena, JI Dharmawangsa Raya 39, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia	p +62 21 725 8668 f +62 21 7236 193 e secr@wgc2010.org www.wgc2010.org/working/index.php
GEOHAB 2010	4 to 7 May
Wellington Town Hall, Wellington, New Zealand Contact: Conference Manager, GEOHAB Meeting, PO Box 38 951, Wellington Mail Centre 5045, New Zealand	f +64 4 587 0181 e janet.simes@conferences.co.nz www.geohab2010.com
2010 APPEA Conference and Exhibition	16 to 19 May
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Contact: Moira Lawler, APPEA Limited, GPO Box 2201, Canberra ACT 2601	p +61 2 6267 0906 e mlawler@appea.com.au www.appeaconference.com.au
AMEC National Mining Congress	1 & 2 June
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc Perth Convention Exhibition Centre Contact: AMEC, PO Box 6337, East Perth, WA 6892	p +61 8 9225 4399 or 1300 738 184 (Within Australia) f +61 8 9221 9377 or 1300 738 185 (Within Australia) e events@amec.org.au www.amec.org.au

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