

PESA ACT/NSW Branch 2023 Annual Report

The PESA ACT/NSW Branch continued to work towards its mission statement of supporting technical excellence, education, innovation and interactive discussion within the petroleum exploration industry. The branch had a positive year in 2022.

Commendations for the efforts of the committee, to attract and select quality expert speakers and courses and actively advertising them to its members. The topics included a diverse range of quality speakers and topics including;

- Petroleum Geology of Guyana
- Coal Seam Gas
- Structural Geology
- Petroleum Geology of Ukraine
- Climate Science
- Carbon capture, utilisation and storage

The PESA ACT/NSW branch had 146 financial members in 2022 (ACT active members 39, and NSW active members 107). This is a decline from 2021 of 130 active NSW members. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2023, please remember to do so. Your support is vital.

In 2022, the PESA ACT/NSW branch incurred a small loss of \$6,277.40, although this was largely in line with what had been budgeted.

I'd like to extend a very big thank you to the NSW committee. The time put in by the individuals to the voluntary roles is appreciated and all work was done with great enthusiasm and rigor. I would like to thank you all for providing your valuable time and patience in 2022.

The following pages show tables of members of the NSW Branch committee and the summary of events for 2022.

PESA NSW 2022 Schedule of events and attendance

Event	Date	Topic	Speaker	Total Attendees
March Technical Meeting	8/03/2022	Guyana – 10 billion barrels and counting	Scott Dyksterhuis and Rod Limbert	26
PESA NSW Golf Weekend Away 2022	01/04/2022	-	-	-
April Technical Meeting	12/04/2022	Microbial enhancement of Coal Seam Gas reservoirs – A multi-disciplinary approach to enhance biogenic gas production.	Dr Kaydy Pinetown	15
May Technical Meeting	10/05/2022	Overpressure release: Fluid inclusion evidence for a new mechanism for the formation of heavy oil	Dr Simon George	12
June Technical Meeting	14/05/2022	Petroleum Geology of Ukraine: Historic and current perspective – Was gas the reason for the Russian invasion?	Roland Spuij	23
August Technical Meeting	09/08/2022	The road to crude oil import dependency was paved with good intentions, albeit inaction	Paul Winchester	17
September Technical Meeting	13/09/2022	Problems in climate science from the viewpoint of an historical geologist	Howard Brady	27
October Technical Meeting	11/10/2022	Moonie Resurrection	Stephanie Kovach	20
Melbourne Cup	01/11/2022	Melbourne Cup and oil price prediction lunch	Rystad Energy	31
Christmas Party	07/12/2022	Structure of the Southern Sydney Basin: Where Sydney gets its Water & The World Gets Coal	Titus Murray	19

Table 1. Schedule of events.

PESA ACT/NSW 2022 Branch Committee Members

Responsibility	Name	Organisation
President, Federal Rep	Titus Murray	Southern Highlands Structural Geology
Vice-President	Phillip Cooney	Consultant
Immediate Past President	Alex Bruce	Empire
Treasurer	-	-
Secretary	Andrew Riznyczok	Bridgeport
Committee	Max Williamson	Willtax Consulting
Committee	Mark Adamson	Consultant
Golf Committee Representative	Cam Fink	Bridgeport

Table 2. ACT/NSW Branch committee members.