



PESA ACT/NSW BRANCH AGM 2026

Annual Report for 2025

The PESA NSW/ACT 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 2025.

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 subjects, including;

- Feb. 11 2025 AI for Fun and Profit by Ian Grierson (attendance 26)
- March 11 2025 RE's and Geo's – Never the Twain Shall Meet(?) by Henry Irrgang (attendance 17)
- April 8 2025 Source rock deformation and hydrocarbon accumulation controlled by a metamorphic core complex. by Dr Simon George (attendance 14)
- May 13 2025 AGM and talk Results of the Morney Dome Gravity Survey in the Cooper Eromanga Basin by Cameron Fink. (attendance 14)
- June 10 2025 Recent Advances in Faulting and Folding in the NSW Coal Fields: Implications and Observations on Fault Hydrogeology by Titus Murray. (attendance 17)
- July 8 2025 Kenmore: A Case Study for Static Modelling in a Mature Oil Field by Talline Zarzavatjian. (attendance 20)
- August 12 2025 Encountering Aboriginal cultural heritage is something that is unavoidable in our members' work and the impact that it has can sometimes cause unexpected outcomes. This is an issue which has been addressed by the Australian courts recently in the context of Santos's Barossa Project. By Caterina Meduri (attendance 35)
- Sept. 9 2025 Hot Rocks and Hydrogen, the Devil's Brew by Dave Bennett (attendance 14)
- Oct. 14 2025 2025 Acreage Release in the Poldo and Otway Basins, SA by Dr Chris Cubitt (attendance 14)
- Nov 11. 2025 A review of this year's publication of Australia's Energy Commodity Resources (AECR2025) by Geoscience Australia, by Ryan Owens (attendance 18)
- Dec. 9 2025 Geothermal rising can save Tomago without big government subsidies. By Andy Lukas (attendance 30)

All our meetings were held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street Sydney 2000. The August meeting was the best attended with 35 members and guests

The PESA NSW/ACT branch had 114 financial members at the end of 2025. This is a decline from 124 active NSW/ACT members in 2024 . If you have not already renewed your membership for 2026, please remember to do so. Your support is vital.

In 2025 the PESA ACT/NSW branch incurred a small loss of **\$6,277.40**, although this was largely in line with what had been budgeted.

Dr John Conolly of this Branch received PESA's Distinguished Service Award for 2025. The medal will be officially given at the PESA Federal AGM in Adelaide on May 18 2026.

I'd like to extend a very big thank you to the NSW executive committee. The committee met eight times during the year and the time put in by the individuals to the voluntary roles in these difficult times is appreciated. All work was done with great enthusiasm and rigor. I would like to thank you all for providing your valuable time and patience in 2025.

The following pages show tables of members of the NSW Branch committee.

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