

AUSTRALIA MINERALS

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PDAC 2026 presentations

Secure your stake in Australia's critical minerals future

Australia Day

Room 205D, North Building
Monday 2 March, 2:00–5:10 pm
Registration not required

On-booth presentations

Australia Minerals booth, #311
Trade Show South



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| 2:00 pm | Government geoscience: driving strategic resources investment in Australia |
| | <p>Chair: Allison Britt, Director, Mineral Resources Advice and Promotion, Geoscience Australia</p> <p>Securing Australia’s critical minerals supply with world-leading government geoscience Andrew Heap, Chief, Minerals, Energy and Groundwater Division, Geoscience Australia</p> <p>Next generation geology: uncovering South Australia’s critical minerals and energy resources Carmen Krapf, Geoscience Lead, Geological Survey of South Australia</p> <p>New precompetitive data supporting critical mineral exploration success in NSW Phillip Blevin, Chief Geoscientist & Head, Geological Survey of New South Wales</p> <p>5 min Q&A</p> |
| 2:40 pm | Networking break (refreshments provided) |
| 2:50 pm | Critical minerals: from discovery to downstream |
| | <p>Chair: Tom Wise, Acting Director, Geological Survey of South Australia</p> <p>Tasmania’s critical minerals: geology, action, opportunity Rebecca Sproule, Chief Government Geologist, Mineral Resources Tasmania</p> <p>Unlocking Victoria’s critical mineral potential Jacqui Leahy, Director Critical Minerals, Resources Victoria</p> <p>Queensland’s approach to critical minerals development Tony Knight, Chief Government Geologist, Geological Survey of Queensland</p> <p>Government-backed growth: co-investing in Western Australia’s critical minerals Michele Spencer, Executive Director, Geological Survey and Resource Strategy</p> <p>Critical minerals and copper projects and opportunities in Australia’s Northern Territory Ian Scrimgeour, Senior Executive Director, Northern Territory Geological Survey</p> <p>10 min Q&A</p> |
| 3:50 pm | Networking break (refreshments provided) |
| 4:00 pm | Minerals investment opportunities in Australia |
| | <p>Chair: Shannon Brown, Acting Manager, Exploration and Development, Geological Survey of Victoria</p> <p>Developing Australia’s only pure silver project Lachlan Wallace, Managing Director, Investigator Silver</p> <p>Godolphin Resources, advancing gold, silver and rare earth projects in Australia’s world-renowned Lachlan Fold Belt, New South Wales Jeneta Owens, Managing Director, Godolphin Resources</p> <p>Sunday Creek: Gold with a Strategic Edge—Underground and Underway Michael Hudson, Managing Director and CEO, Southern Cross Gold</p> <p>ABx’s Deep Leads Rare Earths Project: Seeking to be Australia’s first ionic clay rare earth project Mark Cooksey, Managing Director and CEO, ABx Group</p> <p>Arafura Rare Earths: Global impact starts with the source Daryl Cubbuzzo, Managing Director and CEO, Arafura Rare Earths Ltd</p> <p>The Pitfield titanium discovery Gregory Kuenzel, Finance Director, Empire Metals Ltd</p> <p>Unearthing potential: Queensland’s next big copper opportunity Andrew Mooney, Managing Director and CEO, True North Copper</p> |
| 5:10 pm | Session close |

Australia Pavilion presentations

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| Sunday | Speakers |
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| 12:00 pm | <p>South Australia's next copper opportunities Tom Wise, Acting Director, Geological Survey of South Australia</p> |
| 1:00 pm | <p>Waste not, want not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Australia's predicted endowment of critical mineral by-products Anthony Schofield, Director Mineral Potential of Australia, Geoscience Australia ▪ Opportunities for critical minerals from mine waste in South Australia Carmen Krapf, Geoscience Lead, Geological Survey of South Australia |
| 2:00 pm | <p>Exploration grants unlocking new critical minerals discoveries in the Northern Territory Kate Mornane, Manager Grants, Investment and Promotion, Northern Territory Geological Survey</p> |
| 4:00 pm | <p>Unlocking the subsurface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new wave of hyperspectral remote and proximal scanning Jess Stromberg, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO ▪ Multi-scale geophysics at CSIRO Stephan Thiel, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO |
| Monday | Speakers |
| 11:00 am | <p>Investor-ready opportunities in NSW for copper-gold, tin-tungsten, silver, REE, cobalt and scandium Phillip Blevin, Chief Geoscientist & Head of the Geological Survey of New South Wales</p> |
| 12:00 pm | <p>Tasmania's critical, strategic and precious materials pipeline: copper-gold, antimony-silver, tin, tungsten, rare earth elements and fluorine—Positioned for growth Rebecca Sproule, Chief Government Geologist, Mineral Resources Tasmania</p> |
| 12:30–1:00 pm | <p>Meet the Western Australian Minister for Mines and Petroleum Hon. David Michael MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Government of Western Australia</p> |
| 2:00–5:10 pm | <p>Australia Day Australia Minerals presentation session Room 205D, North Building</p> |
| Tuesday | Speakers |
| 12:00 pm | <p>All that glitters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Victoria: Australia's gold-antimony destination Louise Goldie Divko, Director, Geological Survey of Victoria ▪ The Macquarie Arc and beyond—copper and gold opportunities in NSW Phillip Blevin, Chief Geoscientist & Head of the Geological Survey of New South Wales ▪ Tasmania's two-headed gold story: producing today, discovering tomorrow Rebecca Sproule, Chief Government Geologist, Mineral Resources Tasmania |
| 1:00 pm | <p>Mission critical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graphite, lithium, rare earths and bismuth in the Northern Territory Ian Scrimgeour, Senior Executive Director, Northern Territory Geological Survey ▪ Victoria's critical mineral opportunities: titanium, zirconium and REEs Shannon Brown, Acting Manager, Exploration and Development, Geological Survey of Victoria |
| 2:00 pm | <p>Laying the foundations for the next generation of discoveries: the Resourcing Australia's Prosperity initiative Anthony Schofield, Director Mineral Potential of Australia, Geoscience Australia</p> |
| 3:00 pm | <p>The Exploration Incentive Scheme: success stories Charlotte Hall, General Manager Investment, Geological Survey and Resource Strategy Division</p> |
| 4:00 pm | <p>An industry perspective—living and working in Australia David Parker, Executive Director – Western Australia, Minerals Council of Australia</p> |

Presentations of interest

Brownfield exploration unlocking new metal supply

Room 701, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, Tuesday 3 March

| Tuesday | Speaker |
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| 10:30 am | Brownfield exploration gives copper supply breathing time Richard Schodde, Managing Director, MinEx Consulting |
| 11:54 am | IOCG exploration in the Gawler Craton, South Australia Tom Wise, Acting Director, Geological Survey of South Australia |

