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EMBRACING A NEW ERA: MINING TO SHAPE DYNAMIC AND BOLD FUTURE

A quantum physicist, a Young Australian of the Year and an industry legend will be among speakers at the Global Resources Innovation Expo (GRX25), an international 'by industry, for industry' conference and exhibition, to be held in Brisbane from 20 – 22 May 2025.

An evolution of the highly successful and longstanding Austmine Conference, GRX25 is a strategic collaboration between leading peak bodies in the resources sector, Austmine and AusIMM.

The partnership is dedicated to bringing together global leaders, innovators and professionals in mining and the Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) sectors to mobilise and accelerate a sustainable, technology-led future for the global resources industry.

GRX will become an annual gathering showcasing Australia's leadership in technology with a key focus on exploring innovative solutions set to shape the future of the resources sector globally.

It is anticipated that 2,000 delegates and 150 exhibitors will take part in the inaugural GRX25 program incorporating a plenary conference, trade show including a dedicated Innovation Zone, workshops, networking, awards and industry leaders' dinner.

Professionals from complementary sectors including space, defence, manufacturing, research, education, and government are also expected to attend.

Delegates from around the world will join the conversation led by expert speakers in keynote addresses, breakout sessions and panel discussions including:

- **Geoff Pryde**, Chief Technical Director at PsiQuantum – a quantum physicist who has spent 25 years at the forefront of international research in quantum information science and technology. PsiQuantum is currently building the world's first useful fault-tolerant quantum computer in Brisbane, turning the global quantum industry's attention towards Australia. Geoff also founded the Quantum Optics and Information Laboratory (QOIL) at Griffith University.
- **Marita Cheng**, Founder & CEO at Aubot and Robogals – Young Australian of the Year 2012 and an inspiring entrepreneur embracing emerging technologies, innovative practices and visionary leadership to drive forward the industry and empower women in technology fields.
- **Owen Hegarty, OAM**, Co-Founder & Executive Chairman at EMR Capital – with more than 50 years' experience in the global mining industry as Founder and Managing Director of Oxiana (now OZ Minerals) and 25 years at Rio Tinto.

Industry leaders will share their thought-provoking insights on transformation and a sustainable future in panel discussions including *Empowering the Change Makers* and *Case Study in Collaboration: Decarbonisation Accelerated Leaders Group*.

To view the full [program](#) and [speaker lineup](#) visit GRX.AU

Austmine CEO Chris Gibbs Stewart said “GRX25 brings together an outstanding line-up of speakers and a program designed to inspire and challenge the way we think about the future of mining. From quantum computing to automation, sustainability, and beyond, we’re showcasing the ideas and innovations that will shape the sector in the years ahead. We’re thrilled to partner with AusIMM to deliver an event where industry leaders can connect, collaborate, and drive meaningful progress.”

AusIMM CEO Stephen Durkin said “AusIMM is delighted to be partnering with Austmine to deliver GRX25. Developed by industry, for industry, this cutting-edge event will shine a light on the ideas shaping the future of our sector. We’re excited to bring our professional community together in Brisbane to showcase Australia’s leading mining and METS sectors to the world.”

GRX25 is the go-to event for mining leaders and resources professionals to drive forward change and collaboration for an innovative future.

To find out more or subscribe for the latest updates, visit [GRX.AU](https://grx.au).

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Limited exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities remain. To enquire please contact Stephanie Pou via SPou@etf.com.au.

About Global Resources Innovation Expo

The Global Resources Innovation Expo represents an exciting evolution of the Austmine Conference, the highly successful mining innovation event held biennially for the past 20 years.

Global Resources Innovation Expo 2025 (GRX25) is proudly hosted by Austmine in partnership with AusIMM.

Austmine, Australia’s leading industry association for the Australian METS sector, and AusIMM, the peak body for professionals in resources, will focus on industry-led innovation and collaboration to take the global resources industry to greater heights.

About Austmine

Austmine is the leading industry association for the Australian Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) sector. Our mission is to promote the global advancement of technology and innovation in mining and to support our members in achieving greater success.

For over 35 years, Austmine has been the leading industry association for Australian METS, advocating for its recognition as a world leader in mining innovation and technology. Our membership now represents over 780 METS companies nationally, reflecting the impressive diversity of a modern and vibrant economy. More information: austmine.com.au

About AusIMM

AusIMM is the peak body for professionals in the resources sector. We advance careers, inspire leadership, uphold standards and connect communities. We represent a global community from 100 countries involved in all aspects of the mining industry.

We offer world-class professional development opportunities, host global networking events and offer an outstanding membership program to support resources professionals’ career journey. More information: ausimm.com

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