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31st SIR GEORGE FISHER LECTURE AND DINNER, 2010

The 31st Sir George Fisher Lecture and dinner, hosted by the North Queensland Branch of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held in the Grand Gallery of the Museum of Tropical Queensland, Townsville on Saturday 13th November 2010.

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 lecture will be by renowned former NQ Branch Chair and former BHP-Billiton senior executive **Mick Roche on Stewardship – Changing Practices not Image.**

The Sir George Fisher Lecture and dinner is a highlight of the North Queensland minerals industry calendar, which celebrates the contributions made to the industry by the former MIM Chairman, Sir George Fisher.

On behalf of the North Queensland Branch of the AusIMM, I cordially invite you, your partner and colleagues to join other North Queensland mining industry professionals and interested parties in attending the 31st Sir George Fisher Lecture and dinner.

Tickets are \$60 per person for Members & members' partners, \$75 per person for non-members and \$25 for Student Members, and must be booked by Friday 5 November. Additional details are included on the attached poster.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for this premier minerals industry event, and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Dave Hunter, Honorary Secretary on behalf of the
North Queensland Branch of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy

Stewardship – changing practices not image

What does bogging ore 600 metres underground at a lead mine in northwest Queensland, operating a nuclear reactor in Budapest and cutting diamonds in the factories of India have in common?

Product stewardship is about all players in a commodity life cycle working together to maximise the value to society from the mining, processing, manufacture, consumption and end-of-life management of that commodity - without harming people and the environment.

In this valedictory speech to Townsville (before departing to colder climes down south), Mick will describe the stewardship model, overview the different commodity stewardship programs he has established globally and challenge the resources industry to take the next big steps.

Stewardship: - Life cycle relationships for a sustainable resources industry.

Mick Roche BSc(Hons) FAusIMM CP(Man) CDec

After completing degrees in marine geology at Flinders University in South Australia, Mick then spent 15 years exploring mainly SA, NT and WA for a diverse variety of commodities including base metals, coal, manganese, diamonds, uranium, gold and nickel, before settling in to a role in 1992 as the inaugural Site Manager at the then newly discovered Cannington deposit.

In a later role as Cannington's Manager Safety Environment and External Affairs, Mick was instrumental in leading a revival of the minerals industry practices and image in North Queensland during the 1990's.

He was the inaugural Chair of his conceived Cleveland Bay Consortium. He also established in Townsville an annual week of mining industry related activities (called Making Minerals Move) that included the inaugural Mining Industry Health and Safety Conference (now an annual event in Townsville) and a schools eisteddfod called "Making Minerals Groove".

Whilst at Cannington, Mick conceived the first product stewardship program called Green Lead. He also took the leap of faith in getting the North Queensland Conservation Council to produce the inaugural Cannington environmental report (a world first for the mining industry) and was the driving force behind getting the IOC to agree to let Cannington supply the silver for all the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic medals (the first time the metal had ever been donated in the history of the Olympics)

In 2004, Mick took on a global product stewardship role within BHP Billiton that saw him initiate, in addition to Green Lead, product stewardship programs for diamonds/gold/platinum, coal/iron ore/manganese, aluminium, uranium and copper.

After 32 years with BHP, in July 2010 Mick established Stewardship Matters Pty Ltd - a consultancy that enables responsible sourcing and use of commodities.

Mick has served as Chairman of both the AusIMM NQ Branch (1998-2003) and Economic Geology Research Unit at JCU (2000-2002). Other industry representations included:

- Responsible Jewellery Council (Co-Chair Standards Committee 2008-2010, Member of Executive Committee 2007-2010, member people Committee 2009-2010).
- International Lead and Zinc Study Group – Advisor to Australian Government (2000-2004), Member of Industry Advisory Panel (2002-2004).
- International Silver Research Consortium (Founding Chairman, 2002-2004).
- Global Lead Forum (Founding Chairman 2001-2003).
- Advanced Lead Acid Battery Consortium (Director 1999-2004) International Lead Zinc Research Organisation (Director 1999-2004).
- Lead Development Association International (Director (1999-2004)
- International Lead Management Centre (Director (1999-2004).
- Australian Uranium Association (Director (2006-2009).
- World Nuclear Association (Chairman of Uranium Stewardship Working Group 2006-2010).

Mick and his family have called Townsville home since 1994. Now that their children Zara and Nathan have "flown the coop", Mick and Trea (a Senior Teacher at Townsville Grammar School for 15 years) are returning home to Adelaide in December to continue to work on Stewardship Matters and to be closer to the vineyards.