

## Symposium Program

### Day 1 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

6-00pm - **Symposium Meet and Greet**...at the North Gregory Hotel – Elderslie Street – *evening meal and drinks available for purchase*  
Open to the public and delegates  
**Delegate Registration** during the evening at the North Gregory Hotel

### Day 2 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

8-00am - **Delegate Registration** at the *Winton Shire Hall Supper Room*

9-00am - **Symposium commences** at the *Winton Shire Hall Supper Room – Vindex Street*  
Introduction by the Symposium MC – Geoffrey Weller

#### **Symposium welcome by :**

**James Hinds**, 2016 National Opal Symposium Chairperson and President of the Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc.

**Butch Lenton**, Winton Shire Council Mayor

9-15am - **Symposium Opening Speaker : Rachael Cronin**  
Deputy Director - General  
Minerals and Energy Resources Queensland

9-35am - **Charles Dowsett** : Executive Director - Industry Investment & Export Support  
NSW Department of Industry Resources & Energy  
- *“Recent Initiatives that have Directly Impacted the Opal Industry in NSW”*

9-55am - **State Miners Association Reports :**  
New South Wales – Sebastian Diesenberger  
South Australia -  
Queensland - James Hinds

10-30am - **Morning Tea to be served in the Court Yard**

11-00am - **Peter Lane** – *“Negotiating an ILUA in Coober Pedy & Access to Woomera Test Range to Mine Opal.”*

11-20am - **Peter Donaghy** – *“Queensland Opal”*

11-40am - **Col Duff** – *“Advances in Geographical Information Systems, Digital Terrain Modeling, Mapping, Satellite Imagery, GPS, their use and Applications for Prospecting and Exploration in the Opal Industry”*

12-20pm - **Lunch provided at the Winton Hotel**

1-30pm - **Jenni Brammall & Rebel Black** – *“Australian Opal Centre activities, and an update on the progress towards construction of the new Australian Opal Centre”*

1-50pm - **Q & A with the panel of speakers form the day**

3-00pm - **Afternoon Tea available at the back of the room**

3-30pm - **Board the buses to travel out to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs (AAOD)**

4-15pm - **Tours at the AAOD**

5-30pm - **Drinks and Nibbles as the sun sets at the AAOD**  
*Bar open to purchase your drinks*

6-00pm - **Dinner ‘Under the Stars with the Dinosaurs’**  
9-30pm - **Buses leave to go back into Winton.**

### Day 3 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

9-00am - **Symposium recommences**  
- Introduction by MC, Geoffrey Weller

9-10am - **Dr Paul Thomas** – *“Packing Array Structure in Opal.”*

9-30am - **Dr Alex Fink** - *“Lightning Ridge Opal”*

9-50am - **Associate Professor Patrice Rey** – *“The formation of precious opal in Central Australia”*

10-10am - **Tony Smallwood** – *“Update on the gemmological differences between Australia opal, and Ethiopian opal and discuss also the different treatments of such opal”*

10-30am - **Morning Tea to be served in the Court Yard**

11-00am - **Tony Smallwood** – *“Discussion regarding the Certification and valuing principles for opal”*

11-20am - **Matthew Morin** – *“The relationship between the Opal Miners / the GAA / Retailers / Consumers”*

11-40am - **Ian Bone** – *“Opal Marketing and Promotion – Trends and Directions in a Changing World”*

12 noon - **Peter Christianos** – *“Timeline of the National Gemstone - Wild West Opal-show”*

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*Then sit back with a cuppa for a chat with the....*  
**Enduring Generations in the Opal Industry**

4-00pm - **Closing Address from James Hinds 2016**  
Symposium Chairperson

4-30pm - **NOMA Meeting**

6-00pm - **Opal Symposium Farewell & Welcome to the Opal Tradeshow at the North Gregory Hotel**  
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## SOCIAL PROGRAM

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