

## GEOFEST 2024 Thanks and Congratulations

Hi Angus and Sabin,

I just wanted to pass on our congratulations from SMEDG for the fantastic day at the GEOFEST 2024 workshop last Thursday. On the day, the venue, the talks, the catering and Melinda's expert running of the talks and the sessions worked perfectly, and the 'icing on the cake' was the dinner and the Indonesian dancers – which my wife and I both thoroughly enjoyed. But what impressed me the most was the friendship and common goals discussed between the local and Indonesian attendees !

I know that these events take a huge amount of planning, organizing and executing, and you and your teams absolutely nailed it !

Congratulations to you all,

Cheers

Russell

Dear Russell



Many thanks for your kind comments and am so pleased to learn that GEOFEST exceeded your expectations. We remain most grateful for the wonderful support of our sponsors of which SMEDG has been a key player.

I have circulated separately your email to our team members.

Kindest Regards

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Hi Everyone,

I attended the GEOFEST 2024 workshop and dinner at Sydney University last Thursday, of which SMEDG/AIG/GSA/AusIMM were major sponsors. It was a great success, and Mike Leggo and Ian Neuss were on the organising committee. It was a collaborative event with ~100 attendees and presentations on both Indonesian and Australian Geotourism initiatives.

The 'take home message' was that the Indonesians are way ahead of us, having established 10 Geoparks while we are yet to open our first one ! Due to the high density of their population, many of their Geoparks are close to major population centres and act as community recreation parks as well, and are not based mainly on geological features or landscapes as ours will be.

Cheers

Russell

