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Geologists Rock – Celebrate Geologist's Day!

Geologists around the world have made an enormous contribution to our way of life by discovering and developing our natural resources of minerals, hydrocarbons and water, by understanding the evolution of our planet and our solar system, by defining the evolution of life on Earth, by identifying the risks associated with natural hazards such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions, and by the technological and innovation spin-offs derived from many branches of geoscience such as geophysics and geochemistry.

Geologists study our Earth, the processes that have made it and those that are currently affecting what it will become in the future. Geologists are involved in the discovery of resources that are used in all aspects of our daily lives.

Geologist's Day celebrations began in the USSR in the mid-1960s to mark the start of summer, a time when fieldwork can be undertaken and enjoyed after the long, cold northern winter. The first Sunday in April is celebrated as Geologist's Day to recognise geologists everywhere and their contributions. There is a growing body of geoscientists around the world joining this celebration of professionals associated with the study and application of geoscience. This year, Geologist's Day is being celebrated on Sunday 3rd April.

The Australian Geoscience Council, representing over 8,000 geoscientists around Australia, encourages all Australians to celebrate Geologist's Day and consider the ways in which these scientists have contributed to our well-being. No doubt many of our colleagues will be gathering to share memories of their successes and contributions. We wish them well on Geologist's Day!

To find out more about how geologists have influenced your life, please contact:

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