

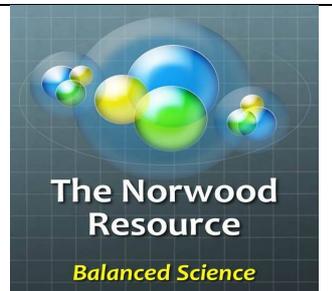
NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Apologies for the long silence (in terms of Newsletters) but welcome to The Norwood Resource (TNR)'s July 2016 edition in which we summarise progress made since the last Newsletter and outline any plans for the next month or so. Details about why we formed, together with our mission, can be found at:

[About TNR](#)

Our mission is to challenge and counter misinformation in the public arena. We take some of our inspiration from the words of the then Federal (Labor) Resources Minister, Gary Gray, who stated in his address at the 2013 APPEA conference:

“We need to put evidence and science into the current debate – and balance the misinformation that is being peddled in the public arena, and we need to be robust about it.”

Published/Presented since last Newsletter

Despite not writing Newsletters our volunteers have been busy on a variety of activities.

*1 **September** 2015: TNR's representatives attended the public hearing of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment's inquiry into eco-charities to give evidence in support of the TNR submission. Reported by TNR as follows:

[House of Representatives Report](#)

*15 **September** 2015: A TNR hosted luncheon meeting was held in Adelaide (Fullarton) where Bruce Holland and John Hughes presented on the challenges regarding eNGO misinformation faced by the industry. Approximately 50 people attended and a number of new members signed up.

*25 **September** 2015. Bruce Holland and John Hughes attended DSD's roundtable held in Adelaide. Reported by TNR as follows:

[DSD Roundtable Report](#)

***October** was quite active, including the above article, a presentation by John Hughes entitled “*Seismic Surveys and Marine Life: A Plea for Evidence-based debate, assessment and Regulation*” at a DSD seminar on environmental issues on 13 October, and the following articles on our website:

[Exposing the gas hoax](#)

[Attenuation of sound in water](#)

[Fracking in South Australia](#)

*The period from **November to February** was relatively quiet in social media but quite active in terms of presentations:

- On 9/10 December, Bruce Holland and John Hughes presented at PESA/ASEG/SPE luncheon meetings in Melbourne and Sydney respectively;

- Also in December, John Hughes presented a talk entitled “*Why is a Geophysicist Interested in Marine Life?*” at DSD's Geoscience Summer School for secondary school students;

- On 25 February, John Hughes was a panellist at a PESA/SPE Young Petroleum Professionals (YPP) Forum on the *Future of Energy*.

*In **March** 2016, we published the following article which gained significant exposure (as well as generating a number of comments on our [Facebook](#) page!)

In addition, during March, we posted several other items with links to totally misinformed Facebook posts by third parties.

*On 28 **April**, Bruce Holland presented a paper entitled “*The Facts about Oil & Gas Exploration & Production and Impacts on The Environment*” at the SA Branch PESA Luncheon Meeting.

*In late **May**, prior to attending the EAGE Conference in Vienna (not as a TNR delegate!) John Hughes presented his talk “*The Perceived Impacts of Seismic Surveys on Marine Life: Are they really a ‘Big Issue’ or simply ‘Big Business’*” to OMV.

***June** was quite a busy month with Bruce Holland & Chris Porter attending the APPEA Conference in Brisbane during 5-8 June and a number of articles published on our website in late June:

[Facts ignored by fracking activists](#)

[Mis-information from KI Council](#)



Chris in the TNR booth at the Brisbane APPEA Conference/Exhibition (apologies for the small image but we had a lot of information to pack into this 1-page Newsletter!)

Membership and Branch formation

To be a robust voice in the community, TNR must have a vibrant membership consisting of individuals from all walks of life who are **passionately** interested in balanced debate. Having achieved sufficient members in SA and WA to set up branches we are keen to set up branches in other states/regions.

[Click here](#) for information about becoming a TNR member

Special thanks to all those members who have recently renewed their membership.

TNR and the media/public

As mentioned previously, TNR has been actively challenging and countering misinformation in the media. Unfortunately, the torrent of misinformation (especially in the lead up to the election!) is increasing and there are many examples that go unchallenged. Rather than simply countering all misinformation in the media, TNR's committee members are very willing to engage with community groups and schools on such topics as seismic surveys and marine life, the facts about fracking, etc. If any member is aware of community or school groups that would like to better understand the facts and science behind current topical debates about the oil/gas industry in the community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Countering/Challenging misinformation.

CIGs are important when it comes to challenging misinformation!

More details on CIGs can be found in our [November Newsletter](#).

NB. Please consider volunteering to become part of this important initiative.

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