

# Micromounters Hall of Fame

## Rod Martin

Inducted in 2012



After naval service, Rod Martin completed a Certificate in Engineering, and then entered Auckland University, earning BSc and MSc degrees in Geology, gaining first class Honours and two prizes for his study on the movement of aluminium in acid thermal areas.

Rod has continued his association with the university, giving occasional lectures. He is a life member of the Geochemical and Mineralogical Society, and a member of the NZ Geosciences Society and the NZ Royal Society. His research interests include the identification of processes that form sulphates at the surface in low-temperature environments, and the zeolites of the Parnell Grit Formation and other NZ mineral occurrences,

Rod has been a member of the North Shore Rockhounds Club for over 20 years. In 1990 he went to his first micromineral symposium in Northland. Since then he has taken a major role in the micromounting scene in New Zealand. In Auckland he has transformed a single-club group into the Northern Region Mineral Interest Group, bringing in enthusiasts from all the clubs in the region and introducing group field trips.

An enthusiastic and knowledgeable participant in almost every annual micromineral symposium since 1990, Rod has been a frequent speaker at the meetings, and writes articles for the newsletter, *MicroScope*,

He has set up a web site that is a source of information on New Zealand micromounters and microminerals, and a contact place for overseas visitors. He began a competition for digital photography at the NZ symposia, and he handles the CD production of archived articles.

Rod has given papers at the Annual Seminars of the Combined Mineralogical Societies of Australia, and in 2006 he was instrumental in setting up the first meeting in New Zealand, which he organized in 2007. At that very successful meeting, the group title was changed so that "Australia" became "Australasia".

Rod Martin has been a tireless worker for the benefit of all micromounters. He is a welcome addition to the Micromounters' Hall of Fame.