

# NELSON DISCUSSION GROUP – APRIL

*‘Enjoying learning from each other’*

Thursday 20 April 2017

## Fast Facts

**Discussion Leader/Presenter:**

Geoff Chapple

**What:**

A Literary Look at New Zealand Geology

**When:**

Thursday 20 April 2017  
7:30pm

**Where:**

Nick Smith’s Community Room  
544 Waimea Road,  
ANNESBROOK  
(This is a joint meeting with the Nelson Rock and Mineral Club)

**Parking:** On site

**Cost:** Free for all AusIMM members.

Our Discussion Group welcomes all persons with engineering, geotechnical, general geoscience and environmental interests.

Our regular gatherings are held on the second Friday of each month from 5:00pm. We learn from each other through relaxed and facilitated discussion in-the-round.

Please RSVP your interest to **Carol Foote** on 03 548 1707 or [CFoote@golder.co.nz](mailto:CFoote@golder.co.nz) for catering purposes

The Nelson Discussion Group series is brought to you by local geoscientists and engineers supported and funded by local professional enterprises, individuals and the AusIMM and worth 2 PD hours



## A Literary Look at New Zealand Geology

Geoff Chapple (ONZM) is a New Zealand author, journalist, playwright and occasional musician. His article in a Sunday newspaper began the volunteer movement to put in place a NZ-long walking track, then walked it and wrote the book “Te Araroa-The New Zealand Trail” (Random House 2002). He founded the Te Araroa Trust, the organization that began the construction of the various links for a continuous off-road track 2920km long.

Geoff is the author of five other books. His most recent, “Terrain-Travels Through a Deep Landscape” (Random House 2015), is the outcome of a year-long journey through some of NZ’s most spectacular landscape, in company with local geologists, to understand the powerful forces which have shaped New Zealand’s geological history.

“Terrain” sold out its first edition of 2500 copies - an extraordinary achievement for a geological text, particularly for one with few diagrams. The book relied on its written text to delve into New Zealand’s geological wonders.

Emeritus Professor John Dewey (U Cal and U Col Oxford) in an endorsement for the second edition describes “*Terrain*” as *one of the finest geological “lay” works that it has ever been my pleasure to read. Geoff Chapple has, like John McPhee and Bill Bryson, a great literary-scientific gift*”.

Geoff’s talk will follow the same route as the book, across geological landscapes from the far north to the Deep South, often following the Te Araroa Trail, and including the Trail’s route across Nelson’s Red Hills.

### Future Meetings:

**May 12: Murray Gillon “Stabilising the Clyde Dam Reservoir Landslides”.**

Conveners: John Dow FAusIMM(CP)  
James Macdonald (FSEG)