

KEN McQUEEN

Ken McQueen has been with CRC LEME since its inception in 1995, for many years as a researcher based at the University of Canberra, and in the last 4 years based at the ANU. He has been the Assistant Director Canberra for LEME and consequently on the LEME Executive for the last 5.5 yrs. He has been actively researching many aspects of regolith geoscience, but in particular exploration geochemistry and other methods in the Lachlan Fold Belt, particularly in the Cobar region of NSW. Most recently he has completed an explorer's guide for the Lachlan Fold Belt, and several published papers on the area. He has successfully supervised three PhD and several Honours students who have now completed. As an initiative to encourage students and staff to write up their results for publication, Ken formed and led a writer's co-operative at ANU, which also includes researchers from GA. Ken has worked tirelessly with small mineral exploration and mining companies in the Lachlan Fold Belt. He has organised local conferences for industry, government and academic participants in Cobar, and contributed papers and attended many local, national and international conferences, as an excellent proponent and ambassador for LEME.

Special mention must be made of Ken's particularly strong support of the joint venture/collaborative spirit of the CRC. His whole attitude over the years as been as a 'team player' and he has been terrific contributor to the collaborate effort. Thanks Ken.

At the conclusion of his secondment to ANU, Ken will return to the University Canberra in 2008, and we are pleased to know that he intends to continue his involvement with LEME as an Adjunct Professor with ANU.

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