

## Geology and WW1 - The Tunnellers

The story of the Australian World War 1 Tunnellers is unfamiliar to most of us. Similarly the role of geology in warfare is not often referred to. It may be surprising to learn that during WW1 there were 4585 Allied tunnellers digging under enemy territory to set mines. Australian tunnellers played an important role. This talk is an overview of the inception and feats of the Australian Tunnellers, notably the role of eminent Australian geologist TW Edgeworth David and of the geology of the Western Front.