

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PETE WILLIAMS

We are sure members will be delighted to know that fellow member and past Society President, Professor Peter (Pete) Williams has had the honour of having a new mineral named after him, the first pyroarsenate found in nature, petewilliamsite.

Scientists in Canada, the USA and the United Kingdom who recognized and defined the new species agreed on the name petewilliamsite for Pete's significant contribution to the study and paragenesis of secondary minerals both in Australia and elsewhere in the world. The name has been accepted by the I.M.A.

Petewilliamsite is described as dark violet-red to dark brownish millimeter-size crystalline aggregates with a vitreous luster. It is from Johanngeorgenstadt, Saxony, Germany. The composition is  $(\text{Ni, Co, Cu})_{30}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_7)_{15}$  or  $\text{Ni}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_7$ .

Congratulations Pete.

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