From Thesis to Thesis

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53 years ago David Moore was a foundation post-graduate student, supervised by Professor Alban Lynch, in the inaugural Mineral Processing research project, which became a highly successful long-term core project for the JKMRC. He completed his thesis, *A Mathematical Analysis of Mineral Breakage*, in 1964 soon after he entered Oxford University as the Queensland Rhodes scholar.

After he retired in 2009 following a diverse career in the minerals industry he embarked upon a very different second PhD through Swinburne University of Technology. 50 years after his first thesis he submitted *Three Queensland Premiers and the Mungana Scandal*, focusing on the Chillagoe-Mungana story which holds a unique place in Queensland’s mining and political history.

The presentation, *From Thesis to Thesis*, firstly contrasts David Moore’s unusual experiences with both theses. It then uses conclusions from the second thesis as a reminder of the major impact of cycles in the minerals industry and the unusual situation the industry now faces.