

## **Tim Broderick talk**

On Sunday the 26th of October 2025 **Mr. Tim Broderick**, well known geologist and long-time member addressed the Society on

### **The Divergence and Convergence in Family Dynamics - Kimberley: A Magnet and a Springboard. Early Mining, Trading, Missionary Work and Education in Southern Africa.**

Our speaker can trace his family back to Ireland although both his paternal great grandparents John Leighton Mitchell and George Alexander Broderick were born in England and made their way to South Africa in the 1800s. Mitchell became a trader and an **agent for Cecil Rhodes**. He later came to this country. Tim's grandfather George Edward Peach Broderick was born in Kimberley. He became a teacher and later changed careers to become a priest and came to the then Rhodesia in 1906. He returned to teaching in later years and then finally returned to the ministry.

Tim will trace his family's background and the lives and experiences they had. Many long term residents in this country will be familiar as they come from similar backgrounds. Tim himself grew up in smaller centres as his father was in the district administration and consequently the family moved around the country, and it was in mining centers such as Mvuma and Bindura that Tim developed his passion for geology. His career was in the Geological Survey. He has also developed a deep knowledge and love for palaeontology.