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Solving the Mystery of Somerton Man

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One of the leading unsolved mysteries in Australia, on a par with the disappearance of Harold Holt, is the case of the Somerton Man. This was a very athletically fit man found in a nice suit lying deceased on Somerton Beach in 1948. The mystery is that there was no mark on him and there was nothing to identify him. No one came forward to identify him either. Over 65 years later we still do not know his name or how he died. This talk will outline the key facts of the mystery and show how skills in engineering are being used.

Date and Time

Tue, 18 Mar 2014

17:00 - 19:00 ACDT

Location

Engineers Australia
Level 11, 108 King William Street
Adelaide SA 5000
Australia

Presenter(s)

Professor Derek Abbott



[3] Professor Derek Abbott received a B.Sc. (Hons) in physics from Loughborough University, U.K. in 1982 and completed his Ph.D. in electrical and electronic engineering from the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, in 1995. From 1978 to 1986, he was a research engineer at the GEC Hirst Research Centre, London, U.K. From 1986?1987, he was a VLSI design engineer at Austek Microsystems, Australia. Since 1987, he has been with the University of Adelaide, where he is presently a Professor with the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Prof. Abbott is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics (IOP) and a Fellow of the IEEE. He has won a number of awards including the South Australian Tall Poppy Award for Science (2004), the Premier's SA Great Award in Science and Technology for outstanding contributions to South Australia (2004), and an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowship (2012).

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