Historical Highlights

1959  Professor D. A. Brown appointed
1963  Move to newly constructed Geology Building
1965  Extension to Geology Building
1969–70 Semester system initiated at the ANU
1983  K. S. W. Campbell appointed Professor
1980–83; 1988–93 M. J. Rickard Head of Department
1978; 1990; 1998 Departmental reviews
1989–94 Australian Mineral Industry Research Association (AMIRA) grants
1990  Association with School of Resource and Environmental Management (SREM)
1991  Move to Botany Building, the ‘New Building’
1992  Anutech Geochemical Laboratory opened
1993–95 Joint field mapping camps with SREM and the University of Canberra (UC)
1994  R. J. Arculus appointed Professor
1995  First Landscape Evolution and Mineral Exploration (LEME) grant
1996  Geochemical Evolution and Metallogeny of Continents (GEMOC) grant
1997  Anutech Geochemical Laboratory closed
1998–2007 Professors D. J. Ellis, P. De Deckker and Dr D. C. McPhail Heads of Department
2004  Name changed to Department of Earth and Marine Science
2007  Departmental review
2008  Incorporated into RSES
Major internationally acclaimed research achievements for the department have been

- the geochemistry of granites
- Pacific volcanics
- geochemistry of economic minerals
- the evolution of fishes over more than 400 my
- micropalaeontology and marine sedimentology that contribute to global climate-change studies
- the development of the weathered surface regolith
- laboratory and field studies on metamorphism
- detailed understanding of the processes of faulting.