



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 4th of February at 7.30 p.m. in the LZG14 lecture theatre on the ground floor of Building LZ in the Science campus of the University of Western Sydney on the corner of Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive in North Parramatta.

The program at the February Meeting will include a lecture to be given by Dr Peter Leverett on : -

‘Mines in the Mist – Mt Lyell’.

At the February Meeting there will also be a

Sale of Mineral Specimens

donated for the Kids with Cancer charity.

A catalogue/list of almost 80 specimens will accompany this Newsletter.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Society Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the rest of this year.

The long weekends in 2011 of Easter, (April 22nd to 25th), Queen’s Birthday, (June 13th) and Labour Day, (October 3rd), will not affect Society Meetings being held on the first Friday of each month this year.

Subject to circumstances some changes to the following schedule of program subjects and speakers may have to be made in due course.

March 4th: Tucson Update and a lecture by John Rankin on ‘Collectors of the New England’.

April 1st: Talk by John Smedley on ‘Labels for Minerals’ and a lecture by Gary Sutherland on : - ‘A Photographic Tour of the British Museum of Natural History’.

May 6th: Member’s Mini Auction.

- June 3rd : Symposium on 'The Prospect Intrusion. Brief History, Geology & Member's Experiences.'
- July 1st : Lecture on 'The Mt McDonald Goldfield' by William Butterfield.
- August 5th : A.G.M. and Memorial Lecture.

2011 Society Membership Fees:

Society membership fees were due from January 1st 2011. Subscription renewal forms were sent out last year and more are available from the Secretary or Treasurer at any Meeting. Members are recommended to provide their e-mail addresses if available in the interest of placing as many people as possible within electronic communication, not to mention cutting down the cost of posting out hard copies of the Society Newsletters.

The renewal form may also be used to pay a premium of \$3.00 for **Personal Accident Insurance** for 2011.

Members may pay their subscriptions by **Internet Banking** if they wish. Funds should be paid to :-

Account name: Mineralogical Society of NSW Inc
BSB: 06 2016
Account number: 2802 3647

Please put your name(s) in the memo line.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB at the CRAFT EXPO

EPIC park in Canberra, Friday to Sunday February 25th to 27th

ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB 2010 ROCK AND MINERAL FAIR

Sunday 27th February 2011

Members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club sell minerals, fossils, lapidary work, jewellery, books, equipment and other wares. In Stuart Park, by the beach at North Wollongong, 8.30am-2.00pm.

BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

Being held from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday the 5th & 6th of March 2011
at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry.

Featuring:

Sales by Crystal Habit, Quality Gem Rough Supplies and Quality Alpaca Supplies of a fine selection of mineral specimens, decorator pieces, faceting and cabbing rough, gemstones, beads, metaphysical needs and fine Alpaca products.

Hosted by Arthur and Christine Roffey, Peter & Debbie Beckwith and John and Val Tunzi.

Inquiries to Arthur Roffey on (02) 4572 5812 or Peter Beckwith on 0412 333 150

GLENN INNES MINERAMA GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

Glen Innes District and Services Club, 120 Grey Street, Glenn Innes
10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Friday to Sunday, 11th to 13th March.

ANNUAL GEM & CRAFT SHOW by the **NEW ENGLAND LAPIDARY AND FOSSICKING CLUB INC**

Being held in the Armidale Showground on Saturday, 19th March, 9 am - 4 pm.

Spectacular craft, gems, rocks, crystals, jewellery, gifts, lapidary books, supplies & equipment on sale

CANBERRA ROCK SWAP 2011

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of April in the EPIC park, off Northbourne Avenue, Canberra.

GEMBOREE 2011 Incorporating the **NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**

In the Bathurst Showgrounds, Bathurst.

Easter 2011. Good Friday 22nd April to Monday 25th April.

Friday 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.,

Sunday 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and Monday 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Displays of minerals, gems, crystals, fossils and jewellery. National exhibition and competition.

Over 30 leading Australian dealers in attendance. Lapidary, Gemstone and Mineral trading.

Tailgate sales. Refreshments. Plenty of parking.

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Mineral Sale

A mineral sale will be held at the February meeting in order to raise money for
Kids with Cancer, Westmead.

The minerals listed below will be on sale. If you wish to donate more minerals
 for the sale please bring them along on the night. Include a price on the label.

Titanite & albite	Imilchil mine, Morocco	\$25
Rhodizite (K,Cs)Al ₄ Be ₄ (B,Be) ₁₂ O ₂₈	Madagascar	\$25
Titanite & muscovite	Dassu, Balistan, Pakistan	\$45
Apatite, siderite & muscovite	Panasqueira, Portugal	\$65
Azurite	Mejran, Morocco	\$15
Chromium amesite	Saranovskiy mine, Urals, Russia	\$20
Tsumebite	Mex-Tex mine, New Mexico	\$35
Scolecite & calcite	Maharashtra, India	\$25
Smoky quartz	Mooralla, Victoria	\$15
Mimetite	Santa Eulalia, Mexico	\$12
Fluorite (2)	Afghanistan	\$20
Cavansite & stilbite	Puna, India	\$15
Grossular & diopside	Cordoba, Argentina	\$35
Atacamite	Mt. Gunson, SA	\$30
Spessartine lode garnet	Broken Hill, NSW	\$25
Tsumebite	Blanchard mine, Bingham Co., New Mexico	\$5
Rose quartz	Lavra da Ilha, minas Gerais, Brazil	\$5
Vanadinite	Geronimo mine, La Paz Co., Arizona	\$5
Bastnaasite,	Zagi Mountain, Mulla Ghor, Pakistan	\$30
Villiaumite	ANS quarry, Windhack, Namibia	\$5
Hessenite	Ratnqura, Sri Lanka	\$5
Tetrahedrite,sphalerite	Las Chiapas mine, Arispe, Mexico	\$5
Cassiterite in greisen	Elsmore, NSW	\$5
Molybdenite,scorodite	Old 25 mine, Kingsgate	\$10
Sphalerite,mica	Wolfram Camp, Qld	\$15
Native copper	Broken Hill	\$15
Malachite	Burra, SA	\$5
Azurite	Monakoff mine, Cloncurry	\$5
Malachite,chrysocolla	Paddock Lode, Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$5
Libethenite, turquoise	Mount Oxide, Qld	\$10
Elbaite var. rubellite	Pakistan	\$80
Silver	Vatopilas, Mexico	\$80
Herkimer "diamonds" (Qtz with inclusions)	New York	each \$3
Diopside on calcite	Tsumeb, Namibia	\$30
Crocoite	Dundas, Tasmania	\$30
Manganite	Iron knob, SA	\$10
Vivianite crystal	Santa Fe mine, Morococala, Bolivia	\$25
Emerald crystal	Poonah, Western Australia	\$10
Hematite after pyrite pseudo	Kirkeeks Treasure mine, SA	\$20
Stellerite	Garrawilla, NSW	\$5
Connellite (micro) on cuprite	Great Australia Mine, Cloncurry, Qld	\$10
Connellite (micro) with malachite	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$5
Claringbullite (rare micro)	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$20

Claringbullite + connellite	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$30
Djurleite Xtals	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$20
Wulfenite	Xi-Chang mine, Sichuan, China	\$15
Aragonite	Flinders, Victoria	\$10
Glauberite	Lake Bumbunga, SA	\$10
Crocoite with gibbsite	Adelaide mine, Dundas, Tas.	\$10
Azurite, malachite	Malbunka mine, Areyonga, NT	\$5
Quartz with tiny cassiterites	Torrington, NSW	\$5
Rhodonite, calcite, sphalerite	Broken Hill, NSW	\$10
Beudantite, pyromorphite	Block 14, Broken Hill (ex J. Leach colln)	\$5
Cuprite with v. chalcotrichite	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$10
Atacamite	Osborne mine, NW Q'land	\$5
Azurite	Girilambone Copper mine, NSW	\$20
Bustamite, galena	NBHC mine, Broken Hill	\$5
Atacamite	E26 open cut, Northparkes	\$10
Pyrrhotite, Galena	NBHC mine, Broken Hill	\$5
Atacamite in cuprite	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$5
Aurichalcite	Evelyn mine, NT	\$10
Natrolite	Marrawah Basalts, Tasmania	\$5
Chabazite	Ben Lomond Hill, NSW	\$5
Quartz, large crystal	Kingsgate?	\$40
Gold in core	Kalgoorlie	silent auction
Agate, polished	Brazil	\$10
Slabs of lapidary rough		lot \$5
Cowell jade (3)		\$10
Quartz Crystals (3)	Ashton, SA	prices as marked
Gypsum crystals	Bolton, Victoria	\$10
Chrysocolla	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$10
Cuprite	Great Australia mine, Cloncurry	\$5
Glendonite "pineapples"	Wallaby Gully, Quarrobolong, NSW	\$5 to 10
Stellerite	Coonabarabran, NSW	\$5 to 10
Quartz crystals	Kingsgate, NSW	\$5+
Crocoite	Adelaide mine, Dundas, Tas.	\$15 to 20