



THE
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF
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NEWSLETTER

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The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 6th 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 commence with a talk to be given by Jim Sharpe on : -

'Tenorite; Not pretty but interesting'

The talk will be followed by a lecture to be given by Vera Munro-Smith on : -

'The Cobalt Deposits of the Cloncurry and Mount Isa District'

Members are invited to bring in specimens of cobalt minerals from Queensland and from anywhere else in the world to display and illustrate the lecture.

At the February Meeting there will also be a **Mineral Sale** to raise money for the **Kids With Cancer Foundation** and a sale list of over one hundred minerals is accompanying this Newsletter. Further donations could be brought in on the sale evening.

Minerals will be on sale from 7.00 p.m. and transactions could continue after the Meeting program has commenced at 7.30 p.m. Buyers are asked to conduct this as quietly as possible.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2015

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

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of the months throughout the year except before the long weekends of April, June and October when it will be held on the second Friday.

- March 6th 2015: Report on the **2015 Tucson Show** by Penny Williamson, and a lecture by Paul Carr on **'The Burning Question of Mt Wingen – When did the Fire Start?'**
- April 10th 2015: Minitalk by Jim Sharpe on : - **'Sampleite, An Undervalued Mineral'**.
(Second Friday). Lecture by Jeff Davis on **'Applications of Mineralogy in Forensic Science'**.
- May 1st 2015: Member's **Mini-Auction**.
- June 12th 2015: Member's Forum on **'Kingsgate Revisited'**. Overview of the history, geology and
(Second Friday) minerals. Member's experiences, mineral display and discussion.

WELCOME

Welcome to new members **Diane Kemp** of Maitland and **Greg Willis** of Beecroft.

The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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DIGITAL INFORMATION

Fairly regularly the Society receives e-mailed information, notices, bulletins, Newsletters and advertising material etc from other Mineralogical societies, lapidary clubs and other earth science-interest bodies and dealers, mostly in digital form or as an Internet link. Forwarding these on to all Society members as received may not be acceptable to everyone but can be done to individuals upon request.

Members are obviously at liberty to ask the senders to place them on their address lists to receive information directly if they have not already done so.

Over the previous two months the following notifications have been received : -

Australia and New Zealand Micromineral News (#10) on 'Crocoite.com'
 Joint Mineralogical Societies Seminar, Tasmania November 2015
 QLD Minsoc Newsletter issue 73 (December 2014)
 Mineralogical Society of Victoria - Newsletter, "November" 2014
 CK (Cyril Kovac) Minerals Update December 2014 and New Year Update 2015
 2015 White Cliffs Gem Fest & Car Boot Sale 26 and 27 September
 Mineralogical Society of South Australia Inc, Newsletter No 36, November 2014
 Private Jewellery Courses in Sydney by the Ernst Pfenninger's School for Gold
 and Silversmiths (now known as Studio 303).
 Canberra Lapidary Club Events 2015 Flyer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB ROCK SWAP 2015

Being held in the Stuart Park Wollongong on Sunday 1st of March 2015 from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Members please note: The Illawarra Club has changed the above date for the
 Rock Swap from the date given in the December Newsletter.

'Come along and enjoy our 2015 Rock Swap at Stuart Park Wollongong. The rock swap starts at 8.30 a.m. through to 2.30 p.m. with lots of members and tailgaters selling anything from lapidary items including rough, slabs to finished cut cabochons, faceted stones and finished items of silver and even gold jewellery. A rock scramble for children is at 11a.m. Noon and 1p.m. – Very popular with the kids.'

More information on : - <http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/major-events/>

BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

The Back from Tucson sale will be held over Saturday & Sunday, the 7th and 8th of March at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry. From 9:30am until 5pm.

CANBERRA ROCK SWAP 2015

The Canberra Rock Swop, organized by the Canberra Lapidary Club is being held as usual on the camping ground at Wagtail Way in the EPIC showground alongside Northbourne Avenue in Canberra over Saturday and Sunday the 21st & 22nd of March 2015 from 8.30 am to 5.00pm each day.

Fossickers & dealers, Crystals, minerals, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils, jewellery.
 More information on www.canberralapidary.org.au

The NEW ENGLAND LAPIDARY & FOSSICKING CLUB INC.

Presents the 24th ANNUAL GEM AND CRAFT SHOW

Over Saturday March 21st, 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday March 22nd 2015 from 9 am to 3 pm.
in the Armidale Showground.

Gems, Rocks, Crystals, Jewellery, Gifts, Craft, Beads and Lapidary Books/Supplies/Equipment.

Light refreshments available. Stall holders welcome, Public Liability Insurance Required.

For details contact the organisers on (02) 6778 5122 after hours or e-mail nelfc@hotmail.com

GEMBOREE 2015 HORSHAM, VICTORIA

AUSTRALIA'S 51st NATIONAL GEM, LAPIDARY, JEWELLERY AND MINERAL SHOW.

Presented by the Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations Inc. (AFLACA).

GEMBOREE 2015 is to be held in the Wimmera Events Centre on Longerenong Road,
Dooen, via Horsham, over Easter, the 3rd to 6th of April 2015.

Showcase displays of 1,000 + National Competition Entries, Demonstrations of gem cutting & faceting, lapidary work, enameling and beading. Gemstone identification. Trade stands of a huge range of gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewellery, beads, meteorites, lapidary equipment and dozens of tailgating stalls. Program of social activities, lectures and field trips. Camping catered for with powered sites.

Gemboree booklets, information and registration from gemboree@victoriangemclubs.asn.au

Information on accommodation and other information on the area from www.visitorhorsham.com.au
or call the Horsham and Grampian Visitor Information Centre on 1800 633 218

The 26th Annual LISMORE GEMFEST

Presented by the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club Inc over the weekend
of the 16th & 17th May 2015 in the Lismore Showgrounds

The 26th Gemfest is now in its 'Silver Jubilee' year and will be held as by now long-established in the Lismore Showground. The last Show in May 2014 saw a large number of dealers and over 130 stallholders and tailgaters who displayed and provided minerals, fossils, cutting material, cut stones, jewellery findings, tools, machinery and finished jewellery.

'More than half of the trading is under cover, providing a safeguard against poor weather. There are also club displays and children's activities such as gem sieving. A variety of refreshments are available from several caterers. On site camping registrations are obtainable at very economical rates.'

Information: Postal enquiries to P.O.Box 743, Lismore, NSW 2480,

General enquiries to Bruce Copper on 02 6688 8280 or e-mail : - bcopper@bluemaxx.com,

Tailgate enquiries to Jan Thompson on telephone 02 6621 4703.

or visit the Website www.gemclublismore.org.au.

THE WINTER GEMCRAFT & MINERAL SHOW

by the Canberra Lapidary Club

Held over Saturday and Sunday the 30th and 31st of May 2015 from 10.00 am to 5.00pm each day in the Mallee Pavilion in the EPIC park alongside Northbourne Avenue in Canberra.

Entry \$5 adults, \$10 family, \$2 children/concession.

Dealers in Minerals, fossils, jewellery, rough & cut gemstones, opals, beads, lapidary equipment & supplies, displays of member's collections.

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