



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

The July Meeting will be held on Friday the 5th of July at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville.

The program for the July Meeting will include a report will be given by Paul Meszaros on :-

‘The NSW Economic Rock and Mineral Collection – Latest Developments’.

The lecture will be given by David Colchester on :-

‘Homemade Minerals’.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

August 2nd : The Society **Annual General Meeting** followed by the Mayne/Walker Memorial lecture which will be given this year by Peter Williams and Jim Sharpe on :-
Secondary Copper minerals of the Mt Isa District.

September 6th : There will be a lecture to be given by Lee spencer on **Arsenates:**
(with examples from the Ojeula Mine, Mexico).

October 11th (Second Friday): There will be a lecture on **Mineral Museums in Australia and Overseas** by Dieter Mylius and Graham Ogle.

Nov 1st: Lecture by David French on **Minerals in Coal.** (title to be confirmed)

Dec 6th: **Christmas Swap and Sell**

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 2nd of August 2019

Members are hereby duly notified that the Meeting on Friday the 2nd of August 2019 will be the Society Annual General Meeting which will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club room.

The A.G.M. will present the President's report for 2018/2019, the Treasurer's report and presentation of the annual financial accounts for 2018/2019 and the election of the Society Committee and office-bearers for 2019/2020. In accordance with the Society Constitution the entire current Committee retires at the commencement of the A.G.M. and all positions are open for nomination and election. Any other business may also be raised and discussed. The minutes of the previous 2018 A.G.M. were circulated in the September 2018 Newsletter. Copies will be available at the 2019 A.G.M. or may be obtained from the Secretary.

Nomination forms for election to the 2019/2020 Committee are being circulated with this Newsletter. Further copies may be obtained from the Secretary if required. According to the Society Constitution nominations should be received seven days before the commencement of the A.G.M. If insufficient nominations are received before the commencement of the A.G.M. they can be accepted at the Meeting.

Only financial and Honorary Life members of the Society are eligible for nomination or allowed to participate in any voting. Any members who feel able to serve on the Committee are urged to discuss this with any of the current Committee members and then to arrange for another member to propose them and provide the nomination form. A member can be nominated for but cannot hold more than one position.

Nomination forms may be sent to the Secretary electronically but given any possible computer/internet delays, members sending forms should ask for a confirmation that they have been received.

Members sending hard copy nomination forms by post are reminded to address all correspondence to :-

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The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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WITH REGRET

With regret it was learned that Ted Storm, Society member in Inverell, had passed away early in June. Ted had lived in Inverell for many years and had been a member of the local Lapidary club and was active in gem and minerals shows held in the New England area.

THE JUNE MEETING

Due to some members being away from Sydney on the central NSW Field Trip over the last week in June only a short report on the June Society meeting can be provided here.

As the Meeting commenced the President, Dieter Mylius, referred to lottery tickets which had been issued to each member as they had arrived, a winning ticket to be drawn later. The speaker for the evening, Jamey Wilson, had brought in a number of pieces of a very rare Russian mineral, **charoite**, to illustrate his lecture and he had donated one specimen to be provided as a door prize to the winner of the lottery.

(Charoite is a rare silicate mineral first described in 1978 and named after the Chara River in Siberia. It has only been found in massive form but is a bright intense translucent purple colour with a pearly lustre and swirling fibrous appearance. Pieces of the best examples are said to command very high prices).

The President next commended **Marian Ong** who had again brought in a several platters of extra snack foods and cup-cakes for the meeting's refreshments. He also drew attention to a box of miscellaneous minerals he had brought in to distribute as '**dollar box**' specimens, members wishing to take any were to pay a dollar per specimen to the collection box.

Ed Zbik addressed the Meeting first to announce that several more members had completed their **SWMS** applications and been awarded certificates which he handed out to those members who were present at the Meeting. The members included Martin Rosser's wife, Joanne, Denis O'brien and George Laking

Referring to the forthcoming **Field Trip** to central NSW, taking in a visit to the **Manuka mine**. Ed Zbik reported that there were now eighteen people who had registered for the trip which was scheduled to last from the 22nd to the 28th of June. Several mine sites in addition to Manuka were to be visited but final arrangements were continuing.

Geoff Parsons who had recently returned from a visit to **South America**, mainly **Colombia**, addressed the Meeting to describe some of his experiences there, notably the problems, or features, of transporting minerals through various national borders and dealing with their customs authorities. Some of these turned out to be not unfamiliar to other members including the speaker for the evening, Jamey Wilson, who was to speak about his experiences in collecting in Russia and then also bringing specimens out of that country.

Simon Tanner was then asked to deliver a talk on his visit with other Society members to the **Manuka mine** last year when members were able to collect an impressive amount of the quartz crystals for which the site has become notable. The quartz from Manuka features many large doubly-terminated specimens, all smoky to a degree, many large, fairly to quite clear and some showing internal gas-in-liquid bubbles. The speaker had taken a number of 'still' photographs of the site but also segments of video showing him approaching clay faces of the dumps with crystals conveniently exposed. These were jutting out of the surface and he was able to pull them out by hand after perhaps chopping at the clay surface briefly with his geo pick.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Campbelltown Districts Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition and Sale

Held in the Greg Percival Community Centre, Ingleburn on Saturday 13th of July
from 9.30am to 5.00pm and Sunday the 14th of July from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Dealers will be selling faceting and cabbing rough, hand-made jewellery, sterling silver jewellery, mineral specimens, crystals, tools, beads and findings, rough and polished gem stones and opals.
Entry \$5. Children under 12 free (with paying adult)

THE JOINT MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALASIA 42nd ANNUAL SEMINAR

The 42nd Joint Seminar of the Mineralogical Societies of Australasia will be held in the State Library of WA in Perth over Saturday and Sunday the 31st of August and 1st of September 2019 on the theme : -

Traps in Mineralogy – Pseudomorphs, Look-Alikes, Fakes and Synthetics

The full Seminar program includes a Micromount session to be held at the WA Lapidary Club, Rivervale, a Swap and Sell on Monday 2 September also at the WA Lapidary Club, Rivervale (\$5.00 per table for sellers), and a field trip to the Murchison Region on Tuesday the 3rd of September.

Registration fees if paid before the end of February were discounted but are now \$150.00 for MinSoc or like-Society Members, \$185.00 for non-members and \$75.00 for students.

The Conference dinner, (\$65), and Mineral Auction will be held on Saturday evening at the Mercure Hotel, Perth CBD.

Inquiries for information, registration and bookings may be made to : -

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Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

The Mineralogical Society of Western Australia Inc.

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http://www.minsocwa.org.au

The Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Annual Gem Show

To be held over Saturday and Sunday August 17th and 18th in the
Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) just west of Information Centre.

http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm

8 am to 4 pm Daily. Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1.

The Carlingford Gem, Mineral & Lapidary Show

Being held over Saturday & Sunday the 24th & 25th of August. From 9.30am to 5.00pm on Saturday and 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sunday in the Roselea Community Centre, 645 Pennant Hills Road. Carlingford.

The Carlingford Show is hosted by the Australian Gem & Mineral Expo's and the Northern Districts Lapidary Club. Displays and sales of jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, carvings, gem rough, lapidary cutting rough, fossils, meteorites, crystals as well as mineral specimens from Australia and all over the World.

Entry \$7, kids (*under 18 with parent/s*) are free. Lucky door prize.

Information from www.agamexpos.com.au or contact Peter on 0412 333 150,
email at raregems@optusnet.com.au

GEMKHANA 2019

The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over NSW will be presented by the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW Inc, in the Howard Pavilion at the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground, 40 Racecourse Road at Clarendon outside Richmond over the weekend of the 28th and 29th of September from 9am to 5pm each day. Entry \$5.

Visitors please note: The above dates are before the long weekend of the 5th to 7th of October.

Featuring: The largest emerald found in NSW; hand-crafted jewellery; polished stones; (cabochons); stone carvings; minerals and fossils. Demonstrations of Silver Work and Gem Cutting
For further details email gemkhana@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

The Central Coast Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show

Will be held in the Mingara Recreational Club, Mingara, Tumbi Umbi, from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Saturday October 12th and from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Sunday October 13th

The Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc presents the 2019 Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival

To be held in the Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto. From 9.00am to 4pm on Saturday 2nd November and from 9.00am to 2.30pm on Sunday the 3rd of November.

Entry: Adults \$3, children under 12 years free.

Featuring: Gemstone Faceting, Cabochon Cutting, Silvercrafts, Jewellery Making and Valuations, Mineral Group displays, Club and Fossicking Information, Refreshments, Raffle, Lucky Door Prizes and Kids' Games. Dealers Selling: Lapidary Supplies, Minerals, Jewellery, Crystals, Findings, Fossils, Beads and Opals
Enquiries: John (02) 42675618 www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.

The Windsor Gem and Mineral Expo

Being held from 9:30 till 5:00 on Saturday 23rd November and 9:30 till 4:00 on Sunday 24th November in the Windsor Function Centre on the corner of George Street and Dight Street Windsor.

Hosted by Australian Gem & Mineral Expo's and the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club.

Displays and demonstrations by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club as well as traders and dealers from around Australia. Items for sale by the many traders will include jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, carvings, gem rough, lapidary cutting rough, fossils, meteorites, crystals as well as mineral specimens from Australia and all over the world. Entry \$7, kids (*under 18 with parent/s*) free. Lucky door prize.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019/2020

POSITION	Name of Nominee (Please print)	Signature of Nominee
OFFICE-BEARERS		
PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
MEMBER

PROPOSER:

Name (Please print):

Signature:

Date: