



## THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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### NEWSLETTER      APRIL 2022 AT LAST!

**The April Meeting will be held in the clubrooms of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville, on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 7.30 pm.**

For this resumption of 'live' Society meetings members are recommended to observe a few precautions. All members attending the meeting should be double vaccinated, masks can be worn but are optional and social distancing should be maintained. Everyone should sign the Attendance Register although registering by QR code is not required. Anyone who feels unwell or has had recent contact with an infected person should not attend the Meeting.

It is hoped to provide a virtual coverage of the meeting for the benefit of members unable to attend in person however this facility is unfamiliar to the Committee and may take some time for the operators to become familiar with the procedure. Members will be provided with the Zoom link code by e-mail near to the meeting date

At the April Meeting there will be a lecture to be given by Dioni Cendon on

#### **'A Mineralogical Trip Around Spain'.**

There will also be a mini-talk to be given by David Colchester on

#### **'Datolite from Albion Park'**

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### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

All being well, and with no more serious COVID variants becoming established, Society Meetings will continue to be held at the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club from now on.

May 6<sup>th</sup>:      The Annual **Members Mineral Auction** will be conducted by Glenn Brown.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>:      The program will include a lecture by Kevin Capnerhurst on **'The State of the NSW Economic Rock & Mineral Collection'**.

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### Free minerals Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April, North Epping

The Ogles are moving in April, and need to downsize on some minerals and fossils. Come over Saturday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 9.30am, 22 Howard Place, North Epping. Nearly all specimens will be free; a few will have a low price. There will be Australian and some overseas specimens. Bring a box or three!

If any MinSoc member would also like to bring some minerals over, you are welcome, but four conditions:

They must be freebies.

Please arrive before 9.15am.

Please let Graham know beforehand so there is no duplication.

Please take them home afterwards if someone else doesn't 😊 .

For further information contact Graham on [quartzandsirius@hotmail.com](mailto:quartzandsirius@hotmail.com) or 0400 683 574.

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### Society Fieldtrip to the Manuka / Wonawinta Silver Mine

The Mineralogical Society is planning a field trip to the Manuka / Wonawinta Silver Mine on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, over the ANZAC day long weekend. This field trip in previous years has been very popular with members.

The mine is a 110km drive south of Cobar and an 8.5-hour drive from the Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club.

All participants need to register their interest for the field trip and the closing date for people registering is the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. We are asking the mine to allow 20 people per day, but the mine administrators are yet to confirm.

Preference will be given to members who have not been before, and on a first in basis. So, register right away. Depending on numbers, members may only get access to the site for one day.

To participate in the field trip, **you must be:**

1. a currently financial member of the society
2. Holding a current SWMS certification
3. 'Triple vaccinated' and be able to show evidence of such e.g., NSW gov app. We are not yet certain of the mine's requirements but that may include a RAT test.

Transport, accommodation, and food for the field trip is up to the participants to organise themselves.

There is no accommodation at the mine site. Nearest accommodation is at Cobar 1.2 hours away, Nymagee Hotel 50 minutes away, and Four Corners Farm Stay (near Nymagee) 1 hour away. Be aware this is over the school holidays and a long weekend, so accommodation may be limited. For accommodation in the Cobar Shire visit this website <https://visitcobarshire.com.au/accomodation> .

Here is the mindat profile of the mine <https://www.mindat.org/loc-303626.html> and what mineral species may be found. Amazing quartz crystals are the main finds – see attached photos.

To register your interest contact Mark Walters [markwalterstafe@gmail.com](mailto:markwalterstafe@gmail.com)

## Examples of quartz crystals from Manuka

Photos by John Chapman



Ed Zbik specimen – 6 cm tall



John Chapman specimen – 5 cm across



Graham Ogle specimen - 8.5 cm long

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **AGAMEXpo 2022: Over the 9th & 10th of April**

The **2022 Australian Gem and Mineral Expo, (AGAMEXpo)**, will be held in the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium on Greenhills Way off Stewart Street, South Windsor. The Indoor Stadium is a very large venue and the Expo held for the first time at the Stadium last year was very well attended by the general public. The Society will be providing an information table at the show and Peter Beckwith has also invited Society members to set up displays of selections of their mineral collections. Display cases will be supplied.

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### **58TH GEMBOREE 2022**

The 58th National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE, will be held over the Easter long weekend from Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to Monday the 18th of April at the Australian Rural Education Centre (AREC) in Bombira on the Ulan Road about 2.5 kms north of Mudgee town centre, NSW.

Friday from 12pm to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm and Monday from 9am to 2pm.

The Gemboree 2022 Booklet and other information is available and can be downloaded from the AFLACA, (Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Associations Inc) website : -

*<https://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>*

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The following notice has been distributed by the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club to all lapidary clubs and mineralogical societies.

**‘LISMORE GEMFEST’ PRESS RELEASE      WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 2022**

**‘LISMORE GEMFEST 2022 CANCELLED**

The Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club today announced the cancellation of Lismore Gemfest 2022 due to the impact of the natural disaster caused by the one in 500 year flood on February 28.

While the club itself suffered only minor damage in North Lismore at the Showground compared to other local residents and businesses, the ongoing need for community support at the Lismore Showground means holding the event is not reasonable.

Marcus Bebb, Secretary of the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club said, *“After the huge success in welcoming back the public for Lismore Gemfest in 2021 following the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, we are extremely disappointed to cancel this year.”*

*“Our hearts go out to those that have lost their homes and businesses and to our city that will need time to re-build the heart of Lismore in the CBD.”*

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### **Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Show**

From 10am to 5pm Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.  
in the Mallee Pavilion in the Exhibition Park (EPIC), Canberra.

Entry \$7 Adults, \$12 Family \$4 Concession, Free to Children to Age 16.

Dealers with sales of gems, minerals, jewellery, minerals, fossils, rough & cut gemstones,  
crystals, opals, beads & lapidary supplies.

Refreshments available

Other Displays of members' collections & demonstrations of cabbing & faceting.

Age of Fishes Museum Information & Fossil Exhibition.

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