



# THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2008

**The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 1st of February 2008 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 Ken McQueen on: -

#### **The History of the Mount Boppy Gold Mine**

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### **PARKING IN THE U.W.S. CAMPUS GROUNDS**

**Members are reminded** that that parking fees are required for any cars being parked within the campus grounds at North Parramatta **during evenings as well as during the day**. Motorists may pay for parking tickets at the machine situated alongside the parking bays in front of Building LZ and display the ticket in their windcreens, otherwise drivers should park outside the campus grounds in Pemberton Street, which would only be a hundred meters walk to the LZ building.

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### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the year except in June and October when the Meeting will be held on the second Friday after the long weekends.

The following schedule of program subjects and speakers has been compiled for most of this year. Subject to circumstances some changes may have to be made in due course.

March 7<sup>th</sup> : - 'Tucson Update 2008' by Peter Beckwith &  
'Early Collectors of Broken Hill' by John Rankin:

April 4<sup>th</sup> : - 'Native Copper – Formation & Diverse Habits' by Jim Sharpe &  
 'Minerals of the Russian Museums' by Lin Sutherland:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> : - Member's Mini-Auction:

June 13<sup>th</sup> (Second Friday of this month): - Lecture possibly to be given by Dereck Dolstra on  
 the first N.S.W. government mineralogist.

July 4<sup>th</sup> : - 'The Minerals of Mt Vesuvius' by Graham Ogle:

August 1st : - Society A.G.M. Memorial lecture speaker and subject to be arranged.

September 5<sup>th</sup> : - 'The Mullaley Prehnite Deposit' by Noel Kennon:

October 10<sup>th</sup> (Second Friday of this month): - 'The Fluorescent Minerals of Franklin'  
 by Paul Carr:

November 7<sup>th</sup> : Program not finalised.

December 5<sup>th</sup> : 2008 Christmas Social and Swap n' Sell.

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### **The Next MICROMOUNTER'S GROUP Meeting**

The next meeting of the Micromounting Group is at Noel and Ann Kennon's home, 129 Compton St., Dapto. Tel 02 4262 7614 (annoel@learth.net) on Saturday 16th February 2008 at 12 midday, starting with lunch! The theme is "Minerals from the United Kingdom". All are welcome. If you can come please let Noel and Ann know.

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### **THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

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### **WELCOME**

Welcome to new Society members : - Anne Andrews of Seaham  
 Kenneth Mitchell of Gerringong  
 Dianne Vigurs of Blacktown  
 And returning ex-member : - Noni Primrose of Hunters Hill.

## 2008 Society Membership Fees:

Members are reminded that **Society membership fees were due from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008**. Subscription renewal forms were sent out in November and more are available from the Secretary or Treasurer at any Meeting.

The renewal form may also be used to pay next year's premium for **Personal Accident Insurance**. Premiums for the current September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 period were due before September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. The period to be covered by any payments made now would be from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Payments for **P.A.I.** for the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 period could still be made separately from the annual subscriptions by submitting a form and paying the appropriate fee - up to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, (when the Society financial records are closed for the annual audit).

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB - 2008 ROCK AND MINERAL FAIR

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club sell minerals, fossils, lapidary work, jewellery, books, equipment and other wares. "Rock Scramble" around mid-day for children and young people. Stuart Park, by the beach at North Wollongong, 8.30am-2.30pm.

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There will probably be the annual '**BACK FROM TUCSON**' Mineral Sale held on the first or second weekend in March 2008. Date to be advised.

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### GEMBOREE 2008 at Murray Bridge S.A.

Easter 2008 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Murray Bridge Showground.

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## CANBERRA ROCK SWOP APRIL 2008

The Canberra Lapidary Club is holding their annual Rock Swop again this year on Saturday and Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of April at the usual venue, the EPIC, (Exhibition Park In Canberra), on the corner of Northbourne Avenue, (Federal Highway), and Flemington Road, Lyneham. The Show Convenor, Mike Wright, has sent the Society the information and registration pack on the Rock Swop as usual and which is being distributed with this Newsletter

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**CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB, Inc****GPO Box 1257, CANBERRA ACT 2601****ROCK SWAP – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - REGISTRATION**

Thank you for registering your interest in our Rock Swap.

We had fifty four tailgaters on the Saturday last year, and the crowds were quite good – until the rain set in about 2pm. Ah, the joys of tailgating!. The Farmers' Market that now takes place every Saturday morning in pavilions only a couple of hundred metres from our site brings in hordes of people. Be prepared for them to turn up from 8am!

As previously, we have reserved fifty sites in the camping area, and all are powered, though unpowered sites are available. **Pets are permitted (and welcome!).** There is some adjoining space for those who want to tailgate, but not camp. We can get some more space if necessary. We can cater for people who want to arrive early or stay on after the Rock Swap. Cost will be \$22 per day powered, or \$12 unpowered.

Regrettably, EPIC has increased the selling fees this year. We have no option but to pass on the increase. Camping fees are unchanged.

A local caravan rental company is offering 2- to 6-berth vans for hire, and they will put them on site. If you want to hire a van, please contact B & V Van Hire directly. At the time of writing, the cost is \$55 per day for a minimum of two days, and a security bond will be required. Unfortunately, hirers at other events have vandalised the vans, stolen fittings or left them like pig sties, so the owners have had to crack down. Contact details are at the bottom of this letter. We will also have 2.4 metre tables for hire for those who may be unable to bring their own. **As was the case last year we now have to pay for the full weekend for all tables delivered to our site, so we will only order enough for those who reserve them. There will be no spares.**

The emphasis is on having a fun event with a minimum of administrative interference. Hence there are no restrictions on selling times and no space restrictions for those who have camp sites, provided that they stay within their site boundaries. You may need to move your vehicle out of the way when you are selling. Selling to dealers and other tailgaters on the Friday is quite OK.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**If you want your “usual” site, we MUST HAVE your REGISTRATION  
AND PAYMENT by COB on Friday 14th March 2008**

Advance registration will help to minimise the chaos at the time, but we hope to be able to accommodate those who make a last minute decision to attend. You WILL NOT get a preferred site in this case. And, if we are booked out, or “your” site has been allocated to someone else, so be it. Day sellers can also take as much space as they want for the flat fee.

Entry is free for the public. So far, several other events have been booked for the weekend at EPIC, and these will help to bring in the public.

EPIC is only a couple of minutes' drive from the Dickson shopping centre, which trades seven days a week. In addition to Woollies and the usual array of specialty shops, Dickson is the home of

Canberra's Chinatown, with an excellent selection of restaurants - Asian, Middle East and whatever. Not to mention Maccas and The Colonel. EPIC is also close to several motels and guest houses. For more information on these, please contact the Canberra Visitors' Centre. Contact details are also at the foot of this letter.

All the major attractions of the National Capital, such as the War Memorial, National Gallery, National Museum, Old and New Parliament Houses etc are within about fifteen minutes drive of EPIC.

The social events – the Banger Barbie on Friday and a pizza night on Saturday will be on again this year. The Banger Barby will kick off at 6pm on Friday evening. For two dollars we will provide two bangers, sauce and onions in two slices of bread. Kids' half serves for \$1. BYO chairs, drinks and salad. We will take orders and money for the pizza party during the day on Saturday, and have them delivered at about 6.30pm, or whatever other time suits the majority.

The 4-burner gas BBQ, roughly 90cm x 60cm will be available for use at all times other than cooking time on Friday night. A small donation towards the cost of gas will be appreciated.

Regards,

*Mike Wright*

Show Convener - phone 02 6286 3384 - email [howardr@homemail.com.au](mailto:howardr@homemail.com.au)

**FUTURE SHOWS – put them in your diary NOW!**

**2009 Weekend 28/29 March - 2 weeks before Gemboree in Horsham Vic**

**2010 Weekend 20/21 March – 2 weeks before Gemboree in Tas**

**CONTACTS:**

Canberra Visitors Centre Phone: 1300 554 114 FAX: 02 6205 0666  
crtc@act.gov.au or [www.canberratourism.com.au](http://www.canberratourism.com.au)

Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) 02 6241 3022  
[www.epic.act.gov.au](http://www.epic.act.gov.au)

B & V Van Hire: [bvvanhire@iprimus.com.au](mailto:bvvanhire@iprimus.com.au) 44 Buttle St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
Ph 02 6299 1101 mob 0412 531 465

**PAYMENT**

**Please send cheque or money order (sorry, we cannot take cards), - made out to Canberra Lapidary Club Inc to the above address, Attention: Show Convenor.**

**CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB, Inc**

**GPO Box 1257, CANBERRA ACT 2601**

**ABN 23-771-4011-98**

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## REGISTRATION AND TAX INVOICE

**CANBERRA ROCK SWAP - Sat 5/Sun 6 April 2008**

Name.....

Address..... P/C .....

Phone..... Email.....

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION** i.e. camp and/or sell on site - selling is optional - if you do not want to sell, leave those lines blank. Please circle all relevant days.

Camping Site Fee: Fri 4 Sat 5 Sun 6 ..... days at \$25 = \$.....

Plus extra days (state which).....days at \$22 = \$.....

OR Unpowered Site Fri 4 Sat 5 Sun 6 .....days at \$12 = \$.....

Plus extra days (state which).....days at \$12 = \$.....

**PLUS, IF APPLICABLE:**

Selling Sat 5 Sun 6 ..... days at \$14 = \$.....

Tables ..... 2.4 metre tables at \$10 each = \$.....

**TOTAL**     \$.....

**OFF-SITE REGISTRATION** i.e. no reserved selling space - set up and take down each day. Gazebos and/or covered stock can be left on site overnight at owner's risk.

Selling Sat 5 Sun 6 ..... days at \$14 = \$.....

Tables ..... 2.4 metre tables at \$10 each = \$.....

**TOTAL** = \$.....

**For catering planning only – no money now:**

**Attending Banger Barbie: .....Adults .....Kids**