



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

The February Meeting will be held in the clubrooms of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville, on Friday the 3rd of February at 7.30 pm.

At the Meeting there will be a lecture to be given by Terry Hogarth & Lyn Webb on :-

‘Collecting in Nevada, USA’

John Chapman will also describe :- **‘An Eventful Field Trip to Muttama in 1983’**

As additional interest to the description of the Trip to Muttama members are invited to bring in any samples they have collected from Muttama for display, and also come prepared with any interesting field trip anecdotes they might like to share.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS and PROGRAMS

March 3rd: There will be a lecture to be given by Ross Pogson on ‘Mineral Icons of the Australian Museum’ and a talk by David Colchester on ‘A Simple Ph Field Test to help in Mineral Identification’.

April 14th: (The meeting will be on the second Friday in April, after Easter). There will be a lecture given by Graham Ogle on ‘The Punta de Su Seinargiu Mine in Sardinia; - Kingsgate’s Cousin’.

May 5th: Member’s Annual Mineral Auction.

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The Society Micro-Mineral Group Meetings

Our first micro group for the year will be on Sun 26th Feb at 1pm. The theme will be: Zeolites and associated minerals. There will be freebies.

All Society members can attend Micromount meetings but because these are usually held in a member's house, please let the person hosting it, and/or Graham Ogle know by email if you plan on coming.

Kind regards, Graham Ogle.

The December 2022 Meeting / Annual Christmas Social

By comparison to the previous year's December Social with COVID- related restrictions in place the Society had a very successful Social this year. There were forty attendees with about a dozen members selling having brought a substantial and varied amount of specimens. Hopefully an encouraging amount of sales were made and money changed hands.

The Lapidary Club had Christmas-decorated their club room very thoroughly and attractively with garlands etc but in the event the Society Social was held mostly outside. The weather was bright and not too hot, and as soon there were sufficient 'workers' on hand they set about erecting awnings and putting out tables and chairs. One table only inside the club room was used to set out the hot drink materials and deserts, otherwise all activity was outside.

Most attendees arrived between 10.00 and 11.00 am, virtually none after midday. The BBQ had been set up with a spare gas cylinder and by midday most of the attendees had gathered around it and were putting it to very good use. Some attendees had brought their own meat to cook but with a supply of fresh meat brought in extra everyone was able to fill up well on plenty of food of which there was no shortage. With everyone well fed and with sales stopping the tables and awnings were packed up and the 2022 Social closed by 3.00 pm. Holding the Social in daylight hours and utilising the BBQ appears to have been a very good idea and was apparently quite popular which is a lesson for future events.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc 2023 ROCK SWOP

Sunday the 12th of March from 8.am to 2.00 pm in the Stuart Park, North Wollongong.
Stalls selling crystals, minerals, fossils, jewellery, equipment and books.

2023 CANBERRA ROCK SWAP

Being held over Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th of March in the Parrot Park, EPIC, Canberra.

Saturday: 8.30am to 5pm; - Sunday: 8.30am to 4pm. Entry free.

A map of the venue, registration forms for campers and stall-holders is available

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GEMBOREE 2023

The 59th Gemboree, the National Gem & Mineral Show, will be held over Easter – from the 7th to the 10th of April in the showgrounds at Dayboro, a country town about 45kms NW of Brisbane.

For more information: www.gemboree2023.com.au.

The NATIONAL GEM & CRYSTAL EXPO 2023

The **National Gem & Crystal Expo** is being held over the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd of April in the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium on Greenhills Way, off Stewart Street, South Windsor.
