



**THE
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES INC**

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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2013

The July Meeting will be held on Friday the 5th of July 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 July Meeting will include a lecture to be given by Michael Waterhouse on : -

‘New Guinea Gold. The Story of the Wau Bulolo Goldfields in PNG’

Michael Waterhouse is an economist and historian and the author of the book : -
‘Not a Poor Mans’s Field. The New Guinea Goldfields to 1942. An Australian Colonial History’.
The author has travelled extensively in Papua New Guinea and written several books about the country.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month for the rest of the year except in October when the Meeting will be deferred to the second Friday because the first Friday is before a long weekend.

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

August 2nd: Society AGM and the Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture. The lecture will be given by Ian Graham on a subject to be advised.

September 6th: The program will include a lecture to be given by John Tottenham on : -
Pine Ridge Cassiterite.

Members will be asked to bring in specimens of tin minerals to help illustrate this lecture and could start looking now to their collections to select tin minerals to display at the September Meeting.

October 11th: (The first Friday in October is before a long weekend and the Society Meeting will therefore be deferred to the second Friday).

Member's Display of Their Favourite Fluorites. Talk on **Fluorite** by Gary Sutherland.

November 1st: The program is not finalised.

December 6th: Annual Christmas Social and 'Swap n' Sell.

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are hereby duly notified that the Meeting on Friday the 2nd of August 2013 will be the Society Annual General Meeting which will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the LZG14 lecture room.

The Society Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. with the President's report for 2012/2013, the Treasurer's report and presentation of the annual financial accounts for 2012/2013 and the election of the Society Committee and office-bearers for 2013/2014. 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 2012 A.G.M. were circulated in the September 2012 Newsletter. Copies of this will be available at the 2013 A.G.M. or may be obtained from the Secretary.

Nomination forms for election to the 2013/2014 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. 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 to make known their availability for nomination at the A.G.M. A member can be nominated for but cannot hold more than one position.

The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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THE 36th NATIONAL MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES JOINT SEMINAR JUNE 2013

The 2013 Seminar held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club in Ryde, Sydney, over the Queen's Birthday long weekend was attended by eighty delegates, a commendable proportion of whom including several of the lecturers had travelled a considerable distance to be present. These comprised delegates from Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, West Australia and New Zealand. All the Seminar attendees were very comfortably accommodated and catered to by the Leagues Club.

After the welcoming address at the commencement of the Seminar at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday the 8th of June a total of fifteen lecturers presented a series of lectures on a wide range of subjects over the two days to midday on Sunday, the mineral sale then being held through that afternoon. Monday morning had been reserved for a Micro-mount display and sale and was attended by between thirty and forty people found to be working intently with microscopes through the morning. Home collection visits were held throughout Monday with reports indicating that these had proved very popular and well attended. Also being held through Monday afternoon were the tours of the Australian Museum mineral collection.

Some thirty Seminar attendees in about twenty cars assembled outside Kulnura Quarry gates on Tuesday morning for the Field Trip. Very conveniently the weather for the field trip was bright and sunny all day, compared to the more dull and wet conditions on the days immediately before and afterwards. The party was taken to several different areas within the quarry by the helpful quarry staff and everyone would have had the opportunity to collect a number of kilos of specimens, possibly mostly calcite but also some chabazite and phillipsite.

Considerable thanks are due to a large number of people who helped the Society Committee organise this year's Seminar. To try and thank all those who contributed is to inevitably leave some out and apologies for this omission. Thanks are obviously and particularly due to the lecturers, some of whom had travelled from interstate to speak at the Seminar and one of whom at least, Professor Ian Plimer, had to leave immediately for an appointment elsewhere.

Thanks are due to the members, Graham Delaforce, Jo Collas and Ed Zbik who helped supervise the reception table; to Meaghan McKinnon who supervised the computer through which all the lecture images were being projected; to Penny Williamson for contacting the lecturers, with help from Jim Sharpe, then collecting their lecture abstracts and photographs and compiling and printing the colourful Seminar program booklet. Thanks to the members, John Chapman, Jim Sharpe and Jeremy Taylor-Edwards who welcomed visitors to view their home collections and to Ross Pogson who apart from presenting one of the lectures during the Seminar also took several tours of visitors around the Australian Museum collection on Monday.

Finally thanks are also due to the staff of the Hansons Company operating Kulnura Quarry for their permission allowing the trip to be made and to their help in directing the party around the workings, to Brian England who provided an explanation of the Kulnura geology to members on arrival and to John Chapman for organising the trip there.

CONGRATULATIONS: Arthur ROFFEY. OAM

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List published on the 10th of June it was announced that Arthur David Roffey had been awarded the **Medal of the Order of Australia** in the **General Division** in recognition of his services to lapidary and mineralogy.

Reference to the description of the Australian Honours system on the Internet indicates that : -

'The Australian honours system consists of a number of orders, decorations, and medals through which the country's sovereign awards its citizens for actions or deeds that benefit the nation. Established in 1975 with the creation of the Order of Australia, the system's scope includes an array of awards, both civil and military, for gallantry, bravery, or achievement and for, distinguished service, meritorious service, and long service'.

Arthur Roffey has spent much of his life working in and promoting the fields of lapidary work and mineralogy. Mainly through the Gem & Lapidary Council of N.S.W. Inc with which he has been long associated he has been involved in organising exhibitions and shows around the State if not the country, presenting and promoting the appreciation and knowledge of lapidary work and mineralogy to the public. In addition to his substantial involvement with lapidary clubs and the Council he was one of the founding members of the Mineralogical Society in 1975. Arthur described his life's work in an autobiographical lecture he gave to the Society in April 2012, '*MY HISTORY IN LAPIDARY AND MINERALS*'.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GEM SHOW by the BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB

Over Saturday and Sunday, the 17th and 18th of August
Being held in the Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW
(Next to NPWS). Just west of Information Centre.
Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales. Refreshments available.
<http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm>
8 am to 4 pm Daily. Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1

GEMKHANA 2013

In the Showground at Mudgee over the long weekend Saturday October 5th - 10.00am-5.00pm;
Sunday October 6th - 9.00am-5.00pm; & Monday, October 7th - 9.00am to midday.

'The competition brings entries from all across NSW and quite a few from interstate. Dealers and tailgaters will attend. We will have children's activities. Refreshments will be available. There is wheelchair access and plenty of parking. On-site camping is available. Contacts are Arthur 02 4572 5812, Marilyn 02 9635 8218, www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au for info and link to secretary.'

SPRING GEMCRAFT & MINERAL SHOW

by the **CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB**

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd November 10.00am to 5.00pm

In the Parkes Room, Exhibition Park, (EPIC), on Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

\$5 adults, \$9 family, \$2 children/concession.

Gem & lapidary dealers, Minerals, opals, beads & supplies, rough & cut gemstones,
lapidary equipment & supplies, fossils and jewellery.

Displays of members' collections, free sessions on fossicking & gold detecting, capping & faceting.

More information on www.canberralapidary.org.au ; or Phone: 02 6281 3312

FESTIVAL OF MINERALS AND GEMS by the ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November, 10.00am to 5.00pm ,

at the Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto.

<http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/>

Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of November.

From 9am to 4pm each day

At the Club Rooms at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville, Sydney.

'Competition, sales, demonstrations, children's activities, sand sieve,
fossicking heap, refreshments. Wheelchair access and plenty of parking

Contact the Club on 02 9636 7843 or <http://www.freewebs.com/parramolroydlapidaryclub/>

ANNUAL JEWELLERY SHOW by the NEWCASTLE LAPIDARY CLUB

The Newcastle Lapidary Club will be holding their annual jewellery show
on the weekend of 9th & 10th of November 2013.

The Show is in the club rooms at 2 Dora Rd Adamstown, Newcastle, NSW.

Starting times on both days are 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm.

Rocks, tools and jewellery will be for sale.

There will be a sausage sizzle, devonshire tea, coffee and drinks.

Parking is available and admission is free.

For more information contact the club 0249529611 or email newlap@gmail.com.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2013/2014

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

PROPOSER:

Name (Please print):

Signature:

Date: