



# THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2009

**The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 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 comprise a lecture to be given by Professor Ken McQueen :-

#### **‘Copper Revealed: the Story of the CSA Mine Cobar, NSW’**

There will also be a MINERAL SALE of some sixty specimens donated by members with the proceeds to be given to the **Kids with Cancer** charity.

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Society Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the year except before the long weekends of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of June and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of October when the Meeting will be held on the second Friday.

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

March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009: ‘Tucson Show 2009, Update’ by Penny Williamson and Peter Beckwith and a lecture on The Sepon Gold Mine, Laos’ by Arnold Van der Heyden.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2009: Talk on ‘Scheelite in Australia’ by John Chapman and a lecture to be given by John Rankin on ‘Early Collectors - George Smith’.

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Members Mini Auction.

June 12<sup>th</sup>, (Second Friday): Minitalk by Jim Sharpe on ‘Malachite, Azurite and Pseudomorphs’ Followed by lectures on ‘Gold’ by Paul Meszaros or on the ‘Burra Mine’ by David Colchester.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Talk by Bruce Myles on 'Zircons from Malawi' and Lectures on the 'Burra Mine' by David Colchester or on 'Gold' by Paul Meszaros.

August 7<sup>th</sup>: Society A.G.M. and the Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture to be given by Peter Williams on 'The Sunny Corner Silver Mines'.

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Lecture on 'The History of Copper Mining in NSW' by Dereck Dolstra.

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## WITH REGRET

With regret it was learned that long-time Mineralogical Society member John Hume of Bingara passed away in the first week of January after an extended period of illness. The following notice was provided by John Rankin.

"John Hume was an active field collector who loved Elsmore cassiterite and metal detecting for gold. John was also a talented faceter and wrote several historical articles on New England and gold mining. John was the first person to notice the presence of Betpakdalite at Elsmore. He will be sorely missed by those that knew him."

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## THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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## 2009 Society Membership Fees:

**Society membership fees were due from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.** Subscription renewal forms were sent out with the November Newsletter and more are available from the Secretary or Treasurer at any Meeting.

Members are recommended to provide their e-mail addresses if available in the interest of placing as many people as possible within electronic communication, not to mention cutting down the cost of posting out hard copies of the Society Newsletters.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB 2009 ROCK AND MINERAL FAIR

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

Members of the 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-2.00pm.

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### BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

Over Saturday and Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry. Presenting a fine selection of mineral specimens, decorator pieces, faceting and cabbing rough, gemstones and beads. Also on display and for sale will be a quantity of fine quality alpaca products.

Inquiries to Arthur Roffey on (02) 4572 5812; to Peter Beckwith on 0412 333 150  
or to John and Val Tunzi on (03) 5422 1720

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### CANBERRA ROCK SWOP 2009

The 2009 ROCK SWOP is being held in the EPIC site in Canberra again this year over Saturday and Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 hosted as usual by the **CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB**.

A description of the Rock Swop event, location, program, facilities, accommodation, contact and inquiry numbers and Registration form is accompanying this Newsletter.

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### GEMBOREE 2009

Over EASTER: Friday to Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of April

The 45<sup>th</sup> Gemboree this year is being held in the Wimmera Field Day Site, Longerenong Road, Dooen, 12klm from Horsham, Victoria, hosted this year by the Horsham & District Lapidary Club.

The Site includes the large Moore Pavilion which will house most of the dealers and displays and there is ample room over the Site for a large number of tailgaters and campers.

Inquiries can be made to the Gemboree Committee at 22 Hutchesson Street, Horsham, VIC 3400. Accommodation inquiries by internet on Google at [totaltravel.com/theWimmera](http://totaltravel.com/theWimmera), or [tourism@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@hrcc.vic.gov.au), or to the Horsham Visitor Centre, [www.horshamvic.com.au](http://www.horshamvic.com.au) or freecall 1800 633 218.

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## **19th Annual LISMORE GEMFEST**

Presented by the **Lismore Lapidary Club** over Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 at the Lismore Showground, Lismore.

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### **BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB GEM SHOW**

Over Saturday and Sunday August 15th and 16th 2009. 8 am to 4 pm Daily

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>

Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales.

Refreshments available. Entry: Adults: \$3.00, Children \$1.00.

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**CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB, Inc**  
**PO Box 577, CURTIN ACT 2605**

**ROCK SWAP – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009- REGISTRATION**

Thank you for registering your interest in our Rock Swap.

We had sixty four tailgaters on the Saturday last year, and the crowds were quite good NO RAIN 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.

Regrettably, EPIC has increased the unpowered camping fees this year. We have no option but to pass on the increase. .

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. 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 13th March 2009**

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. We can cater for people who want to arrive early or stay on after the Rock Swap. Cost will be \$25 per day powered, \$17 unpowered.

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,

Norm Menadue

Show Convener - phone 02 62586631 - email [nmenadue@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nmenadue@optusnet.com.au)

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

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

#### **CONTACTS:**

Canberra Visitors Centre Phone: 1300 773 228      FAX: 02 6205 0666  
[crcv@act.gov.au](mailto:crcv@act.gov.au) or [www.visitcanberra.com.au](http://www.visitcanberra.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 Buttlet 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.**

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**PO Box 577, Curtin ACT 2605**  
**ABN 23-771-4011-98**

**REGISTRATION AND TAX INVOICE**  
**CANBERRA ROCK SWAP - Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

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 27 Sat 28 Sun 29 ..... days at \$25 = \$.....  
 Plus extra days (state which).....days at \$22 = \$.....  
 OR Unpowered Site Fri 27 Sat 28 Sun 29 .....days at \$17 = \$.....  
 Plus extra days (state which).....days at \$15 = \$.....

**PLUS, IF APPLICABLE:**

Selling Sat 28 Sun 29 ..... days at \$14 = \$.....

Tables ..... 2.4 metre tables at \$12 each = \$.....

**TOTAL**      \$.....

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**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.

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<p><b>For catering planning only – no money now:</b>  <b>Attending Banger Barbie: .....Adults .....Kids</b></p>
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