



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

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**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2013**

**The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 1st 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 display of a montage of photographs on the : -

**Minerals of Arizona**

The photographs have been taken by Paul Melville and will be introduced and described by John Rankin.

**To complement the photographic montage on Arizona Minerals members are invited to bring in specimens from Arizona to display to the Meeting.**

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**Kids with Cancer Mineral Sale**

There will also be the sale of specimens donated for the Kids with Cancer charity and a sale list will accompany this Newsletter. There are 84 specimens for sale mostly in the \$5 to \$15 price range but with some up to \$100 so please bring your cash and your generosity.

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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Meetings will be generally held on the first Friday of each month through 2013 except for June and October when the Society General Meetings will probably be deferred to the second Friday of those months. Subject to circumstances some changes to the following schedule of program subjects and speakers may have to be made in due course.

March 1st: **Tucson Update** report to be given by Peter Beckwith or Peter Williams. The report will be followed by a lecture to be given by George Stacey on - **'Mt Isa - The Mine in the Spinifex'**.

April 5th: Lecture on **'Mercury Mining in Australia'** by Professor Ken McQueen

May 3rd: **Members Mini-Auction.**

June 8th to 10th: **National Mineralogical Societies Joint Seminar.**

**'The Wonderful World of Minerals'**

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Because the Seminar is being held in Sydney over the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of June the Society General Meeting which would otherwise have been held on the 7<sup>th</sup> will probably be deferred to the second Friday of the month or may be cancelled altogether.

July 5th: Lecture by Michael Waterhouse on the **Wau Bulolo goldfields** in Papua New Guinea.

August 2nd: Society AGM and the Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture.

September 6th: Lecture by Tony Hope on **'Browns Creek'**.

October 11th: (Labour Day in 2013 is on Monday the 7th. The Society Meeting is therefore likely to be deferred to the 11th). Member's display of their favourite fluorites. Talk on **Fluorite** by Gary Sutherland.

November 1st: Program to be confirmed.

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

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## WELCOME

Welcome to new member David Want of Kellyville.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### The Illawarra Lapidary Club Rock and Mineral Fair

Sunday 8.30 am to 2.00 pm on the 24th February 2013.  
In the Stuart Park, alongside Hanley Drive, in North Wollongong

“Members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club will be selling minerals, fossils, jewellery, books and lapidary equipment”.  
"Rock Scramble" around 12 noon where children and young people can "bag" a specimen”

Enquiries: David or Diana Hindmarsh on (02) 4234 1468

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### BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

The Back from Tucson sale will be held over a weekend during March but with the date/s to be finalized.

The Sale will be held as usual at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry.

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### CANBERRA ROCK SWAP 2013

**13th and 14th of April**

The **Canberra Rock Swap**, organized by the **Canberra Lapidary Club** is being held again this year as usual in the EPIC park alongside Northbourne Avenue in Canberra over Saturday and Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April from 8.30 am to 5.00pm each day. Some of the attendees would probably start arriving and setting up on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> when the camping area will be already open. Entrance is FREE for the public whereas campers and vendors are asked to register.

The Rock Swap is entirely a tail-gating sale and surely a substantial social interaction event and normally is attended by several dozen vehicular groups and campers and many day visitors. Organised social events include the ‘Banger Barby’ on Friday and the ‘Pizza Night’ on Saturday.

*‘Registration Forms must be completed and returned as soon as possible. Unless otherwise agreed, payments should be received by 13 March 2013. If you are unable to attend, any payments will be fully refunded (except for booked tables). We can cater for people who want to arrive early or stay on after the Rock Swap’.*

Registration forms and more information are available from the Canberra Lapidary Club on website [www.canberralapidary.org.au](http://www.canberralapidary.org.au) or from the Rock Swap convenor, Norm Menadue on e-mail :- [nmenadue@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nmenadue@optusnet.com.au) , telephone (02) 6258 6631, or mobile 0407 718 347.

Registration forms for the Rock Swap will be available at the (N.S.W. Society) General Meetings or from the Secretary, George Laking. Forms can also be e-mailed or hard copies posted if requested.

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## **The New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc.**

### **22nd Annual Gem & Craft Show**

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Armidale Showground. 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

‘See a spectacular array of Gems, Opals, Fossils, Rocks, Crystals, Jewellery, Gifts, Crafts, Beading, Lapidary Supplies & Equipment, Books, Leather/Wood Craft and much more.’  
 “For details contact the organisers on (02) 6778 5122; after hours e-mail *nelfc@hotmail.com*”

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## **GEMBOREE 2013**

### **AUSTRALIA’S 49TH NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**

Easter 2013 from the 29<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013

In the Murray Bridge Showgrounds on the Princes Highway at Murray Bridge, South Australia  
 Hosted by the Gem & Lapidary Clubs Association of South Australia Inc under the auspices of the  
 Australia Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Association Inc (AFLACA).

#### **Gemboree 2013 Activities**

‘Trade Dealers. A huge range of dealers specialising in everything from gems and minerals to fossils and findings have been invited to attend Gemboree 2013.’

‘Micro-Mounting. This year in South Australia we have provided a specific location for those who undertake the art of micro-mounting.’

‘National Gem and Mineral Competitions. Gems, jewellery, lapidary and allied arts and crafts together with fossils and minerals will compete for national honours.’

‘Field Trips. Visits are being planned to fossicking sites and to specific sites for detectors and treasure-seekers.’

Enquiries to : -

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## **THE 36th NATIONAL MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES JOINT SEMINAR 2013**

The 2013 Seminar is being hosted by the Mineralogical Society of N.S.W. Inc in Sydney over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend, Saturday 8th to Monday 10th of June 2013 on the theme : -

**‘The Wonderful World of Minerals’**

The Seminar will be held in the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryedale Road, West Ryde, Sydney. The Leagues Club is in the corner of Wattle Street with Ryedale Road about one hundred meters from the West Ryde suburban railway station and the junction of Ryedale with Victoria Road.

All Seminar activities other than field trips or Australian Museum and private collection visits will be held in the Club which has substantial convention and catering facilities. Activities will include the Seminar dinner on Saturday evening 8th of June and mineral and micro-mount displays and sales probably on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Interstate visitors and attendees from outside Sydney will be advised about suitable accommodation in the West Ryde area which has a number of hotels. It is hoped that there will be field trips to one or more locations held in conjunction with the Seminar but details have not yet been finalised.

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