



THE  
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OF  
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**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

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

The program will include a lecture on '**Radioactivity and Minerals**' by Geoff Parsons who will provide a general overview of radioactive minerals, their decay products, sources and deposits around the World. He will also be demonstrating a number of instruments for detecting radiation.

At the February Meeting there will also be the **Mineral Sale** to raise money for the **Kids with Cancer Foundation**. A number of mineral specimens have already been donated and a sale list will accompany this Newsletter. However if any members have more specimens to donate they are invited to bring in their donations on the sale evening. Wherever possible all specimens should have a label with the source location and sale price indicated.

Minerals will be on sale from 7.00 p.m. and transactions could continue after the Meeting program has commenced at 7.30 p.m. Buyers are asked to conduct this as quietly as possible.

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**Forthcoming Meetings and Programs**

Commencing on February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each subsequent month throughout the year.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> : There will be a mini-talk to be given by John Chapman on '**An Introduction to Types of Mineral Deposits**'.

The talk will be followed by a lecture on '**The Hornsby Diatreme**' by Larry Barron

April 7<sup>th</sup> : There will be a lecture to be given by John Rankin on : - '**19<sup>th</sup> Century European Minerals in the Australian Museum**'.

The lecture will be preceded by a mini-talk to be given by Dieter Mylius.

May 5<sup>th</sup> : Member's **Mini-Auction**.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: There will be a lecture by Simon Peckover on :- ‘**The Origins of the High Grade Sapphire Deposits of Kings Plains.**’

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Lecture by Peter Williams on ‘**The Floating Stones of Stonehenge**’ or ‘**Where did the Metamorphic Stones of Stonehenge Come From?**’

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Society **Annual General Meeting** followed by the Betty Mayne and Edna Walker **Memorial Lecture.**

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## FIELD TRIPS

A number of field trips are being planned for a little later in the year when the weather has cooled down. (To less than 24°C Ed Zbik advises). Return trips to the Tollwong area are planned and possible other sites to investigate for access include the Hornsby quarry, sites near Bullahdelah, Oberon and Peppertree near Marulan.

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## LIBRARY

The Society Library is undergoing cataloguing and labelling preparatory to installing it on the bookshelves in the Lapidary Club for ready access. Whilst most of the Library is currently being stored by Committee members there will be other books being held by members who have previously borrowed them. Anyone holding Society library books are asked to inform Ed Zbik on (02) 9638 6586 or e-mail: - *ecjz@optusnet.com.au* what books they have so that the book can be assigned a number, if it does not already have one, and listed in the catalogue.

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(Members please note Ed Zbik’s new e-mail address)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB ROCK SWAP

On the 26th February, 2017, - during Sunday morning from 8 am to 2.00 p.m.  
Being held in the Stuart Park, North Wollongong.  
Stalls selling Minerals and Fossils, Jewellery, Lapidary Equipment and Books  
Kids rock scramble at 12 noon

Information: John Maley 42 3467 5618 *john.c2.maley@bigpond.com*

Thank you, Diana Hindmarsh, Publicity  
*dhindy@bigpond.net.au*

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### BACK FROM TUCSON SHOW

From 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March & from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

'Great New Venue': The TURRAMURRA MASONIC HALL on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra. Very near to the Turramurra rail station.

'New and amazing stock from the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show'.

Presented by :-

Glenn Huntley of Quality Gem Rough Supplies. Mobile No: 0427 945 087  
And Peter and Debbie Beckwith of Crystal Habit, Mobile No: 0412 333 150  
Or e-mail Peter at *raregems@optusnet.com.au*

Leaflets describing the Show and the new location will be available at the Society February and March Meetings.

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### CANBERRA ROCK SWAP 2017

The Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swop will be held as usual on the camping ground at Wagtail Way in the EPIC showground alongside Northbourne Avenue in Canberra over Saturday and Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March from 8.30 am to 5.00pm each day.

Fossickers & dealers, Crystals, minerals, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils, jewellery.  
More information on *www.canberralapidary.org.au*  
Or from the Club Show Convenor, Norm Menadue, on Tel: 02 6258 6631.

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## **Minerama, Glen Innes, The Northern NSW Annual Gem Show**

Over Fri 10th - Sat 11th - Sun 12th March in the RSL Services Club, Glen Innes.

'The Minerama is held annually in March at Glen Innes, NSW. This gem show is one of the largest annual gem shows in NSW and features fossicking field trips for a variety of gems in the area (*eg. sapphire, garnet, topaz, quartz crystals, etc*). Field trips are suitable for both beginner and expert fossickers with some locations not normally open to the public. The gem show has a large number of traders in gems, lapidary supplies, minerals, fossils, jewellery and much more with gemologists and faceting experts in attendance for advice throughout the weekend.'

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## **The New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club 26th Annual Gem & Craft Show**

Over Saturday and Sunday the 18th & 19th March in the Armidale Showground, Armidale, N.E.

'See a spectacular array of Gems, Rocks, Crystals, Jewellery, Gifts, Craft, Fossils, Beads, Lapidary Books, Supplies and equipment all on sale at the Show. A Qualified Valuer will be on site.

Free Entry. Raffle Tickets \$1.00 Great prizes. BBQ Breakfast/Lunch and Light Refreshments available.

Stall Holders welcome. Public Liability Insurance Required.

For details or to book – Contact the organisers on (02) 6778 4931 or *email info@nelfc.net*

Website :- *http://nelfc.net/flyer Armidale Show Flyer 2017*

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## **GEMBOREE 2017**

Incorporating the 53<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

To be held at the Tony Luchetti Showground on the corner of Barton & Geordie Streets in Lithgow over Easter 2017 from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

'Come and see the wonderful displays of gems, crystals, fossils and jewellery.

National Exhibitions and Competitions.

Over 20 leading Australian Dealers in attendance – lapidary, jewellery, and mineral trading.

Tailgating – where hobbyists trade their arts. Refreshments.

Enquiries to :- Colin Wright on 02 9521 2688, - *coldel1@hotmail.com.au*

Or Arthur Roffey on 02 4572 5812 - *crystalhabit@bigpond.com*

Or Publicity Officer Alan McRae on 02 6331 5404 – *amcrae@lisp.com.au'*

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## **The 27th Annual LISMORE GEMFEST**

Presented by the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club Inc over the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2017 in the Lismore Showgrounds. From 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday.

'The biggest annual lapidary show in the country'.  
100+ tailgaters and stall-holders with substantial camping area, full dealer's pavilion.

Information on the Website [www.gemclublismore.org.au](http://www.gemclublismore.org.au).  
Or <http://www.gemclublismore.org.au/wordpress/gem-fest/>

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### **Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show**

Being held in the EPIC, Exhibition Park in Canberra – Mallee Pavilion (indoor) over Saturday and Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Entry fees \$5 adults, \$10 family, \$2 children/concession

Gem, Mineral, Jewellery & Lapidary dealers. Minerals, fossils, jewellery, rough & cut gemstones, lapidary equipment & supplies, opals, beads & supplies. Food available. Displays of members' collections, demonstrations of cabbing, faceting & jewellery making.

further information on the Website : - <http://www.canberralapidary.org.au/>

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

Being held over Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th 2017  
in the Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW.  
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre), just west of the Information Centre.

From 8 am to 4 pm daily. Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1

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

Refreshments available.

<http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm>

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