



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

Website: www.minsocnsw.org.au

Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on the first Friday of each month through the year in the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club.

Please address all correspondence to :-
The Secretary, 58 Amazon Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147

NEWSLETTER February 2019

The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 1st 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 to be given by Glen Cathers on : -

‘The Sepon Copper Mine in Laos’

At the February Meeting there will also be the annual sale of minerals donated for the
Kids with Cancer Foundation.

A list of minerals already donated for the sale will accompany this Newsletter however if any other members have minerals which they can also donate they are urged to bring them in on the evening. There is no need to notify the Society in advance about which further specimens are to be donated, just bring them in and add them to the sale table but provide a label with the name and source location of the specimen if available and particularly a recommended sale price.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

A full series of programs for the whole of 2019 has not yet been finalised but there are a number of subjects, lecturers and speakers being considered or canvassed and the year's schedule will be filled in due course. Suggested program subjects being considered or to be arranged include:- ‘A Description of Geological Work in PNG’; NSW Geology’; ‘Growing Your Own Crystals’; ‘Mineral Stories’; ‘Historical Hill End Photographs by Beufoy Merlin, - as commissioned by Holterman’; ‘Minerals of Santori’; and ‘Datolite from the Cleary Brothers Quarry at Albion Park’.

March 1st : There will be a lecture to be given by Graham Ogle on : - ‘**Vesuvius Visited**’
There will also be a mini-talk given by John Chapman on ‘**Gypsum Occurrences in Cyprus**’.

April 5th : The April program is not yet finalised but will include a mini-talk to be given by Dieter Mylius on the Kyloe Copper mine near Adaminaby..

May 3rd : Member’s annual **Auction**.

MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Any members who have reports on matters or events within the mineralogical area of interest, reports or stories that they can provide on specimens recently acquired, shows visited, anecdotes from collecting activities, field trip experiences etc are invited to offer to deliver these at any Meeting. The member could advise Dieter Mylius or John Chapman by the commencement of any Meeting that they had some information or story to impart and they then would be invited to address the Meeting.

REFRESHMENT DONATIONS AT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETINGS

Refreshment donations were originally asked for from members attending general Meetings since the members who were not able to attend were in effect subsidizing the refreshments of those who were. However it has long been noticed that the total amount of money donated for the refreshments at Society meetings is usually only about half the amount spent to provide the refreshments and accordingly the Committee asks members to donate \$2 instead of the \$1 previously asked for.

Members are advised that the payment of a refreshment sum at the Meetings has always been regarded as a donation, not an imposition, and if any member feels that they are consuming less than \$2 worth of food or drink they should reduce their donation accordingly. (But please try and keep the donation to a round \$1 or \$2 and avoid disbursing amounts of silver coins).

The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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FIELD TRIPS 2019

Members to be CERTIFIED to enter commercially managed sites

Financial Members who wish to be part of field trips which enter commercial mines and quarries must be certified. Certification must be accepted by the Committee as it is required under the Society's Safety Operation Procedures.

Members who attended the Prospect Quarry in 2015 will have to recertify to maintain currency.

Non-commercial sites

Field Trips to non-commercial sites are open to all members and guidelines set by the field trip leader are followed.

The Mineralogical Society Health and Safety Policy:

- The Society will, so far as reasonably practicable, endeavour to ensure the safety of members.
- All members are to cooperate with hosts, landowners, tenants, land custodians in order to comply with any requirement imposed on the Mineralogical Society.
- Any member of the Society should bring to the attention of the Society officials any suggestion or ideas which could improve safety and prevent accidents.
- The Society holds Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance.

The Future of Field Trips

It is the aim of the Society to encourage study, recording and conservation of mineralogical sites and materials. In the past, field trips have been organised by one person. In the future, Members are encouraged to organise and to conduct field trips. The group may have an interest in a specific mineral or locality, historical mine sites or geology. E.g. A group may have an interest in finding the occurrence of Crocoite in the NSW serpentine / chromite / lead deposits.

Sources of information for localities for field trip include:

- Mindat has recorded some 1,600 sites within New South Wales
- DIGS and MinView displays 32,000 mineral occurrences across New South Wales
- The Mining Companies on the ASX stock exchange list numerous sites and prospects.
- Internet Auctions list numerous sites where minerals have been found
- The Australian Journal of Mineralogy
- Old Australian Rocks & Mineral magazines and Mineralogical Journals.

Members are encouraged to put forward suggestions and information about sites for field trips even though they may be unable to attend.

Members are encouraged to lead a field trip by:

- Contacting committee members
- Inform members at the Monthly Meeting
- Place a Notice of Interest in the Society Newsletter

Members are encouraged to conduct a field trip as part of their CERTIFICATION.

The AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF MINERALOGY

Members who are subscribers to the Journal should have received their copies of the latest issue, Volume 19 No 2, shortly before Christmas. The current issue clearly maintains the high standard established for the publication with a number of highly detailed articles well illustrated by images, many in colour.

The current Journal is a special issue featuring the Minerals of New Zealand. There are several major articles by a large number of authors, including Society members, Ian Graham, David Colchester and Angela Lay and a number of other reports and Society news from around Australia.

The main articles in issue Volume 19, No2 comprise : -

'The cause of colour in thomsonite-Ca from Aranga quarry, Northland, N.Z.

Chemistry and Raman Spectroscopy of tschernichite from the Waitakere Ranges, North Island, N.Z.

Aluminoceladonite pseudomorphs after euhedral nepheline from Pudding Island, near Portobelloe, Dunedin, N.Z. and 'Mineral Species first described from N.Z.

Members who are not subscribers but may wish to become so are advised that the cost is \$32 per year for two issues of the Journal. There are a number of back issues still available from the publishers representing about three quarters of the total number of issues. Subscription forms are available at Society meetings or by e-mail to the WA publishers:- ajm.secretary.treasurer@gmail.com

Payment may be made by bank transfer to : -

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ANZ Bank, BSB number 013 040, account number 9000 20285.

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46 Gemmell Way, Hillarys, WA, 6025

VALE ANDREW NICHOLAS GRAY

The December issue of the Australian Journal of Mineralogy also contains an obituary to Andrew Gray who passed away after a long illness in February 2018. Unfortunately most Society members may not have heard this sad news before the latest Journal was distributed although Andrew's friend Marc Vromen provided the obituary to a number of publications early last year.

Members of the Society in the late 1980s and early 1990s will remember Andrew and Mark as particularly enthusiastic and hard-working Committee members who organised a number of field trips over the period including hiring and driving a minibus on more than one occasion to take parties of members to visit sites well outside Sydney. The sites included Broken Hill, Mineral Hill, New England and Orange among others with Andrew providing much of the organising of accommodation, meals and hiring the minibus. Some 'field trips' were organised within Sydney such as a walking tour to view building stones, a behind-the-scenes visit to the Australian Museum and at least two boat cruises on the Georges River to lunch at the Boat Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC – ROCK & MINERAL FAIR

Sunday 25th February, 2018 At Stuart Park, North Wollongong between 8am and 2 pm.
(Kid's rock scramble at 12 noon).

'Club members and others will be selling Jewellery, Gemstones, Cabachons, Minerals, Opals, Findings, Beads, Fossils and maybe some Lapidary equipment. The Rock Scramble is at 12 pm where children and young people can "bag" themselves a rock to two. Bring a bag and maybe a picnic lunch!'

For more information contact John on (02) 4267 5618 or
<http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/> or like us on Facebook.

BACK FROM TUCSON SHOW

Being held in the TURRAMURRA MASONIC & FUNCTION CENTRE on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra. Very near to the Turramurra rail station.
 From 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday 2nd March & from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on Sunday 3rd March.

Presented by : -

Glenn Huntley of Quality Gem Rough Supplies. Mobile No: 0427 945 087
 And Peter and Debbie Beckwith of Kristallen, Mobile No: 0412 333 150
 Rachelle Juter Jewellers will also be at the Show with bespoke jewellery
 Inquiries - e-mail Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au

Leaflets describing the Show including a map of the location will be available
 at the Society February and March Meetings.

Gem Festival in the Glen Innes Highlands

The Minerama Fossicking, Gem & Jewellery Show,

Being held over Thursday to Sunday the 7th to 10th of March at the
 Glen Innes & District Services Club, 120 Grey Street, Glen Innes.

Tailgaters will be accommodated on the King George Oval behind the Services Club.

Quoted from the Minerama Website: www.minerama.com.au

'The Minerama Fossicking, Gem & Jewellery Show in Glen Innes is NSW's largest annual gem and jewellery show, attracting visitors and dealers from all over Australia. Held every year on the 2nd weekend in March, Minerama is perfect for all gem and jewellery lovers, rockhounds and outdoor adventurers.

Search for buried treasure in the Glen Innes Highlands with a 3-day program (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) of guided fossicking field trips to suit both beginner and experienced gem hunters. It's great fun for the whole family with a wealth of gems waiting to be unearthed and jewels waiting to be worn.

Entry to the Gem & Jewellery Show at the Glen Innes Showgrounds is FREE. There are over 100+ stalls trading in gemstones, fine jewellery, facet rough, lapidary tools & supplies, crystals, beads, fossils, mineral specimens, arts, crafts and more. Whether you are after a two-dollar special, a gemstone of world-class quality or a unique piece of jewellery you'll find it at Minerama.

Minerama also features gem cutting and beading displays, advice from gemmologists, dealers, lapidaries & jewellers, and plenty of entertainment throughout the weekend.'

The New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc.

Present their 28th Annual Gem and Craft Show in the Armidale Showground over Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17th of March. From 9am to 5pm on Saturday, 9am to 3pm on Sunday.

‘See a spectacular array of Gems, Rocks, Crystals, Jewellery, Crafts, Beads, Lapidary books, supplies, equipment and much more’

GEMBOREE 2019

The 55th GEMBOREE will be held in Rockhampton Qld, at the Rockhampton Showgrounds, over Easter, Friday to Monday, the 19th to 22nd of April.

The Gemborees are organised each year by AFLACA, (The Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Association Inc). The 2019 GEMBOREE is being hosted by the Queensland Gem Clubs Association Incorporated (QGCA). GEMBOREES are hosted in a different state and city each year by the state body, the 2020 event will be held in Albury.

Further information is available on the websites ‘GEMBOREE Advance Rockhampton.

The Yagoona Gem and Mineral Fair.

Over Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd June 2019 in the Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona. Hosted by The Bankstown and Districts Lapidary Club and Kristallen.

‘Traders from around Australia will be displaying their wares as well as displays and demonstrations by the Bankstown & Districts Lapidary Club. Items for sale by the many traders there will include Jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, carvings, gem rough, lapidary cutting rough, fossils, meteorites, metaphysical and healing crystals, mineral specimens from all over the world. A great day out for the whole family.

Adults \$7, kids with parent/s are free! There is also a great lucky door prize for one lucky person who comes! Opening hours are 9:30 till 5:00 on Saturday and 9:30 till 4:00 on Sunday.’

For more information please contact Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au or 0412 333 150.

Windsor Gem and Mineral Fair

Over Saturday and Sunday the 15th & 16th of June at the Windsor Function Centre on the corner of George Street and Dight Street Windsor.
Hosted by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club and Kristallen.

‘The show will have a number of traders from around Australia displaying their wares as well as displays and demonstrations by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club.

Items for sale by the many traders there will include Jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, carvings, gem rough, lapidary cutting rough, fossils, meteorites, metaphysical and healing crystals, mineral specimens from all over the world. A great day out for the whole family. Adults \$7, kids with parent/s are free! Opening hours are 9:30 till 5:00 on Saturday and 9:30 till 4:00 on Sunday. There is also a great lucky door prize for one lucky person who comes!’

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GEMKHANA 2019

The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over NSW will be presented by the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW Inc, at the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground, 40 Racecourse Road at Clarendon outside Richmond over the weekend of the 28th and 29th of September. From 9am to 5pm each day.

Visitors please note: These dates are the weekend before the October long weekend of the 5th to 7th October.

For further details email gemkhana@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au
