



## THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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### NEWSLETTER      February 2020

**The February 2020 Meeting will be held on Friday the 7th 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 talk to be given by Geoff Parsons describing the field trip he attended during the 2019 Mineralogical Seminar in Perth. The talk will provide greater detail with comprehensive illustrations than the summary he gave at the November Meeting.

#### **The Fun and Adventure of Field Trips; WA Example. Geoff Parsons**

The talk will be followed by a lecture :-

#### **Mineralogical Treasures of China Ian Graham**

At the February Meeting there will also be the annual sale of minerals donated for the

#### **Kids with Cancer Foundation.**

The Society has been holding sales of donated specimens at the February Meeting for over ten years now to provide funds for the Kids with Cancer Foundation. The sales have been coordinated by Jim Sharpe and each year have raised between one and two thousand dollars for the charity.

Members are invited to provide donations of mineral specimens or other mineralogical material for the sale. Donations can be brought in to the February meeting and set out on the sale table. They should be provided with a label indicating the name, source and recommended sale price. Specimens could also be sold by silent auction if the donor is uncertain what price to assign to any of their donations and bid forms will be provided.

If possible members could notify Jim Sharpe in advance of the meeting what specimens they will bring in so that ideally a list can be compiled but this is not absolutely necessary and donations could just be brought in on the evening without advance notification. Information on donated specimens if available could be communicated to Jim Sharpe on:- phone - (02) 9871 2502 or by e-mail:- [sharpejames@tpg.com.au](mailto:sharpejames@tpg.com.au).

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### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS**

March 6<sup>th</sup> :    The program is not yet finalised but may include a report on the **2020 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show**.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> :    There will be a talk to be given by Dieter Mylius on ‘**Surprising Bismuth Minerals**’ and a lecture to be given by Adam McKinnon on ‘**Cobar Exploration and Mining Update**’.

May 1<sup>st</sup> : Society **Annual Mineral Auction**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> : There will be a talk by David Colchester on '**Datolite from the Cleary Bros Quarry, Albion Park**'. There will also be a lecture at the June meeting but the speaker and subject are not yet finalised.

Programs for the rest of the year are also not yet finalised but will include the Mayne-Walker Memorial Lecture to be given by Joanna Parr, research scientist of the CSIRO, on '**Seafloor Hydrothermal Mineralisation – The Where, Why, What and How of Mineral Formation at Seafloor Hydrothermal Vents**'.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> : The **2020 43<sup>rd</sup> JOINT MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES SEMINAR** will be held in Sydney at the **Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club** over the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of October long weekend.

The theme of The Seminar will be '**43 Shades of Silver**' and apart from the lecture program over Saturday and Sunday the activities may last from Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October or later depending on the length of the field trip program.

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## WELCOME

Welcome to new members Robert and Sue Porter of Yetholme

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## The AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF MINERALOGY

Members who are subscribers to the Journal should have received their copies of the latest issue, Volume 20 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, all in colour. It also contains major articles, a number of other reports and Society news from around Australia including a report on the 2019 42<sup>nd</sup> Mineralogical Seminar in Perth.

Members who are not subscribers to the Journal but who 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*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SALE OF ARTHUR ROFFEY'S MINERAL COLLECTION.

The mineral collection of the late Arthur Roffey, OAM, will be on sale at the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club rooms over Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th of February.

The viewing time will commence at 10 am. All specimens will be individually priced.

This is an important collection with approximately 700 specimens in the sale.

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### BACK FROM TUCSON SHOW

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March, from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday.  
At the Masonic Hall in Turrumurra, on the corner of The Pacific Highway and Turrumurra Avenue.

'New and amazing stock from the 2020 Tucson Gem & Mineral show. Presented by KRISTALEN, Peter and Debbie Beckwith, 0412 333 150; and QUALITY GEM ROUGH SUPPLIES, Glen Huntley, 0427 945 087.  
Rachelle Juter Jewellers will also be at the Show with bespoke jewellery.'

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### ROCK SWAP by the Canberra Lapidary Club Inc

Over Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

In the Exhibition Park (EPIC) - Wagtail Way. (Camping Ground); Entry Free

'Fossickers & dealers selling : Minerals, crystals, jewellery, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils.

Food Available Sieve for Sapphires Pan for Gold'

*www.canberralapidary.org.au: canberralapidary@gmail.com* Ph : 02 6260 5322 (Workshop)

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### NATIONAL GEM & CRYSTAL EXPO

Over the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of April, in the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart Street, South Windsor.  
Entry fee. Information from Facebook page @Agamexpos or telephone Peter Beckwith on 04112 333 150

'The LARGEST Indoor Gem & Crystal Expo in Australia attended by many of Australia's Leading Dealers and Traders in Gemstones, Crystals, Meteorites, Fossils, Jewellery, Mineral Specimens, Cutting Rough, Findings, Gold Nuggets, Metaphysical Needs and so much more'

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## **30<sup>th</sup> Lismore GEMFEST**

**Lismore Showground, (Northern Rivers NSW).**

**Over Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 5pm & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm May 2020**

**In the Lismore Showgrounds.**

'Australia's largest annual Gem & Mineral Show. Celebrating 30 years in 2020.  
Over 140 Tailgaters and Dealers over two Massive days.  
Displays of Minerals, Gems, Fossils, Jewellery and Equipment from all over the world.  
Family Fun including Sand Sieving for Crystals and Gem Fossicking on the Hill'

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