



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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NEWSLETTER February 2021

**The February Meeting will be held by virtual mode on
Friday the 5th of February at 7.30 pm**

The program will comprise a lecture to be given by Dieter Mylius on : -

Zeolites and Associated Minerals of N.S.W.

The annual Kids with Cancer sale usually held during the
February Meeting will be held at a later date.

Towards the end of last year with the number of COVID infections in Sydney improving it was hoped that the pandemic restrictions would be sufficiently eased for the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club to open in the New Year and Society meetings resume being held in the Clubrooms from February. The Lapidary Club management was expecting this and had announced that it would open on the 11th of January.

Unfortunately due to a number of sporadic outbreaks of infection throughout Sydney very early in January including contacts in the Wentworthville area the Club opening date was put back to the 1st of February but with limited activities and a number of restrictions still in place.

The restrictions would have limited the number of people allowed in the Club building at any one time as well as requiring all other appropriate measures, maintenance of safe distances, wearing of masks, thorough disinfection of hands and any materials handled etc. The number of people able to assemble in the main room whilst keeping a substantial distance between each person would have severely limited the total number able to attend a Meeting. Under those circumstances it was decided that a Society 'live' meeting at the Lapidary Club would be impractical for February.

Given that NSW state government announcements every few days are constantly reducing COVID restrictions throughout Sydney and assuming that there are no further sporadic outbreaks it is to be hoped that Society Meetings at the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club can resume in March.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Society Meetings will be held throughout the year on each first Friday except in April when the Society meeting would be held on the second Friday after Easter. Also in October the first Friday is before the long weekend when the **43rd Joint Mineralogical Societies Seminar** will be held.

March 5th : The program for March is not yet finalised. A schedule of meeting programs for the year is being compiled and John Chapman who coordinates the Meeting program schedule would be pleased to receive suggestions from members about possible lecture subjects and lecturers.

The schedule for the year will include the annual Mineral Auction most likely to be held as usual at the May meeting and a date is to be decided when to hold the Kids with Cancer sale.

2021 Society Membership Subscriptions

Society Membership subscriptions were due from January 1st. Members are recommended to pay their subscriptions by direct debit only which should be the most convenient method of payment and which also provides a bank record of the transaction for both the payer and payee. Receipts would not be issued for direct debit payments. The payer should be sure to enter his or her name into the description or memo line in their bank account direct debit window so that the Society will know from whom the payment has been made. The phrase 'Minsoc sub' would not be sufficient to identify the member.

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| Fees are as follows : | - Adult membership, Sydney metropolitan area | \$30 |
| | Adult membership, country or interstate | \$25 |
| | Child/youth (under 18 years), or student member | \$20 |

Family members (spouse/partner and children only) can be admitted for membership at the additional cost of \$5 each. The name of the family member should be provided for the record, (unless already provided), and members are recommended to fill in a Membership Renewal form if any of their details, e-mail addresses etc, have changed since last year. Renewal forms are available on the Society Website and one will accompany this Newsletter.

To direct-debit the Society account the details are: - Commonwealth Bank
 Account Name: - Mineralogical Society of NSW Inc.
 BSB: 062016 Account number: 28023647

Any members who joined the Society in 2020 are reminded that new members joining from May 1st in any year are deemed to be financial for both that year and the whole of the following. New members having paid subscriptions after May 1st last year are therefore financial to March 31st 2022.

The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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WELCOME

Welcome to new members Grahame Bailey of Inverell, New England
 Steve and Kylie Nassar of Franklin, A.C.T.
 Geert Buters of Gosnells in W.A.
 and Roger Jones of Junee, South Coast

The AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF MINERALOGY

Members who are subscribers to the Journal should have received their copies of the latest issue, Volume 21 No 2, shortly before Christmas. 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. Subscription forms are available by e-mail from the WA publishers:- ajm.secretary.treasurer@gmail.com

Payment may be made by bank transfer to :-

AJM Publications Incorporated,
 ANZ Bank, BSB number 013 040, account number 9000 20285.

Or by cheque to :-

The Subscription Manager AJM Publications Inc.
 46 Gemmell Way, Hillarys, WA, 6025

2021 SALE OF ARTHUR ROFFEY'S MINERAL COLLECTION.

A sale of part of the mineral collection of the late Arthur Roffey, OAM, was held in February last year and another sale is to be held this year over the weekend of the 20th and 21st of February.

Chris Roffey has sent the following information on the sale.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND

The Mineral Collection of the late Arthur Roffey is for sale.

Specimens collected over the last 50 years.

Individually priced from \$5 with a large collection of Quartz and speciality pieces.

Don't miss this opportunity to obtain a piece of history !

WHEN: Saturday 20th February 2021 – Sunday 21st February 2021

TIME: 10 am to 4 pm.

WHERE: 52 McPherson Road, Londonderry

Also view our New Alpaca Showroom which includes a wide range of Alpaca Garments and accessories as well as South American gift items.


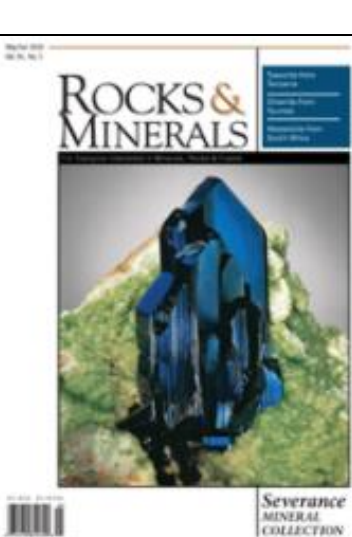

Refreshments available

Enquiries: Christine Roffey 0402 263 634

Credit Card Facilities Available

New Additions to the Library.

Magazines received in 2020

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zunyite from Iran • Diaspore from Turkey • Karibibite from Namibia • Maine Mineral and Gem Museum • The Blue Forest of Ancient Lake Gosiute: Sweetwater County, Wyoming. • Forty-Sixth Rochester Mineralogical Symposium: Contributed Papers in Specimen Mineralogy – Part 1 |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsavorite from Tanzania • Adamite-Olivinite and Zincolivinite from Tsumeb • Wesselsite from South Africa • William Severance Mineral Collection • German Mineral Artist Markus Theirfelder (b. 1987) • Montana Crystal Collectors Rendezvous 2019 • An Andradite that Was Not and the Search for its Unknown Locality • Forty-Sixth Rochester Mineralogical Symposium: Contributed Papers in Specimen Mineralogy – Part 1 |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Gebel Fluorite Collection • Faceted Fluorite • Legrandite, Ojuele Mine, Mapimi • Fluorite from the North Pennines, Orefield, United Kingdom • Ukrainian Mineral Artist Ksenia Levterova (b. 1986) |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehnite from Arizona • The Year in Micromounting • Fluorite from New Mexico • Colorado Artist Susan A. Judy • Rochester: The eRMS 2020! |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hagendorf Süd pegmatite • The diversity of mineral species • Exceptional datolite crystals from Albion Park, NSW • Marvellous Mica! |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Dwight Dana in Australia and the glendonite connection • The Mount Lyell mines, Tasmania. • New Australian type locality minerals, 2000 to 2020 • The Australian Journal of Mineralogy: a 25-year history • Australian mineral and gem club enamelled badges • Report on the virtual seminar of the Mineralogical Societies of Australasia |

Members may arrange a personal subscription by accessing the magazines subscription page on their web site.

Field Trips 2021

With the number of community acquired COVID cases hovering towards zero.

The Society Field Trip Program will be resumed.

Members can also nominate sites and localities they may want to visit.

| Date | Locality Trips will be on short notice. Subject to cool weather averaging 24°C for weekend, most events will be bush camp based. | SL: Site Leader AL: Asst. Leader |
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| TBA/Feb | Lowes Mount SF, camping, advised on short notice. Open to all members. Limit 10 | SL: Denis O'Brien |
| 13/14th March | 13/3 Canberra EPIC Rock Swap and camping at Tuena Common. 14/3 Cordillera Mine Open to all members. Limit 10 | ? |
| TBA | Other sites of member's choice arranged and lead by members. Open to all members. Limit 10 | ? |
| May 2021 | Whipstick Mo Pambula SWMS Certified members Only. Limit 10 | SL: Martin Rosser AL: |
| Oct 2021 | Manuka Field Trip SWMS Certified members Only Attendance to the Seminar is a pre-requisite to attend | SL: John Chapman AL: Edward Zbik |

Until the Pandemic is declared over, field trips will be limited to 10 members.

To register for the above, contact Edward Zbik at edward.zbik@bigpond.com.

The SOCIETY'S COVID FIELD TRIP SAFETY PLAN applies on field trips until cancelled.

Limits may change as advised by government authorities. See July 2020 Newsletter for the Society's Covid Field Trip Safety Plan.

CERTIFICATION to enter Commercial Sites and Specified Field Trips.

The Society follows a protocol of certification for members who attend commercial mines and quarries.

This has been extended to include sites considered hazardous.

This process involves answering sixty multi choice questions based on the

Society's Safety Operations Procedures (SOP)
and its Safety Works Methods Statement (SWMS).

Upon completing the questionnaire,
a Certificate of Compliance (CoC) will be issued
which is valid for a period of three (3) years.

Members whose Certificate has expired can recertify for another CoC
by answering 30 multi choice questions including two exercises.

Members who do not go on field trips
may also complete the questionnaire and gain a CoC.

To apply for Certification or re-Certification,
contact Edward Zbik at edward.zbik@bigpond.com
or 0401 538 480.

Roll Your Own Field Trip

Members can arrange their own group to do a field trip to any location in NSW.

Edward Zbik and the Committee Members can help in finding suitable localities to visit.

Steps are:

1. Must comply with Society's COVID Field Trip Safety Plan.
(See July 2020 Newsletter for the Society's Covid Field Trip Safety Plan.)
2. Prepare a page description of dates and localities you and your group plan to visit.
3. State who will be the Site Leader and assistant.
4. Add additional information applicable to the trip.

5. Register your trip with Edward Zbik at **edward.zbik@bigpond.com**
6. OPTIONAL: place a notice in newsletter.
7. Send copy of the participants list two days before start of the trip to both Edward Zbik at **edward.zbik@bigpond.com** and to George Laking at **bglaking@tech2u.com.au**.
8. An attendance check list, to be used as a roll call, will be forwarded to the Site Leader and Assistant.
9. Enjoy the trip.
10. OPTIONAL: Nominate a person to do a field trip report.

The SOCIETY LIBRARY

The Society Library has been moved within the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club building as part of extensive renovations to the rooms undertaken by the Club and which were described in the November Club Newsletter, the 'Lapidiary'. The renovations include a re-furbished kitchen with the water supply improved and a 3 litre continuous hot water unit installed. (No longer any need to boil a jug for hot water). There have been many other changes and upgrading which Society members will appreciate when the pandemic restrictions are lifted and Meetings can be held again in the Club rooms.

The Annual Society **Christmas Swap n' Sell** was held at the Lapidary Club on Saturday December the 5th. Due to the virus restrictions the Social was held outside the Club building during day hours from 11 am to 3 pm on what turned out to be a slightly dull but otherwise fine day and was attended by 35 members, some having travelled a substantial distance to be there. There were a number of sales conducted, particularly of an amount of minerals and tools donated by the John McAndrew estate. The proceeds of the donated sales are reserved for the **Kids with Cancer** fund. There was some McAndrew material left over which will be added to a subsequent Kids with Cancer sale.

Whilst the Society could not provide snack foods at the Social there were hot drinks available and after most sales had been conducted at the end of the afternoon members were able to gather near the Club BBQ area to relax and talk, (whilst maintaining adequate distances from each other).

Thanks are due to the Club for providing an amount of tables, chairs and awnings to set up the sales areas and particularly to the Society members who turned up to help with the setting up and clearing up afterwards.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc. Rock Swap

Sunday 28th February in the Stuart Park, North Wollongong 8 am to 2 pm
Stalls selling Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, and Jewellery Equipment and Books

Information: John Maley 42675618

ROCK SWAP by the Canberra Lapidary Club Inc

The Canberra Lapidary Club has circulated a leaflet listing three events for the year. The Rock Swop will be held over the weekend of the 13th & 14th of March and the Winter and Spring Shows over the weekends of 29th and 30th of May 10am and the 30th and 31st of October. In the EPIC Showground in Canberra.

The first event, the Rock Swop, will be held in the Parrot Park within the EPIC Showground. This would be a slight change of venue within the Showground due to a Covid Testing Station set up near the main entrance. Since the Rock Swop is an open-air event there will be limited effect due to pandemic restrictions but which may include a COVID Plan, reduced parking and camp sites within the Showground and possibly limited food stalls. Participants in the Rock Swop who intend to camp in the Showground must register with the organisers before February the 26th.

Information about the Rock Swop including a map of the venue, invitation and registration forms has been circulated by the Canberra Club. www.canberralapidary.org.au Mobile No : 0407 718 347

Event Organiser: Norm Menadue, Email : nmenadue@optusnet.com.au Ph : 02 6258 6631

30th Annual Gem and Craft Show

By the New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc over the weekend of Saturday the 20th of March, From 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday the 21st March, from 9 am to 3 pm. In the Armidale showground. Gems, Rocks, Jewellery, Crafts, Beads, Lapidary Books, Supplies, Lapidary Equipment and much more on sale at the show.
For information Contact the organisers on (02) 67722161 or e-mail info@nelc.net

LISMORE GEMFEST 2021

The annual Gemfest is being held in the Lismore showgrounds on Alexandra Parade in Lismore over the weekend of Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th 2021. Entry \$5 Adults 1 Children (under 12) Cash Only. Open from 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm Sunday. Camping within the showgrounds is available upon application.

Information on the Gemfest

The Annual Lismore Gemfest was started in 1990 by the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club Inc. Since then it has evolved into one of Australia's largest Annual Gem and Mineral shows with over 140 Tailgaters and Dealers over two massive days of selling and displaying Minerals, Gems, Fossils, Jewellery and Equipment from all over the world. The Gemfest is Celebrating 30 years in 2021 and is a major fundraiser for the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership fees are due from January 1st

Please provide your full name, postal address, telephone number/s and e-mail address (if available). Members with e-mail capability will receive the Newsletter and other information only by e-mail.

NAME:

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E-mail address

FEES: Adult membership, Sydney metropolitan area \$30

Adult membership, country or interstate \$25

Child/youth (under 18 years), or student member \$20

Additional family members (spouse/partner and children only) can be admitted for membership at the cost of \$5 each (after the first member's costs as per the list above). If applying for additional family members, please list the name(s) here:

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Options for payment

1). *Direct Credit / bank transfer to the Society's account*

The account details are: -

Commonwealth Bank:

Account Name: Mineralogical Society of NSW Inc.

BSB: 062016 Account number: 28023647

Please put your name in the Memo line when making a direct debit/bank transfer so that the Society will know who the payment is from. If any of your address or telephone details have changed you should provide those details on this form and return it to the Treasurer - either: -

1) at the next General Meeting,

2) by e-mail to *quartzandsirius@hotmail.com*

3) by post to the address below

2). *Cheque or Australia Post Money Order sent with a completed renewal form to: -*

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3). *By cash or cheque delivered to the Treasurer, or in his absence the Secretary, at any General meeting.* Members however are strongly urged to pay subscriptions by direct debit only as this will provide bank records of the payment for both the member and the Society.