



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

The June Meeting will be held on Friday the 1st of June at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville.

The program will commence with a talk to be given by Simon Tanner on :-

‘Broken Hill Rock On – A Review’

The talk will be followed by a lecture to be given by Graham Ogle on :-

‘The Fluorescent Minerals of Sterling Hill’.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

July 6th: Lecture by Keith Compton on – **‘What’s New in Mindat’.**

August 3rd: **Society A.G.M.** and the Betty Mayne, Edna and Harold Walker Memorial Lecture.
The Memorial lecture this year will be given by Professor Patrick De Decker on :-
‘The First Geological Map of England and Wales’

September 7th: There will be a lecture by Jeff Davis on :- **‘Elements That Make Up Minerals’.**

October 5th: The program will include talk a by Professor Peter Williams on :-
‘Misleading Mineral Locations’.
The talk will be followed a lecture to be given by Ross Pogson on :-
‘The Molong Pallasite Meteorite’

November 2nd: Lecture to be given by Glen Cathers on :- **‘The Sepon Copper Mine, Laos’.**

December 7th: **Christmas Social and ‘Swap n’ Sell’.**

FIELD TRIPS MAY - OCTOBER 2018

To register for any of the following field trips:
Contact Edward Zbik by e-mail: ecjz@optusnet.com.au
Any questions, call 0401 538 480 until 10:00pm

Date	Locality:	Leader
Check MinView, DIGS and Mindat for minerals and site information		
9-10 th June	Mineralogical Conference 2018	Mineralogical Societies Joint Annual Conference Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre
11 th June		
12 th June		
3 days between 23 th – 30 th June	Morton National Park – Tolwong Mine Very Remote Area - Overnight bush camping Open to all members NPWS Science Licence conditions apply	Edward Zbik
21 st July	CANNBERRA Weekend	GeoScience Canberra Visit, limit 10, afternoon Open to all Members. Arrange your own accommodation
22 nd July		Paddy's River, Corrin locality, Canberra Pending approval ACT Heritage Council Open to all Members. Camping or Canberra Accommodation
25/26 th August	Native Dog Ck, Hopes Ck, Sapphire Bend Open to all Members. State Forest Licence Required Camping or Oberon Accommodation. - RSL Optional	Site Leader Denis O'Brien
15/16 th September	McAlpine Mine Tumut Open to all members State Forest Fossicking Licence required. Tumut Hotel Dinner option	Need a site leader or group
28 th , 29 th , 30 th September Public Admission 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Fri, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sat, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Sun. FIELD TRIPS: 1 st – 2 nd October Allow 2 days to get there and return.	Broken Hill Gem and Mineral Show "ROCK ON" 2018 Memorial Oval Showground, Broken Hill. Fieldtrips will be organised following the weekend on the Monday and Tuesday. They will be to locations within the Broken Hill area and transport can be made available if needed. A \$5 fee will apply per person to attend field trips. High clearance vehicles may be needed to reach some locations. Nominations to attend field trips will be accepted during SATURDAY and SUNDAY at the show office. A maximum number of persons attending may be applied to each field trip.	OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. No need to register, make your own way Book with BHGM Club at event.
27 th / 28 th October	Duckmaloi Bi & Garnet occurrences Loves Mount SF. Open to all Members. Camping or Oberon Accommodation. State Forest Fossicking Licence required, RSL Optional	Need a site leader or group
	Your choice	Need a site leader or group

Dates for Bungonia/Tolwong mine may change due to weather conditions on the above dates. Register with Ed Zbik to be kept informed.

Please note:

Specimens collected by the Mineralogical Society of NSW from the Morton National Park and Bungonia State Conservation Area are under a NPWS Science Licence for research. Fossicking is prohibited in National Parks and will result in heavy fines, imprisonment or both. Tolwong HS is a private property, permission is required before entry.

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TOLWONG MINE, Morton National Park

Currently we have four members willing to spend three days in the bush.
A minimum of six members is needed to revisit Tolwong. If interested, call Ed.
The NPWS Science Licence expires 30th June 2018.
Anyone for an extension??

BUNGONIA SCA

If three members propose preferred dates over a minimum of two days, (weekday or weekend other than a scheduled field trip dates) a trip to Bungonia SCA can be arranged.
Bungonia SCA Block Up – Remote Area – overnight bush camping.
Open to all members NPWS Science Licence conditions apply.

Future Field Trips

Ed is looking for help members run and organising field trips. There are many sites untouched and too little time to investigate them all. If you know of a site you'd like to visit, be it a site you have already visited or a new site you know of or have found on MinView, Mindat, DIGS or another media publication, arrange a field trip to the locality.

The aim for the remainder of 2018 and 2019/2020 is to get 2-3 members teams to select a site, place a notice in the newsletter and lead a field trip. NSW has 32,000 recorded mineral sites on MinView and another 1200 on Mindat. Background information in DIGS.

Proposed Site										
Nearest Town										
Proposed Dates for 2019	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	June 19	July 19	Aug 18/19	Sep 18/19	Oct 18/19	Nov 18/19
Trip Leader										
Contact to register	Mobile				eMail:					
Assistants										

Note:

Date selected should be 3rd, 4th or 5th Weekend in month.

Full details of site location should be given only to registered members.

Newsletter notice to give minimum information of date, locality and who to contact to register.

Being a Trip Leader is an application of SWMS and SOP and will add one year extension to your certification period.

WELCOME

Welcome to new members Richard and Gail Lamond of Macquarie, ACT.

The SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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THE MAY MEETING

At the commencement of the Meeting several members who had taken part in the extended **Field Trip** to central NSW over the 27th of April to the 2nd of May complimented the organiser, Ed Zbik, for his work. The party of about a dozen members was based comfortably in mine accommodation at the **Manuka mine**, south of Cobar and apart from fossicking on that mine's dumps made several day trips out to other sites of interest. According to John Chapman, over the two days of fossicking at Manuka, everyone found 'something special', mostly forms of unusual and rare quartz crystals. A few examples had been brought in to display to the Meeting. On one of the other days the party visited the Mt Hope mine and on another day Mineral Hill.

John Chapman particularly brought attention to the Society's **Safe Work Methods Statements** originally compiled by Ed Zbik. With the aid of the certificates the field trip organiser could approach property owners or managers to assure them that the Society members applying to visit a site were certificated by the Society and alert to all appropriate safety considerations. On the Manuka trip all the members were SWMS compliant and it was because of this that they were allowed free run of the mine accommodation and workings without the need to be supervised by any mine personnel. The accommodation was very comfortable, each member having their own room and complete access to washing and cooking facilities. John Chapman recommended that all Society members who had any expectation of attending field trips should apply to become SWMS certified.

Ed Zbik addressed the meeting to report that a more detailed report on the Manuka trip would be provided by August, particularly describing all the minerals collected from the several sites visited, once the members had had time to clean all the specimens and identify the minerals. Ed also advised that a return field trip to Manuka was certainly being planned although it would probably have to wait until next year.

In the meantime there were still a few trips scheduled for the next two months, to Canberra to visit the GeoScience Museum and the Paddy's river locality and trips to continue exploring the Bungonia and Tolwong areas. Notably for the October long weekend Ed advised members that the – **Broken Hill 'Rock On'** was being organised by the Broken Hill Mineral Club and would be held from the 29th of September to the 1st of October. The Rock On schedule would involve a number of field trips conducted by Trevor Dart to sites in the area and which would be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday, 2nd and 3rd of October, after the weekend.

Ed Zbik finally showed the Meeting two items of equipment available for field trips and to deal with minerals collected. One was a **rock splitter** which could be borrowed by members and a portable **6-watt ultra-violet lamp** which had been obtained to locate fluorescent minerals. The lamp had been used and proved literally illuminating during the Manuka trip when the party had been conducted underground at the Hera mine by Adam McKinnon.

With no further announcements the President, Dieter Mylius, recommended that the main program of the evening, the **May Mini-Auction** should get underway. A total of 73 specimens and a few silent auction specimens or trays of specimens had been brought in by members. Anyone intending to bid was advised to obtain a bidding number from Jim Sharpe. The Auction was conducted briskly and cheerfully by Dieter Mylius as usual, ably assisted by Arthur Roffey demonstrating each specimens as it came up for sale. After a ten-minute break in the middle of the evening the Auction was completed by about 9.30 pm having sold, with the few silent auction items, a total of near to \$3,000 worth of specimens. At the end of the Auction Jim Sharpe was thanked for having organised the sale again this year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BANKSTOWN GEM AND MINERAL FAIR

Over Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of June

The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199.

Hosted by the Bankstown and Districts Lapidary Club and Crystal Habit.

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 and mineral specimens from all over the world.

A great day out for the whole family. Adults \$7, kids with parent/s are free! Plenty of parking available at the venue. 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 phone mobile 0412 333 150.'

THE JOINT MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALASIA 41st ANNUAL SEMINAR

The 41st Annual Joint Seminar will be held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend of the 9th to 12th of June. It will be hosted by the Mineralogical Society of Victoria and held in the Mercure Hotel & Convention Centre, 613 Main Road, Ballarat. The theme for this year's Seminar is : -

'A Golden Age of Mineral Deposits and Mineralogy'

Contact and information on the 2018 Seminar from: Fred Kapteina, Secretary, The Mineralogical Society of Victoria Inc. Registrar & Treasurer Seminar 2018.
email: fkaptein@bigpond.net.au

GEMORAMA 2018

Being held over Saturday 9th June to Monday 11th June
at 5304 Strathbogie Road, Emmaville, New England
Traders / Tailgaters \$50/3 days 8.30am - 5.30 pm. Self Contained Camping \$10 / night
Saturday Night – Lamb & Pork Spit \$5 and Live Music
Donations to Local SES, Glen Food Hub, Frontline Forces United
All Enquiries - 02 6734 7330 or 0436 343 935

WINDSOR GEM & MINERAL FAIR

Over Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17th, of June at the Windsor Function Centre, on the corner of George and Dight Streets, Windsor. Saturday 9.30 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9.30 am to 4 pm.

'A bi-annual fair hosted by The Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club and Crystal Habit, 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 Jewelry, 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!

For more information contact Peter Beckwith at raregems@optusnet.com.au or by mobile phone 0412 333 150'

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELLERY SHOW

The Campbelltown Lapidary Club's annual exhibition is being held in the Greg Percival Community Centre on the corner of Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd, Ingleburn over Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th of July. The exhibition will feature handmade jewellery made from gems and minerals, as well as rough and polished stones and more.

For more information contact Margaret on 02 9618 3206.

BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB GEM SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, August 18th and 19th 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>

The CARLINGFORD GEM and MINERAL FAIR

Being held in the Roselea Community Centre, 645 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, over Saturday & Sunday the 25th and 26th of August. Saturday from 9.30 am to 5 pm, Sunday from 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Sales and displays of jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, gem rough, carvings, fossils and mineral specimens, and crystals from all over the World.
Admission fee \$7. Refreshments available.

Inquiries to Peter Beckwith at raregems@optusnet.com.au or by mobile 0412 233 150

PARRAMATTA & HOLROYD LAPIDARY CLUB'S 57th GEM & MINERAL SHOW & EXHIBITION

From Friday to Sunday 14th, 15th & 16th September 2018 in the clubrooms at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville from 9am to 4pm each day.

The CENTRAL COAST LAPIDARY CLUB INC. ANNUAL GEM FESTIVAL

will be held in the Mingara Recreational Club, Mingara Drive, off Wyong Road, Tumbi Umbi Central Coast over Saturday & Sunday the 13th and 14th of October, on Sat from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 9am to 4pm.

'Dealers from across the state will be attending selling everything from jewellery, gemstones, fossils, specimen stones and stones polished and rough. There will be displays of the club members' work and our own club tables selling Minerals and also a large table of beading.'

2018 NORTHERN DISTRICTS LAPIDARY CLUB GEM SHOW – GEMS, JEWELLERY AND MINERALS EXHIBITION

'Our Gem show and exhibition, lapidary competition and display, will be held from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October at the Beecroft Community Centre, on the corner of Beecroft and Copeland Roads, Beecroft, Sydney.

The opening times are as follows:-

Friday 26th – 9am to 7pm; Saturday 27th – 9am to 5pm and Sunday 28th – 10am to 4pm

The Northern Districts Lapidary Club holds its Exhibition and sale of Gemstones and Rings, Faceted Gems, Pendants and Earrings which are handcrafted by club members. There will be something for the whole family with a fossicking fun area for children and demonstrations of craft working.

There will also be refreshments available as well as books and a range of plants.

GEMKHANA 2018

Saturday 29th September to Monday 1st October

At the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground at Clarendon, NSW.

For further details please email gemkhana@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au
