



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

The June Meeting will be held on Friday the 14th of June at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville.

Members please note:

The June Meeting will be held later in the month than usual since the first Friday, the 7th, is before a long weekend and the Meeting will be held on the second Friday, the 14th.

The program at the June Meeting will commence with a mini-talk to be given by Simon Tanner on the

Manuka Mine

The talk will be followed by a lecture to be given by Jamey Wilson on :-

Collecting in Russia

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

July 5th : There will be a lecture given by David Colchester on :- **‘Homemade Minerals’**, and also be a report to be given by Paul Meszaros on :- **‘The NSW Economic Rock and Mineral Collection – Latest Developments’**.

August 2nd : A.G.M. The Mayne/Walker Memorial lecture will be given by Peter Williams and Jim Sharpe on :- **Secondary Copper minerals of the Mt Isa District**.

September 6th : There will be a lecture to be given by Lee spencer on **Arsenates (with examples from the Ojeula Mine, Mexico)**.

October 11th (Second Friday): There will be a lecture on **Mineral Museums in Australia and Overseas** by Dieter Mylius and Graham Ogle.

Nov 1st: Lecture by David French on **Minerals in Coal**. (title to be confirmed)

Dec 6th: **Christmas Swap and Sell**

FIELD TRIP TO KULNURA

KULNURA HANSON QUARRY OPEN DAY COMPANY TOUR

Express your interest in tours of the Kulnura Hanson Quarry.

Date: Sunday 9th June (Only)

Location: Hanson Concrete Kulnura

557 George Downes Drive, Kulnura

Time: 9:00am, 11:30 am and 2:00 pm

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WELCOME

Welcome to new member Kim Cooke of Bibbenluke

THE MAY MEETING

The May meeting program entirely comprised the annual Society Auction but initially there were a few announcements and reports presented.

Graham Ogle reported that the next meeting of the **Micro-Mineral Group** would be held in the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club rooms a week on the following Saturday the 11th from 1.00pm.

Ed Zbik announced that five more members had completed **Society SWMS certificates**. The members were Brian Holden, Robyn Baker, Glenn Brown, Ken Mitchell and Steve Petkovski.

Ed then reported on his progress organising the projected **Field Trip to Manuka and central NSW** to be held over the last week of June. Final arrangements including the dates for the trip which were projected to be between the 20th to 30th of June were still to be confirmed. Apart from 2-3 days to be spent at the Manuka mine Ed was still negotiating and making arrangements to visit a number of other sites in central NSW over the period. Members who had registered for the trip would be kept informed about the developments.

Before the Auction commenced Dieter Mylius thanked **Jim Sharpe** for his organising the Auction again this year and also **Marian Ong** who had brought in several platters of hot snack foods which she had cooked and prepared herself for the members. Marian's contribution added considerably to the amount of refreshments which had been brought in but by the end of the evening nearly all of the food had been consumed.

The Auction was conducted this year by **Glenn Brown** who proceeded competently, briskly and cheerfully to dispose of the seventy-six lots which had been brought in for sale. He was assisted by Dieter Mylius displaying each specimen as it came up. There was a ten-minute break about half-way through the auction and by the end of the sale the lots had been sold for a total of about \$3,500. After the auction had finished members were recommended to take an additional ten minutes to examine and make bids for the silent auction specimens and trays which had been brought in. There were quite a number of these and it was possible that by the end of the evening total sales of all specimens had been in the region of \$4,000.

Thanks are also due to the members who helped clean up the Lapidary Club room at the end of the evening including washing up used plates and cutlery, cleaning tables and re-arranging all the chairs and tables back to their normal positions.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Society members are invited to offer to help with completing **Society Library** work which is underway or pending. The Society Library has a large number of books and magazines many of which have been labeled and numbered and are available for borrowing but there is still an amount of labelling work still to be done. Ed Zbik is able to periodically organise a working bee to continue this task and would appreciate offers of help. If any members are able to help with this work they are asked to contact Ed to join the next working bee.

Ed Zbik would also like any help that members can provide with organising **Field Trips**. This is a much larger and continually ongoing program which Ed has been very involved with over the last several years. Help would include researching and then investigating mineralogically-significant sites to find if visits can be arranged.

Anyone able to help is asked to contact Ed on (02) 9638 6586 or e-mail ecjz@optusnet.com.au

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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!'

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

THE JOINT MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALASIA 42nd ANNUAL SEMINAR

The 42nd Joint Seminar of the Mineralogical Societies of Australasia will be held in the State Library of WA in Perth over Saturday and Sunday the 31st of August and 1st of September 2019 on the theme : -

Traps In Mineralogy – Pseudomorphs, Look-Alikes, Fakes and Synthetics

The full Seminar program includes a Micromount session to be held at the WA Lapidary Club, Rivervale, a Swap and Sell on Monday 2 September also at the WA Lapidary Club, Rivervale (\$5.00 per table for sellers), and a field trip to the Murchison Region on Tuesday the 3rd of September.

Registration fees if paid before the end of February were discounted but are now \$150.00 for MinSoc or like-Society Members, \$185.00 for non-members and \$75.00 for students.

The Conference dinner, (\$65), and Mineral Auction will be held on Saturday evening at the Mercure Hotel, Perth CBD.

Inquiries for information, registration and bookings may be made to : -

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The Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Annual Gem Show

To be held over Saturday and Sunday August 17th and 18th 2019
Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) just west of Information Centre.

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

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

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. Entry \$5.

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

Featuring: The largest emerald found in NSW; hand-crafted jewellery; polished stones; (cabochons);

stone carvings; minerals and fossils. Demonstrations of Silver Work and Gem Cutting
For further details email gemkhana@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au