



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

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

The November presentation will be by Allan Pring and the title is:

Mineralogy and Chemistry in the Early 19th Century - a "Golden Age" of Science.

Alan Pring

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Sunday the 5th of December: **Christmas Social, Swap and Sell.**

The Christmas function will be a Swap and Sell on **Sunday the 5th of December**, not Saturday the 4th as previously being considered and will be held in the grounds of the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club. The Club premises have been booked by another group for the Saturday. The Social will comprise the sale or exchange of mineral specimens and mineralogical material, books, magazines and equipment.

It is expected that some pandemic regulations will still be in place by December and the Social cannot be held inside the building so will be held in the car park area outside the club building. The arrangements will obviously be dependent on the weather being fine but as was provided last year, awnings will be set up over most of the tables. There should be adequate table space provided for sellers but nearer to the Social date members intending to sell are asked to notify the Vice-President, John Chapman, or the Secretary, George Laking, that they will be selling so that the Committee will have an idea how many tables will be required.

Due to the regulations it may be necessary for the Society to maintain a register of all attendees and in particular the Committee will insist that all attendees must be double vaccinated. Everyone must sign in upon arrival, (names should be printed), and give a contact number. It may be that masks need not be worn outside in the open but this would be a matter for individual choice. Only Society members and their associates are allowed to attend the Social which is a private event, general public people will be refused entry.

Subject to confirmation the Social will commence at 10.00 am and continue through to about 3.00 pm, (the finishing time is flexible and would depend on whether a large number of members turn up after their lunch elsewhere). Due to the regulations refreshments cannot be provided and members may be advised to bring their own food although hot drinks and beverages should be available. Last year a boiling water urn and hot drink supplies were set up on a table in the BBQ area at the rear of the Club grounds. Since refreshments cannot be provided there will be no entry charge levied, the hot drinks and cold beverages will be free.

Because the Lapidary Club car park is being utilized for the Social car parking cannot be allowed on the Club premises but nearby street parking is available. Members with sale material to unload would be allowed to drive into the car park but after unloading should move their cars outside the grounds.

Members who have overlooked paying a subscription to the Society for this year are reminded that whilst they are welcome to buy minerals at the Christmas Social they are not allowed to sell unless they are currently financial. (At this late time of the year members who are un-financial or uncertain of their status for 2021 should just pay for next year only). Membership subscription forms are available on the Website and will otherwise be sent out with the December Newsletter.

2022: The Society does not hold General Meetings in January and the first Meeting in 2022 will be on February the 4th. Meetings will be held at the Parramatta and Holroyd Lapidary Club on the first Friday of each subsequent month through the year unless that is before a long weekend when the Meeting would be held on the second Friday.

Hopefully by next year all pandemic restrictions should have been cancelled and all Meetings can be held 'live' although it is hoped to provide a virtual connection for the benefit of members living outside Sydney who are unable to get to meetings.

Sale of FLUORESCENT MINERALS

Paul Carr

'Like many mineral collectors I am trying to find the balance between the number of specimens and available space. Hence I need to cull some of my fluorescent mineral specimens, mainly Franklin mining district but also other localities. If you are interested in purchasing fluorescent mineral specimens, please email me (pcarr2020@outlook.com) and I will send you photographs and other relevant information. Paul Carr.'

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The 43rd Annual Combined Mineralogical Societies of Australasia Seminar

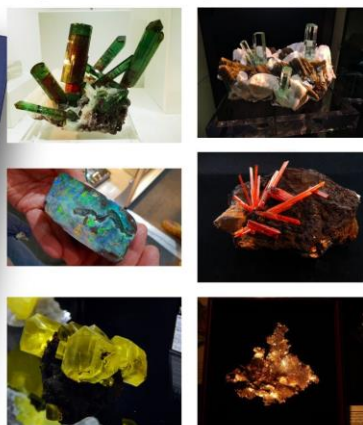
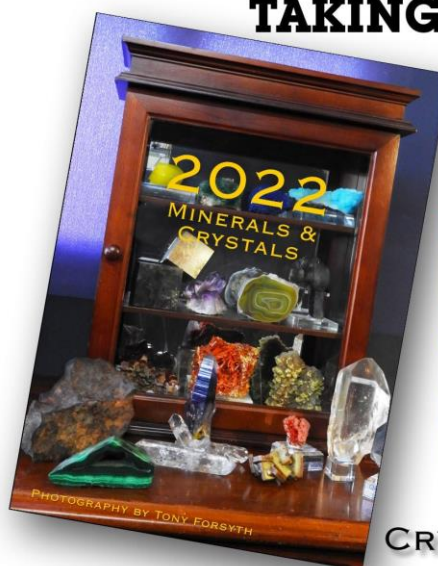
The 43rd Annual Seminar held by virtual mode over the October long weekend was very successful and a number of compliments have been received by the Society Committee from attendees. During the Seminar over one period there were about 76 screens 'connected in' and given that at some of the terminals there was more than one person observing the total number of attendees would have been close to 90.

All the lectures were very well illustrated with a series of images projected of the subjects being described and whilst the some of these may seem to have strayed a little from the theme of '**43 Shades of Silver**', Manuka Quartz Crystals are however found in a silver mine and the lecturer on crocoite noted that the mineral is composed of two silvery elements, lead and chromium. The presentations were all very interesting and competently delivered. The photographic competition had been well supported with 78 entries received from six contributors. For the penultimate lecture John Chapman projected images of the best photographs describing the points most favoured by the judges and dealt in some detail about the technical features of producing good photographs.

Rod Martin delivered the last lecture of the program to speak about the 2022 44th Seminar to be held in New Zealand. Over the third week in October the NZ Society normally holds its Micro-Mineral symposium followed by a number of field trips. Next year the Mineralogical Seminar would be held as part of the event probably at a Lions lodge in Northland or in Dargaville and Rod described some of the sites and areas which he hoped would be promising for collectors.

At the end of the Seminar and after thanking all the speakers and contributors Dieter Mylius invited attendees to engage in a general discussion. One question was put to Tony Forsyth about his providing a calendar for next year. These had been organised, he had a hundred printed and order forms could be provided. The cost would be \$20 plus postage and the calendar could be ordered through his Facebook page.

TAKING ORDERS NOW!



2022 MINERALS &
CRYSTALS CALENDAR!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

58TH GEMBOREE 2022

The 58th Gemboree will be held over Easter 2022, from Friday to Monday, the 15th to 18th of April at the Australian Rural Education Centre, 267 Ulan Road, Bombira, north Mudgee, central NSW.

The Gemboree 2022 Booklet and other information is available and can be downloaded from the AFLACA, (Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Associations Inc), website : -

<https://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>
