



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 5th of February at 7.30 p.m. in the LZG14 lecture theatre on the ground floor of Building LZ in the Science campus of the University of Western Sydney on the corner of Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive in North Parramatta.

The program at the February Meeting will include three talks.

John Rankin will speak on : - 'Martin Zwer's Scheelite Mine, Nundle, N.S.W.'

Jim Sharpe will speak on : - 'Fluorescence of Scheelite and Other Weird Stories'

David Colchester will speak on : - 'Magnetic Minerals'

At the February Meeting there will also be a **Sale of Mineral Specimens** donated for the Kids with Cancer charity and a catalogue/list of almost 70 specimens will accompany this Newsletter.

If any members wish to bring in extra specimens for this sale other than those already offered we would be pleased to have them. They should be labelled and a price shown.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Society Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the rest of this year except before the long weekends of Easter, - 2nd to 5th of April and the Labour Day long weekend of 2nd to 4th of October 2010. The Queen's Birthday public holiday this year is over the second weekend in June from the 12th to 14th and so will not affect the Society meeting which will be held on the first Friday.

Subject to circumstances some changes to the following schedule of program subjects and speakers may have to be made in due course.

March 5th: 2010 Tucson Show Update by Penny Williamson and a lecture by Ross Pogson on 'Cave Minerals'.

April 9th: (Second Friday, - after Easter): Minitalk by Bruce Myles on 'Zircons from Malawi'.
Lecture by Les Bursil on 'Aboriginal pigments and tools'.

May 7th: Member's Mini-Auction.

June 4th: Talk by Meagan McKinnon on 'Scanning Diamond Drill Core' and a lecture by Lin Sutherland on 'Forensic Gemmology in N.S.W.'

July 2nd: Lecture by Jim Sharpe and Peter Williams on 'Ernest Henry. The Man and the Mines'.

August 6th: Society A.G.M. Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture to be given by Brian England on 'Minerals of the Garrawilla Volcanics'.

2010 Society Membership Fees:

Society membership fees were due from January 1st 2010. Subscription renewal forms were sent out last year and more are available from the Secretary or Treasurer at any Meeting. Members are recommended to provide their e-mail addresses if available in the interest of placing as many people as possible within electronic communication, not to mention cutting down the cost of posting out hard copies of the Society Newsletters.

The renewal form may also be used to pay next year's premium of \$3.00 for **Personal Accident Insurance**. It should be understood that the period to be covered by any payments made now would be for the period from 4.00 p.m. on September 1st 2010 to 4.00 p.m. on September 1st 2011.

Information on the degree/s of cover provided by the **Personal Accident Insurance** is available from the Society Secretary or the Gem & Lapidary Council of N.S.W. Inc. The insurance has been arranged for many years by the Council for member clubs and associations through brokers Webster Hyde Heath in Adelaide with QBE Commercial Insurance Ltd and provides a number and scale of benefits for personal injuries.

Any new members who have joined the Society after May 1st 2009 are reminded that their subscriptions paid after that date are deemed to keep them financial for the whole of the following year, up to December 31st 2010.

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WELCOME

Welcome to new members: - Linda Blackhall of Middle Dural,
and Peter Tumminello of Waverton

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB 2010 ROCK AND MINERAL FAIR

Sunday 28th February 2010

Members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club sell minerals, fossils, lapidary work, jewellery, books, equipment and other wares. "Rock Scramble" around mid-day for children and young people.
In Stuart Park, by the beach at North Wollongong, 8.30am-2.00pm.

Members please note:

Correction to the dates given in the December Newsletter for the **Back from Tucson Sale 2010** which will be held over the 6th & 7th of March weekend, not the 27th & 28th of February as stated previously.

BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

Being held from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday the 6th & 7th of March 2010
at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry.

Featuring:

Sales by Crystal Habit, Quality Gem Rough Supplies and Quality Alpaca Supplies of a fine selection of mineral specimens, decorator pieces, faceting and capping rough, gemstones, beads, metaphysical needs and fine Alpaca products.

Hosted by Arthur and Christine Roffey, Peter & Debbie Beckwith and John and Val Tunzi.
Inquiries to Arthur Roffey on (02) 4572 5812 or Peter Beckwith on 0412 333 150

MINERAMA 2010

In the Glen Innes Showgrounds over the March 12th to 14th weekend

GEMBOREE 2010

Easter 2010. Friday to Monday, April 2nd to 5th, at Devonport, Tasmania.
Inquiries to the GEMBOREE 2010 Secretary, P.O.Box 996, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.
For travel and accommodation bookings contact the Devonport Visitor Information Centre,
Telephone : - 1800 649 514 and mention the GEMBOREE .
