



Mineralogical Society of Western Australia Inc July 2010 Newsletter

Editorial

This issue is to remind members of the AGM. Hopefully the next issue will have more articles in it. Contributors should submit articles at least a week before the next meeting. Late articles may be held over to the following newsletter.

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August Meeting (AGM) - Wednesday 4th August 2010

Starting at 7:30 pm at the WA Lapidary Club rooms 31 Gladstone Road Rivervale.

This meeting is the AGM.

Speaker: Frank Radke and Allan Hart

Topic: "Report on the Annual Seminar in Adelaide and the field trips following the seminar"

Visitors Welcome.

Light refreshments provided after the meeting.

2010 Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 6th October 2010 – Sue Koepke "Japan-law Twinning in Quartz"

Wednesday 1st December 2010 Christmas Meeting

Speaker Margot Willing Topic to be announced

The next Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia 34th Annual Seminar will be held in Melbourne in 2011.

More details in future Newsletters.

The 2012 Annual Seminar will be held in Perth.

Publications

I have received notification of the following new publications (available from Marnie Pope in Tasmania):-

“Alluvial Gold in Tasmania” by R. S. Botteri. (Mineral Resources of Tasmania 11)

This publication contains 28 pages (no photographs). This contains a brief description of the main deposits and a reference to all known deposits. (cost \$8 + postage)

“Created From Chaos – a geological trail of 100 sites in Tasmania” by Peter S. Manchester.

This book contains 304 including colour photos and illustrations.

This book is a must for anyone interested in geology who visits Tasmania. It is written in an easy to read style. The book lists 24 unique geological features which differentiate Tasmania from the rest of the world. It then describes 100 geological sites. You don't have to read the whole book, but just the 2 to 6 pages of the site that interests you – whether it be Russel Falls (chaos site 52) or Beaconsfield gold mines (chaos site 5) or Cradle Mountain (chaos site 68). The book describes what you see (often with illustrations pointing out the various features), how it was formed, how old it is, how old the rocks are etc.

It answers various questions such as What is dolerite? (p192), How the Newdegate Cave was formed? (p175), How did Lake St Claire establish its shape? (p287), Why do the granites produce topaz? (at Killiecrankie Bay, p296). (cost \$50 + postage)

FIELD TRIPS 2010

By arrangement members of the mineralogical society are able to go on field trips organized by the Western Australia Lapidary and Rockhunting Club inc.

Please register with MINSOC Field Trip organizers prior to attending any of the following events, but only if you are a current (financial) MINSOCWA member to confirm event details.

<p>THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAPIDARY AND ROCKHUNTING CLUB INC. 31-35 Gladstone Road, Rivervale, 6103. Rivervale W.A.</p>
<p>PROPOSED 2010 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS</p>
<p>Aug 15 (Sunday) Byford Area</p>
<p>Sept 25-27 Wildflower trip Eneabba Area</p>
<p>Oct 24 Northam Area</p>
<p>Nov 14</p>
<p>Further 2010 activities and events will be published during the year</p>

OS&H – Yes, occupational, safety and health applies on field trips

Please make sure you have the normal safety gear – field boots and hard hat Plus carry extra drinking water. Take sun screen and fly repellent. Drive safely

Particularly important for group field trips:-

Please register your details with excursion organizer – name, car rego, mobile telephone

Please follow instructions by excursion organizer and if you need to leave a field trip early, advise organizer.

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