

Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia

46th Annual Seminar

Sat 5th October – Wed 9th October 2024

at the Queensland Museum, Brisbane, Queensland

Hosted by the Mineralogical Society of Queensland Inc.



Seminar: Sat 5th and Sun 6th October 2024. **Seminar Dinner** Sat: 5th October
Meetings and Swap and Sell sessions Mon 7th October (*am*)
Field trips on Mon 7th (*pm*) and Tues 8th - Wed 9th October in SE Queensland

The Mineralogical Society of Queensland is hosting our national seminar on the Kings Birthday Weekend in October 2024. The main venue is the theatrette in the Queensland Museum, Southbank, Brisbane. (*The Queensland Museum offers free entry and has a gallery of minerals, many from the Minerals Heritage Museum, as well as Queensland Museum collections*).

The event is fully catered on Saturday and Sunday, and 10 guest speakers will give presentations on a range of mineral related topics that will be of interest to mineral collectors, gemmologists and anyone interested in the earth sciences. We have endeavoured to select speakers whose presentations are not overly academic and well worth attending regardless of your bent!

Saturday night we meet for a social dinner within walking distance of the seminar venue in Southbank gardens parklands.

On the morning of **Monday 7th October**, we move to the meeting rooms of the **Garden City Library**, Upper Mount Gravatt (*located within Garden City shopping centre*), where we will conduct a joint societies meeting, followed by a swap and sell session of minerals and a micro mount session for those interested until lunchtime. On Monday afternoon after a bite of lunch, we have organised visits to view two **private mineral collections** in Brisbane with one selling fine minerals. Otherwise, you may prefer to visit the **Brisbane Opal Museum**, to view their wonderful display of opals and opal mining, as well as a display of fine minerals, presented by the Minerals Heritage Museum. On **Tuesday 8th** into **Wednesday 9th**, we plan to hold a field trip based in Kingaroy, SE Queensland, approximately 3.5 hours' drive from Brisbane city, which for most will involve an overnight stay in either Kingaroy or the south Burnett Region. (*to be booked separately, else you may wish to drive up early Wednesday morning to join the trip*).

If you wish to register your interest, then please contact our treasurer or secretary **immediately**, so as we can lock in the venue and catering requirements. Please email a copy of the registration form to our Secretary, **John Hayward** on: jonward99@optusnet.com.au, or our Treasurer **Katherine Bracco** on minsocqldtreasurer@gmail.com.

We are offering special **one day registrations** if persons wish to only attend for a single day session to hear specific topics. The seminar will be a great chance to add to your mineralogical knowledge in a friendly space and to meet fellow collectors from around Australia and New Zealand. It only comes to Queensland once every 6 years, so don't miss out!

Please Visit our website for future updates: www.mineral.org.au/seminar/seminar2024.htm

Seminar Schedule

Saturday 5th October – Queensland Museum Theatrette

Time	Event	Subject
9:00 am	Welcome to the 46 th Joint Seminar	Opening Speaker . . .
9:15 am	❶ 60 mins. Ross Pogson	The New Minerals Gallery of the Australian Museum, Sydney
10:15 am	Morning Tea 25 mins.	
10:40 am	❷ 60 mins. Dayna McGeeney	Rare and unusual gemstones in the Australian Museum, NSW collection
11:40 am	❸ 60 mins. Ivan Dainis	Mud Tank NT - Carbonatite Zircons
12:40 pm	Lunch 1:15 hour	Time to visit Qld Museum displays as well as enjoy lunch
1:55 pm	❹ 60 mins. Val and Geoff McDonald	Queensland Opals and Opal Deposits
2:55 pm	Afternoon Tea 25 mins.	
3:20 pm	❺ 60 mins. Andrew Turkington	Minerals of Vietnam
4:20 pm	End of presentations Day 1	
4:30 pm	Vacate theatrette please	

Saturday 5th October – Southbank Parklands Dinner

5:30 pm	Pre dinner drinks ???	Southbank Parklands, Brisbane
6:45 pm	Seminar Dinner	The Plough Inn, 29 Stanley St Plaza, Southbank, Brisbane

Sunday 6th October – Queensland Museum Theatrette

Time	Event	Subject
9:00 am	Delegates greeting	
9:15 am	❶ 60 mins. Garry Gatfield	Gold Rushes of Modern Times
10:15 am	Morning Tea 25 mins.	
10:40 am	❷ 50 mins. Tony Forsyth (with Prof. Ken Collerson)	The Plainview Meteorite – a newly described Queensland meteorite
11:30 am	❸ 50 mins. Ralph Botterill	40 years of chasing minerals in Tasmania
12:20 pm	Lunch 1:30 hour	Time to visit Qld Museum displays as well as enjoy lunch
1:50 pm	❹ 60 mins. Josh Irving	Thackeringa, NSW garnets and how they formed
2:50 pm	Afternoon Tea 25 mins.	
3:15 pm	❺ 60 mins. John Hayward	Wave Hill, NT. Minerals and Mineralogy
4:15 pm	End of presentations Day 2	
4:30 pm	Vacate theatrette please	



Queensland Museum Southbank theatrette – Seminar Venue.

Seminar Schedule

Monday 7th October – Mt Gravatt Library meeting room

Time	Event	Subject
9:00 am	45 mins.Delegates Minsoc meeting	
9:45 am to lunchtime	2 hrs 30 mins. Swap and Sell and Micro sessions <i>(Purchase own lunch in Garden City shopping centre)</i>	
12:30 pm	Vacate meeting room please	
1:00 - 4:45 pm	Visit 2 private mineral collections	89 Glenora Street, Wynnum and/or 27 Creek Rd, Birkdale. Both Brisbane south of river.
1:00 - 4:30 pm	OR Visit Brisbane Opal Museum	201 Lutwyche Road Windsor (\$4.00 entry fee)

Tuesday 8th October

Time	Event	Subject
Leave am	Leisure day driving <i>(to Kingaroy or South Burnett, SE Qld)</i> . Time to visit local attractions	Overnight in motel <i>(approx. 3 hr 30 min drive from Brisbane CBD)</i>
7:00 pm	Pub Dinner? Delegates are responsible for booking own accommodation in either Kingaroy or South Burnett region.	We will aim for Kingaroy, but please book early.

Wednesday 9th October

Time	Event	Subject
8:00 am	Depart Kingaroy and meet in Murgon. Buy or bring lunch and meet at the Murgon Lions Park. <i>(45 mins)</i>	
8:45 am	Depart for fossicking area near Cloyna <i>(15mins)</i>	Travel in convoy with our fossicking guide to a private property. <i>(fossickers must obey landowners rules).</i>
9:00 am	Fossicking guide talk and fossick	Fossicking in paddocks (Bucket, Pick, Sunscreen, Hat)
2:00 pm	Drive back to Brisbane	End of official seminar events
2:00 pm onwards	Delegates may wish to spend another night in Kingaroy before departing on Wednesday 10 th October.	We hope that you enjoyed the 46 th Annual Seminar!



Examples of agate/chalcedony found recently at the field trip fossicking locality.

2024 Queensland Seminar Registration Form

Name ❶:

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Address:

..... Postcode

Mobile: Ph:

Email: @

Affiliated club or society:

Full Registration for Seminar talks 5 th & 6 th October 2024 (Includes 2 days fully catered Lunch, Morning & Afternoon teas)	\$130.00 per person	No. of persons?	
Registration for Seminar talks for ONE day (Includes 1 day of fully catered Lunch, Morning & Afternoon teas)	\$70.00 per day Which Day?	No. of persons?	
Seminar Dinner (Saturday 5th October)	\$55.00 per person	No. of persons?	
Monday 7th Delegates meeting 9:00 am – 9:45 am		Attending?	
Monday 7th Swap and Sell/Micromount session 9:45 am – 12:30 pm Do you require a table trade from? (Limited space is available)		Attending?	
Monday 7th Visit to private mineral collection 1:45 pm onwards		Attending?	
Monday 7th Visit to Brisbane Opal Museum 1:45 pm onwards		Attending?	
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th Field trip to SE Queensland locality. (Overnight stay at delegate expense)		Attending?	
		Grand Total	

Seminar Payment Information

It is important to register your interest as soon as possible to allow all venues to be locked in. Registration with us is more important than payment, but we will require your seminar payment by 5th September 2024.

Return your Seminar Registration form to:
minsocqldtreasurer@gmail.com

Bank transfer details for direct deposit (*preferred*):

NAB Bank

Mineralogical Society of Qld Inc.

BSB: **084 034**

Account: **018442341**

If you wish to pay via Credit Card we are able to accept card payments

If you wish to pay by cheque, they should be payable to:
Mineralogical Society of Queensland Inc.

Forms and payment details should be posted to:

**The Treasurer,
Mineralogical Society of Queensland Inc.
PO Box 6362 Upper Mount Gravatt 4122**

For further details please contact:

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