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## NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2010**

**The August Meeting is the Society Annual General Meeting and will be held on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 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.**

## 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will commence at 7.30 p.m. with the President's report for 2009/2010 followed by the Treasurer's report for 2009/2010, presentation of the annual financial accounts and the election of the Society Committee and office-bearers for 2010/2011.

During the A.G.M. any other business may also be raised and discussed.

The Election of Office-Bearers for 2010/2011.

In accordance with the Society Constitution the entire current Committee retires at the commencement of the A.G.M. and all positions are open for nomination and election. Nomination forms for election to the 2009/2010 Committee were circulated with the July Newsletter and nominations should have been received before the commencement of the A.G.M. A member can be nominated for but cannot hold more than one position. Only financial and Honorary Life members of the Society are eligible for nomination or allowed to participate in any voting.

After the A.G.M. has been concluded the **Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture** will be given this year by Brian England on

### **'Minerals of the Garrawilla Volcanics'**

Members are invited to bring in specimens from the Garrawilla and Coonabarabran area to display at the Meeting and help illustrate the lecture.

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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

September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Talk by Dennys Angove on the 'QUEMSCAM Analysis of Minerals' followed by a lecture by Allen Arnold on 'Collecting, A Wonderful World'.

October 8<sup>th</sup>: (Second Friday this month). Lectures on 'Mineral Catalogues' by John Rankin and on 'Plate Tectonics to Mineral Deposits' by Paul Carr.

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Member's Forum followed by a lecture by Glen Diemar on 'The Roxby Downs Copper-Uranium Mine'.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010: Christmas Social

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2011: Lecture by Peter Leverett on 'Mines in the Mist – Mt Lyell'.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2011: Lecture by John Rankin on 'Collectors of the New England'.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011: Talk by John Smedley on 'Labels for Minerals' and a lecture by Gary Sutherland on 'Cousin Jacks – Cornwall's Mining Heritage'.

*(Easter 2011 is over the 4th weekend of the month. Good Friday is April 22<sup>nd</sup>).*

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2011: Member's Mini Auction.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011: 'The Prospect Intrusion. Brief History, Geology & Member's Experiences.

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## WITH REGRET

It is with regret that we have to report that Society member Peter Shales passed away in June after a short illness.

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## THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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## JULY MEETING

The July Meeting was opened by the Vice-President, John Chapman, in the absence of the President, Gary Sutherland, who was temporarily incapacitated with an injured Achilles tendon.

The Vice-President complimented a visitor, Howard Greening, who in his capacity as a volunteer worker at the **Macleay Museum** had managed to rescue a large number of geological specimens from being thrown away and had handed them to the University of Western Sydney.

John Chapman advised that there had been some problems with e-mailing out the Society Newsletter this month due to some electronic fault and that any members who had failed to receive the last Newsletter electronically should inform him.

The Vice-President further advised that the **Society microscope** was in constant use by members borrowing it on a monthly basis and bringing it in to the subsequent meeting to hand on to the next borrower. Any members wishing to use it for a month would need to speak to the Librarian, David Colchester, to book it for the period.

The **33rd Annual Joint Mineralogical Societies Seminar** was held in Adelaide over the second weekend in June on the theme of Australian Collectors & Collecting with a few N.S.W. Society members attending. John Rankin had been one of those and was asked to deliver a report to the Meeting on this year's Seminar.

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### Australian Collectors & Collecting

John Rankin

The Seminar had provided a very enjoyable weekend attended by about 62 people and held in the Royal Society of South Australia rooms located behind the Art Gallery and South Australian Museum complex. Basically all of the curators of the various mineral museums around Australia gave presentations. There was a mineral bazaar on the Sunday which was very well attended with plenty of material offered for sale ranging from a \$13,000 kunzite specimen down to \$1 to \$2 specimens. There was a great dinner on the Saturday night and on Monday field trips and visits to collections had been organised.

The Seminar was a good time to meet and talk to people and John Rankin was sure that everyone who went enjoyed themselves thoroughly. He made the one criticism that the only New South Wales Society members at the Seminar who were not actually presenters were a member from Darwin and another from Coffs Harbour.

Next year the Seminar will be in Melbourne and John Rankin recommended that as many members as possible make the effort to attend then. It would be a great experience and would certainly widen the member's horizons.

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Peter Williams who had attended the Seminar in Adelaide as a presenter had also had the opportunity to discuss the current situation appertaining to the **Australian Journal of Mineralogy** with members of the publishing team also at the Seminar. The Journal had unfortunately become off track with its publication schedule and distribution dates but Peter Williams had been advised that the 2009 Volume, Numbers 1 and 2 would be combined and printed as a single issue and publication was 'imminent'. He had also been assured that the 2010 Volume Number 1 would be out by the end of this year.

Graham Ogle reported that the **Micromount Group** was continuing to hold regular meetings, this month at Noel and Ann Kennon's house in Dapto on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. Any members interested in attending the meeting or wanting more information could speak to Graham Ogle.

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With no further announcements the Vice-President handed the Meeting over to the speaker for the evening, Professor Peter Williams was to speak on '**Ernest Henry. The Man and the Mines**'.

Since Peter Williams and Jim Sharpe intend to write the lecture subject up in detail to publish it as an article in a forthcoming issue of the **Australian Journal of Mineralogy** it will not be given as a summary here.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB SHOW

Being held over Saturday & Sunday, August 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010,  
in the Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW  
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) Just west of Information Centre.

Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales.

Refreshments available.

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

8 am to 4 pm Daily

Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1

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### CARLINGFORD GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Over Saturday and Sunday the 28th and 29th of August 2010  
in the Roselea Community Centre, Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.  
SALES of jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, mineral specimens from all over the world,  
tools and equipment for lapidary and beading work, metaphysical and healing crystals.  
Displays of mineral specimens, cut & polished stones, carvings & gemstones.

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### The 2010 NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ROCK, MINERAL & GEM SHOW

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the West Wave Recreation Centre,  
Alderman Drive, Henderson, Auckland, N.Z.

Friday & Saturday, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Sunday 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Sales and displays of gems, jewellery, rocks, fossils, minerals and crystals.

Faceting demonstrations, lapidary tools and equipment. Fluorescent mineral display.

National competition entries and winners.

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## **GEMKHANA 2010**

October 2nd, 3rd, & 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm, Monday 9am-midday  
At the Cessnock Indoor Sports Centre, Cessnock Showground, Mount View Rd, Cessnock.

**GEMKHANA** will feature the competition of handcut stones, jewellery, carving, enamelling, minerals & fossils. Dealers. Tailgaters. Displays. Demonstrations. Field trips are being planned.

On-site camping is \$15 per night both powered and unpowered and the Big 4 Valley Vineyard Tourist Park. (02 4990 2573), is almost next-door, for those who prefer more comfort.

If staying off-site, book early. Cessnock is a popular weekend destination.

Refreshments. Plenty of parking. Wheelchair access.

Marilyn and John Behrens Gemkhana Co-ordinators

Telephone (02) 9635 8218

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## **The 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GEMSTONE & MINERAL SHOW**

Presented by members of the **Parramatta & Holroyd Lapidary Club**  
over Friday, Saturday & Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2010  
at the Clubrooms at 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville.

Competition, displays, demonstrations, sales. Sand sieve and fossicking heap.  
Refreshments. Plenty of parking. Wheelchair access.

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## **47<sup>th</sup> GEMBOREE 2011**

Easter 2011. Friday to Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Bathurst Showground, at Bathurst, N.S.W.

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