

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc.
Newsletter for May 2024



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Meeting Venue & Clubrooms: 110 Waltham Road,
Waltham, Christchurch 7:30 pm on the second Thursday
of the month [Feb. to Nov.]

General Meeting (7.30pm):
Committee Meeting (7pm):
Micro Mineral Meeting: Tuesday evenings (7 pm)
Workshops: Every Tuesday evenings, 6.30 p.m.
Geobusters: Sunday afternoons every second month.
www.geobusters.co.nz; Facebook.

The May Meeting: Scott Harwick will talk about his methods for tumble polishing stones.

Kitchen Duty for the May Meeting: Dion Mara, Tyler McBeth, Mark McCallum, Robert McKelvey, Don McLaughlan, Glen McLennan, Tessa Mitchell-Anyon, Liam Bignell, Paul Morgan, Alison Morgan, Craig McGregor.

Lay out the tea, milk, coffee and cups. Do dishes and tidy up the kitchen after the meeting.

May Meeting Auction: Wave Hill Agates (Northern Territory), Cut Agate Creek Agates (Queensland), Whitecliff Agates.

Field Trip: Please refer to the email all club members have received regarding venue, dates and instructions.

The April Monthly Competitions Results

Lapidary - own polished lapidary work containing the colour yellow ...
First. Craig, Second. John, Third. Zena, Fourth. Lindsay

Fossil - fern

First. John, Second. Lindsay, Third. Craig

Mineral - Black in colour...

First. John, Second. Craig, Third. Zena, Fourth. Ava, Fifth. Lindsay

Alphabet Cup - U P A...

First. Zena, Second. Lindsay, Third. John, Fourth. Ava, Fifth. Craig

Novice Section - any rock you wish to enter...

First. Ava

Bring and Brag - be prepared to talk about it...

First. David, Second. Craig, Third. Tessa & Liam

Monthly Competitions for May

Lapidary:.....Own Polished lapidary work containing the colour purple

Fossil.....A fossil from overseas

Mineral:.....A micro mineral from NZ

Alphabet Cup:.....FO

Novice Section.....Any rock you wish to enter

Bring and Brag.....Be prepared to talk about it.

Wanted:Someone who is prepared to organise the classes and judging of the July 2024– May 2025 monthly competitions. If this is you, please contact Malcolm. We need you urgently. Many thanks to Wayne Eddy who has organised this for many years. As he is unable to continue, we now need someone to take over.

The Clubrooms: Currently the committee is negotiating with a builder to create a car port type shelter out the front of the building. This will create several advantages: A sheltered area for disabled parking; a sheltered area for outside activities for the Woosh programme; an additional space for us to hold our club shows without needing to hire and erect a marquee as we have done in the past.

New Members: Please make welcome: Andrew and Vicki Walker, Mick Hyde, Michael Manawatu, Alice Watson and Evangeline Ng.

Wanted: Written articles by our club members for this newsletter:
Club field trips, areas of interest and/or expertise etc.

For Sale: 2 vibralaps.

1. 480 diameter with 2 pans.
2. 570 diameter with 1 pan
3. 6 pans only with 390 diameter.

If interested, please phone Don McLauchlan: 0211829828

Some Photos from the Errol Hitt Auction.





The Australian Gemboree: Craig McGregor

The Gemboree this year was held over Easter weekend at Willunga, an easy 40 minute drive from Adelaide. My daughter and her family live in Adelaide, so it was a “must” to visit family and the gem show. It was a great show with many dealers and a good number of tailgaters.

Although there was not much in the way of rough rock available, there were plenty of stands with minerals for sale. In the dealers hall, I did pick up quite a bit of facet rough, including my favourite synthetic, cristanite. However I did discover some cheaper rough in amongst the tailgaters, and bought up quite a few zircons and topaz.

In the way of rough rock I managed to get some very nice Northern Territory agates from Top Springs. And also a chunk of Cowell jade. At my daughter’s place I have had several rocks stashed away from a visit to a lady in Nuriootpa, an hour north of Adelaide. So an 8kg chunk of bornite, a 9kg chunk of calconyx and a 2 kg chunk of jasperised wood came home with me in my luggage. So, even with a 30 kg bag limit on Qantas, I still had to buy an extra 10 kg. I thought I would drop by a Vinnies shop and pick up an extra bag, but out on a drive in the Adelaide Hills, I came

across a really good suitcase waiting for collection, out on a footpath. At the Gemboree, I was great to meet up again with old friends and meet up again with our own Canterbury Club members, Val Lear and Glen McLennan, and Ursula Wehling, our distant club member from the Northern NSW coast. She has transported a 25kg block of calconyx and a 16kg chunk of banded jasper back to her place in her truck with the hope that one day soon I might be able to ship them from there. And next year, the gemboree will be at Easter in Ballarat. I hope to be there.



Our Constitution

Within the next 2 years, all incorporated societies have to review and revise their constitutions in accordance with new laws on incorporated societies and charitable entities. Currently a sub committee are meeting to go through all the recommended and compulsory changes that have to be made. The sub committee are Glen McLennan, Malcolm Luxton, Tessa Mitchell-Anyon, Lynda Alexander and Craig McGregor. We are meeting once a month to gradually go through all aspects of our constitution. This will be a long process. When finished, the changed constitution will be sent out to all members for comment, and then voted on for adoption.



28-29th

SEPTEMBER 2024

110 WALTHAM RD

NEXT TO WALTHAM SCHOOL

SATURDAY 9am till 5pm

SUNDAY 9am till 4pm

ENTRY
ADULTS - \$4
CHILDREN - \$2
FAMILIES - \$10

**CANTERBURY MINERAL
 AND
 LAPIDARY CLUB PRESENTS**

GEM SHOW

DISPLAYS, SALES, KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOSSICKING TRAILER, RAFFLES



GEMBOREE 2025

61st National Gem & Mineral Show

**Easter Weekend 18th to 21st April
 Ballarat Victoria**

Friday 18th April	12:00 - 17:00
Saturday 19th April	10:00 - 17:00
Sunday 20th April	10:00 - 17:00
Monday 21st April	10:00 - 15:00

**Jewellery
 Gemstones
 Competitions
 Raw Materials**



**Findings
 Tailgaters
 Minerals
 Tools**

Entry:
Adults \$7.00
Conc. \$5.00
U12 Free*

Location:
**Buildings Q1 & Q2
 Federation University
 Mt Helen Campus
 Ballarat. Vic. 3350.**



Staged by
 Victorian Gem Clubs Association Inc
 Under the auspice of AFLACA Inc



*** If accompanied by Paying Adult**

THE 2024 NATIONAL ROCK & MINERAL SHOW

Discover the exciting and colourful world of Gems, Crystals, Minerals, Rocks and Fossils



- Bring your Rocks and Fossils for expert identification
- Dramatic displays
- Fun and interest for all the family
- Sales tables, Jewellery, Rock art, Exotic Specimens

Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre

836 Fergusson Drive

Upper Hutt City

Friday 4 Oct. - Sunday 6 Oct. 2024

9am - 5pm Friday and Saturday 9am

- 4pm Sunday



Proudly hosted by the Mineral Club of Hutt Valley & Wellington Inc

HETTIE'S ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

Also: Akaroa and Queenstown

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Sender CMLC, 1 Arlington Street, Burnside, Christchurch 8053.

COMING EVENTS:

Gem and Craft Show: Scottish Hall, Oamaru: 6, 7 July.

Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary Club: Gem Show 2024: 28-29 September; 110 Waltham Rd, Christchurch.

National Show 2024: Mineral Club of Hutt Valley Wellington: 4-6 October: Whirinaki Events Centre, Upper Hutt.

Australia

Gemboree 2025: Ballarat, Victoria; 18-21 April; Federation University, Mt Helen Campus, Ballarat.