

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for October 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): October 10

Committee Meeting (7pm): October 17

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 October Meeting: Our October guest speaker is John Taylor (no, not our well-decorated club member John Taylor!). John is visiting all the way from Scotland, and will be speaking about aspects of Scottish geology.

October Field Trip: Not confirmed, but there is a possibility we will have a field trip to High Peak on the 12th October. Please get in touch with John Taylor if you are interested in attending.

Wanted: your thoughts on internet and livestreams at the club? We have had a discussion around potentially getting internet access at the club rooms. We would like to know your thoughts and opinions. This means we could potentially live stream club meetings for those residing outside of Christchurch, and could organise interesting speakers from around NZ (and maybe the world!). **Please email your thoughts to** cmlclub@chch.planet.org.nz

Club show, 28th and 29th of September

The annual Club Show was a resounding success! A busy weekend was had by all stallholders and helpers. Lots of people through the doors, including many family groups resulting in plenty of entries for the kids competition. As always, the chuckie trailer was very popular and well-attended, as was the sausage sizzle. The stalls were well stocked with excellent sales items, no matter what kind of rocks you are into, there was something for

everyone. Thanks once again to everyone who came along, especially those who volunteered their time helping out, and club members who provided showcases in the workshop with their fabulous collections for viewing.

Keep reading to see some pictures from the show at the end of this newsletter!

Seen the new labels yet?

Two years ago, Don Stanley, Rob Lindsay, Tessa Mitchell-Anyon and Jan Price began the job of identifying the cabinet specimens by name, location, owner and donor and a few more bits. Life and events intervened and the work evolved into Tessa and Val Lear setting up a spreadsheet to record all of this. Eventually, Val completed the editing of the spreadsheet and then Don and Val revised this information as Don proved to have more highly refined knowledge of Canterbury locations. More spreadsheet editing resulted(!!!) and then Glen McLennan did magic with the computer to produce the final labels which you can see today. A team effort.

Thanks to Campbell Lintott's generosity new glass shelves have arrived for the new cabinet in the corner and 2025 will see another team effort to get this cabinet up and running so do watch this space.

Social media update: If you are an Instagram user, a new page for the club has been made if you wish to follow it. The idea is that it will post the same content as the Facebook page (ie, show advertising and important updates) but as some people use Instagram more than Facebook, we have made this an option. The username is @CanterburyMineralLapidaryClub or can be found via the following link:

<https://www.instagram.com/canterburyminerallapidaryclub/>

Kitchen Duty for the September Meeting: Chris & Leanne, Colleen Hourston, Daniel Cordes, Joanne Nituma, Dave Cleghorn, David MacDonald, Denise Devine, Don McLauchlan, Don Stanley, Elly Burgess, Errol Hitt.

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

Monthly Competition for October

Lapidary: Own work; a tumbled stone or sphere

Fossil: New Zealand bone

Mineral: copper

Alphabet Cup: A state or country starting with U, V or Q.

Bring and Brag: Be prepared to talk about it.

Monthly Competition Results for September

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lapidary	Zena Wilson	John Taylor	Ava Wilson	Lindsay Wilson
Fossil	Lindsay Day			
Mineral	Lindsay Day	Zena Wilson and Don Stanley (2 nd equal)	David MacDonald	
Alphabet Cup	Ava Wilson	Zena Wilson		
Bring and Brag	Kamen Engel			

New Members: please await next month's newsletter for updated membership.

Photos from the September field trip to Glenafric The recent field trip to Glenafric was successful for all! Not only was fantastic weather assured, but everybody who attended walked away with keepers. This included fossil Gastropods, several species of crabs, Flabellum coral, as well as a few pieces of unidentified bone.



A glorious day at Glenafric beach in North Canterbury.



Here lays a fresh fossil *Tumidocarcinus giganteus* crab concretion with three legs exposed. A prized find that had tumbled recently from the cliffs above.



One should be mindful, as fresh rockfalls can be hazardous, as shown above.

Club Show Weekend





COMING EVENTS:

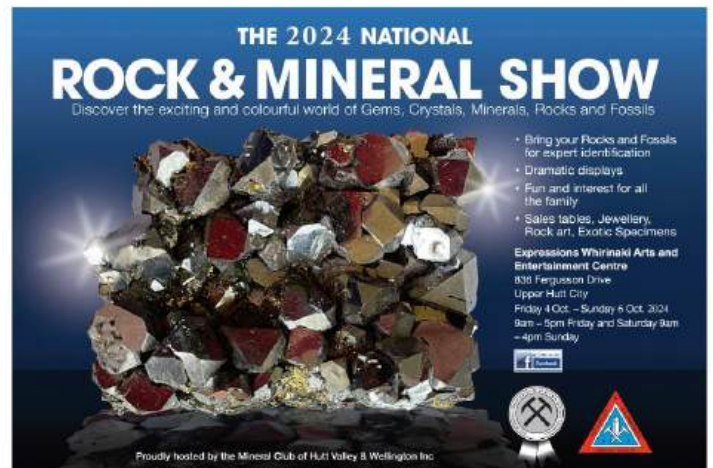
National Show 2024: Mineral Club of Hutt Valley Wellington: 4-6 October: Whirinaki Events Centre, Upper Hutt.

Australia

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

Wanted: Material for the club sales table.
Donations needed, please.

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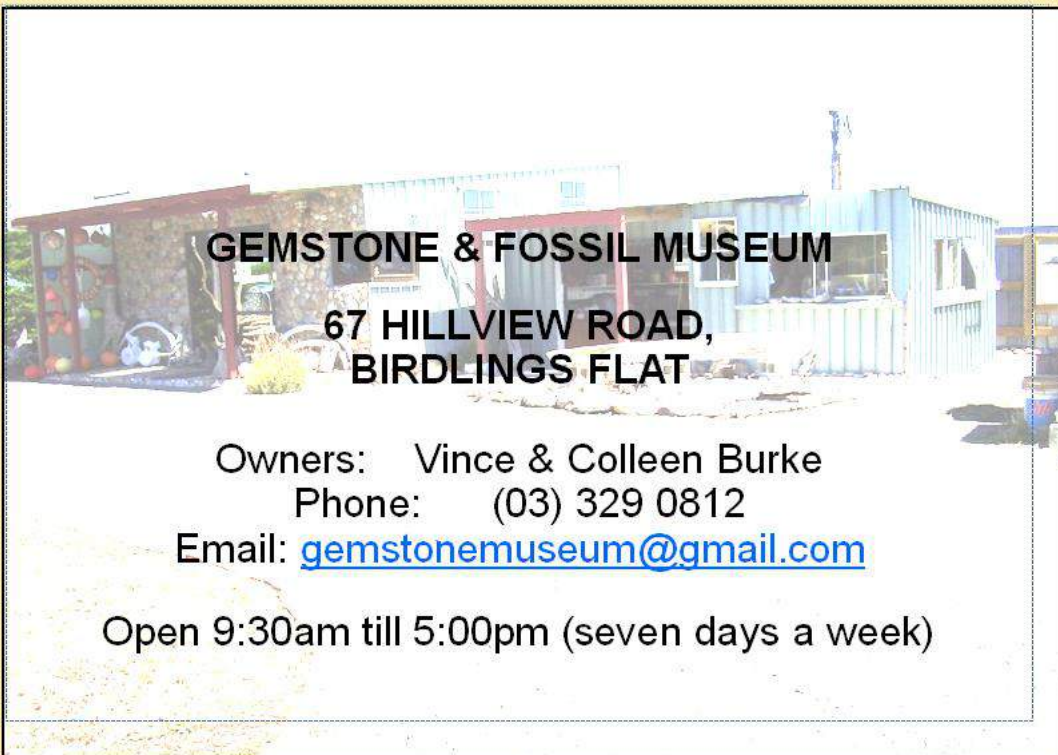
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