

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for November 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): November 14 2024, 8th February 2025.

Committee Meeting (7pm): November 21, January 16th 2025.

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 November Meeting: November brings our last monthly meeting of 2024. The guest speaker for November is Dean Moreton who will be speaking about New Zealand pounamu.

November Field Trip: Nimmo's Swamp on the 16th November. Field trip leader is John Taylor (0272027523) to register your interest.

Club breakup event for 2024: Marking the end of 2024, we will have the official break up gathering on December 1st at 12pm in the usual potluck style at the club rooms. Bring a main and/or dessert to share. The BBQ will be going – bring your own meat if wanted. Please also bring your own plates, drinks, cutlery etc.

Working bees:

9th December, 6.30pm onwards. The working bee is to help tidy up the club storage room.

10th December, 9am onwards. This working bee is to tidy up the club workshop area.

A big thank you in advance to those members who attend to help with the yearly tidying!

Last workshop:

The last workshop date before Christmas will be the 17th December. Workshop times resume on the 4th February 2025.

November auction: Material from Scott Hardwick

In Memoriam of our friend and fellow member Craig McGregor

Sadly my circumstances prevented me from being able to attend Craig's funeral in person, but as a personal friend and co-worker within CMLC, I would like to offer these few inadequate but nevertheless sincere words of tribute to Craig.

Forty three years ago last September, Craig joined the Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary Club here in Christchurch and has been an active and influential member of the club ever since. He has fulfilled various roles within the club, committee member, caretaker, booking agent, instructor, hall manager and a long stint as secretary.

Club and National Shows need convenors and Craig worked tirelessly to deliver the organisational skills required for these tasks. Likewise his efforts to rejuvenate the flagging National Association of Lapidary Clubs was commendable.

His high quality lapidary work in the disciplines of faceting, cabbing, polishing and sphere-making have inspired many, and until very recently Craig was actively involved in a tutoring role in the workshop. A valued and long serving member of the committee ensured there were always wise words of advice and encouragement to me as we worked our way through some difficult times during the last few years.

His enthusiasm, dedication and a desire to see the CMLC survive and thrive were qualities that all clubs are envious of amongst their members. In my experience, in terms of Lapidary Clubs, seldom if ever, have I witnessed anyone else's dedication surpassing Craig's. We will miss him tremendously. We will remember him affectionately. We will honour his contribution thankfully.

As the club auctioneer he usually managed to exact that last dollar for material that was either difficult or 'impossible to get nowadays'. As a kind of corollary then I will finish with what I think is an apt personification of those words as applying to Craig. 'It is hard to get material of this nature these days'.

-Malcolm

Raffle Report for 2024:

The Club had a most generous bunch of raffle donations this year. Thank you to ALL for this generosity. There was quite a range of highly polished agates – mostly from Mid Canterbury including Whitecliffs, Mt Somers and Mt Barrossa, some from Agate Creek and also Wave Hill in Australia, and some from Argentina. All certainly had much work in the polishing. I must say that anything that had a hint of amethyst was particularly sought after this year. We also had Mesolithic age worked flint tools from Norfolk UK, and a water clear Quartz crystal. We had a Tamborine Jasper (Gold Coast) sphere donated by Craig. As well we had a collection of serpentine and nephrite pendants. These were lovely items and each would have been pricey on a sales table. The large slice of highly polished Malachite took the eye of many and we were told Malcolm had done the polishing for the donor.

The Lucky winners are as follows:

Raffle 1 : Celia - Member of the Public

Raffle 2 : Caleb - Member of the Public

Raffle 3 : Colleen Hourtson - Club Member

Raffle 4 : Kyle - Member of the Public

Raffle 5 : Jan Price - Club Member

Silent Raffle Winners - Miranda, Michelle, Val.

All were picked up on the day except Colleen's went to Hettie's Rock Shop Beckenham for pickup.

-Val Lear

Kitchen Duty for the November Meeting: Evangeline Ng, Frances Caldwell, Fraser Gare, Gavin Pateman, Genevieve Early, Glen McLennan, Graeme Knowles, Graham & Lynn Barr, Harry Kitson, Hayman Jer, Heather Hall.

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

Monthly Competition for November

Lapidary: Own work; polished greenstone

Fossil: Ammonite, overseas.

Mineral: Any mineral. Tell everyone why you like it.

Alphabet Cup: A state or country starting with S or T.

Bring and Brag

Monthly Competition Results for October

Ranking	Lapidary Own Work: Tumbled Stone or Sphere	Fossil: NZ Bone	Mineral: Copper	Alphabet Cup: State or Country (U,V,Q)	Bring N Brag:
1	Lindsay Day	John Taylor	John Taylor	Zena Wilson	Harry Kitson
2	Zena Wilson	Lindsay Day	Zena Wilson	Lindsay Day	
3	Ava Wilson		Harry Kitson	Ava Wilson	
4			Ava Wilson		
5			Lindsay Day		

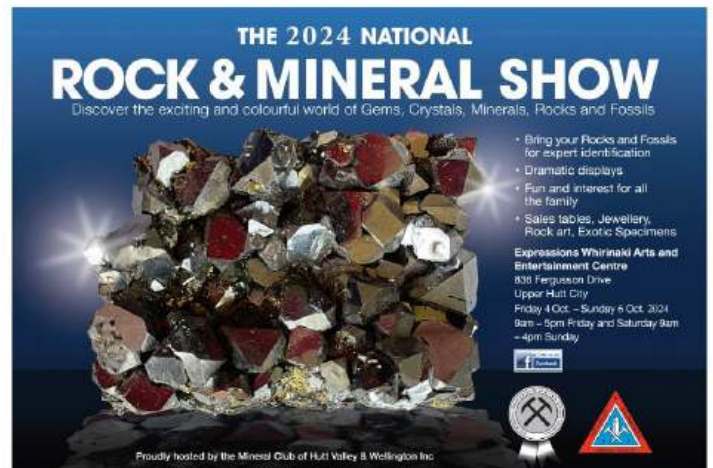
COMING EVENTS:

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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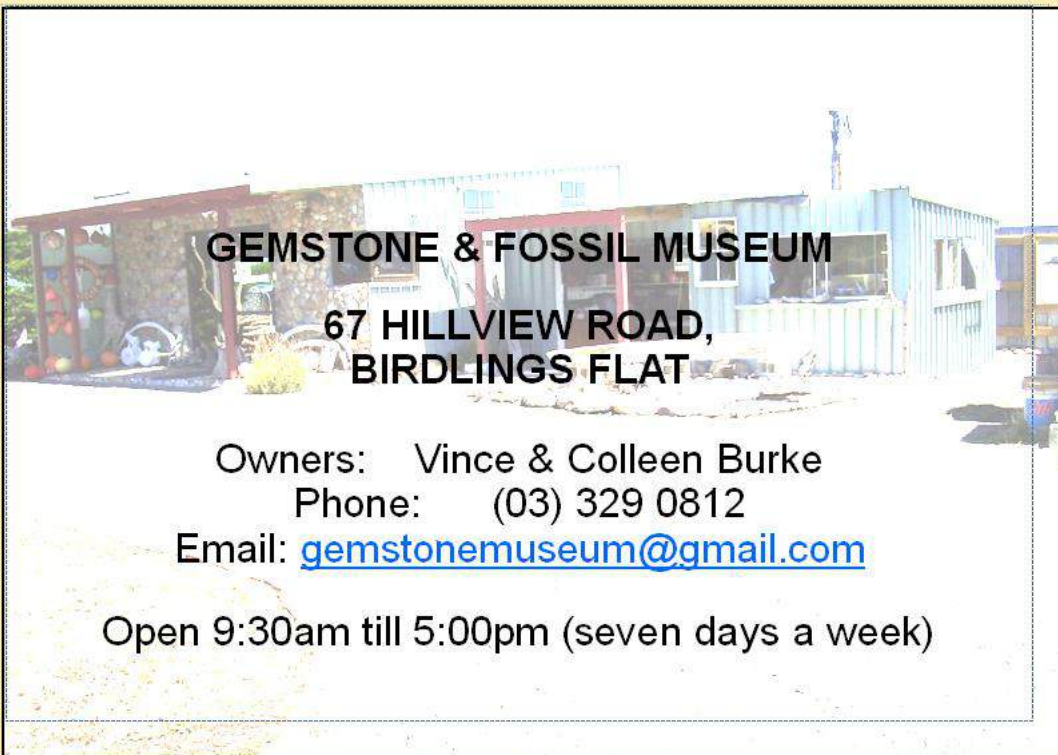
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