

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for April 2025



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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): 10th April
Committee Meeting (7pm): 17th April
Micro Mineral Meeting: Tuesday evenings (7 pm)
Workshops: Every Tuesday evenings, 6.30 p.m.

The April Meeting:

Welcome New Members: Eli Graham, Stephanie Lee and Alistair Dewit

CMLC Official Facebook Page

Stay Connected with the Club's Facebook Page. You may have noticed that the club Facebook page is active again. If you want to keep up with everything that's happening, be sure to like or follow the Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary Club page. This is a great way to stay informed about upcoming events, member activities, and new projects. We love to see what our members are up to, and we encourage you to share your stories with us. If you have photos of your latest finds or stone carving creations, please send them to Anna. We would be love to share them on our Facebook page to inspire others and showcase the amazing talents within our rock-hounding community.

You can email your photos and stories to Anna at baker.ac171@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing your contributions.

The April Meeting Speaker

Bob McKelvey who is a club member will give a talk on "Life as an Engineering Geologist as illustrated on some example projects in New Zealand and Overseas".

April Auction: Material from Bronwyn Adams-Hooper

Field Trip: Crystals and Craft Market

Mark your calendars for an exciting event on the 12th of April, 2025! We warmly invite you to our first-ever Crystals and Crafts Market, hosted at 110 Waltham Road Club Rooms, 10am till 3pm. Organised by a few CMLC members and raising money for tables for the next club show.

What to Expect

- 20 Unique Vendors: Explore a diverse array of stalls featuring many talented club members.
- Polished Stones & Crystals: Discover a variety of beautiful and unique crystals and stones.
- Handcrafted Treasures: Find one-of-a-kind crafts that make perfect gifts or personal keepsakes.
- Delicious Food & Beverages: Enjoy a selection of delectable treats and refreshing drinks.
- Fun for the Kids: Keep the little ones entertained with face painting with Petrified Paints.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow rock-hounds and craft lovers and leave with special finds.

Wanted: Old carpet!

Do you have some old woollen carpet lying around? We are wanting some old carpet for the clubrooms to lay down on the side of the building with weeds.

Tobacco Agate for Errol

Errol Hitt is interested in acquiring some tobacco agate from Moeraki. If anyone has any they are willing to part ways with, Errol is happy to buy or trade or cut and polish for a piece. Get in contact with him on 03 312 8010 or at saffron.8moon@xtra.co.nz

New Workshop Equipment:

Craig McGregor was an important member of the Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary club. The club has had the opportunity to buy his machines from his wife Catherine. Several members of the club, Tessa, Kamen, John B and Scott spent an afternoon with Craig's family collecting Craig's machines for the workshop.

We're sure Craig would appreciate their new home. Machines included 3 saws, polishing machine and grinder/polisher machine. These will be set up over the coming months for workshop members to use.





Monthly Competition for April

- Lapidary: Own work; Overseas thunder-egg
- Fossil: NZ toredo wood (Peanut wood)
- Mineral: Aquamarine crystal
- Alphabet Cup: A state or country starting with G, L or I.
- Bring and Brag: Be prepared to talk about it.

Monthly Competition Results for April

Ranking	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 N Brag:
1	John Taylor	Lewis Hall	John Taylor	Errol Hitt	John Dugmore
2	Ron Poskitt	Zena Wilson	Lindsay Day	Ava Wilson	Lindsay Day
3	Don Stanley	Ron Poskitt		Lindsay Day	Don Stanley
4	Zena Wilson			Zena Wilson	
5	Ava Wilson			Rosalie Clarke	
6	Lindsay Day			Ron Poskitt	
7	Rosalie Clarke				

ATTENTION- all Lapidarists, Carvers and Cabbers.

John and John are two accomplished semi-retired toolmakers based in Christchurch, specialising in the design and manufacturing of high-quality cabbing machines, vertical flat laps, and bespoke grinding and polishing machines. In the near future, they will also be expanding their offerings to include saw production.

Since the lockdown, they've passionately supported the carving community during a time when accessing machines was incredibly challenging. To date, they have successfully crafted and sold 18 cabbing machines and 12 vertical laps, in addition to collaborating on various projects to create customised machines tailored specifically to individual needs.

They are ready to help you elevate your work to the next level, so don't hesitate to reach out and discuss your requirements. Check out their photos for contacts and price details!

Photos and contact details are further down in the newsletter.

COMING EVENTS:**New Zealand**

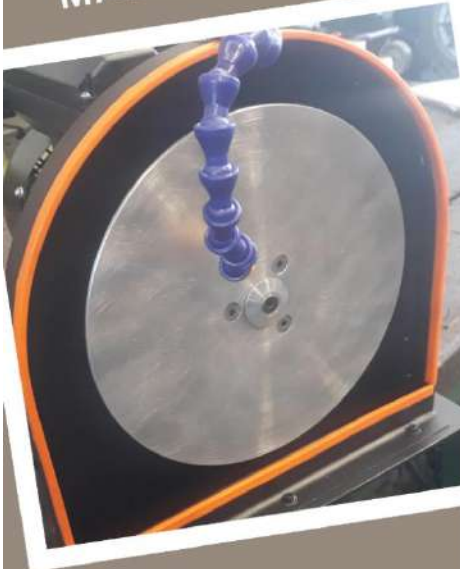
Crystals & Crafts market, Saturday 12th April, 2025, 10am – 3pm, 110 Waltham Rd, Waltham, Christchurch

National Gem, Rock & Mineral show 2025; 25th – 27th October; Plymouth International Hotel; 220 Courtney St; Central New Plymouth

Australia

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

10" VERTICAL LAP MADE TO ORDER



PRICE - \$1150

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TWO WHEELED GRINDING MACHINE MADE TO ORDER



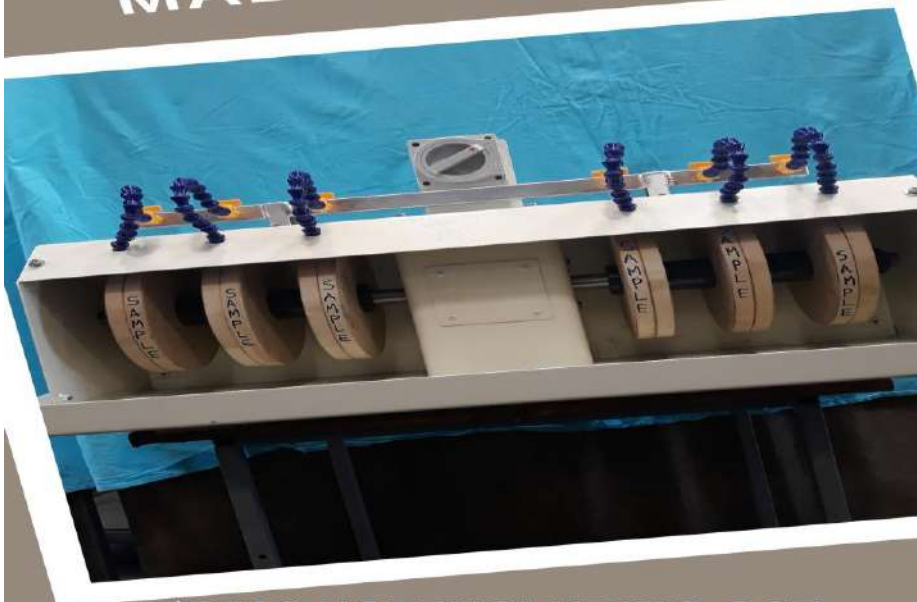
\$3000 NOT INCLUDING GST
\$3450 INCLUDING GST

WHEELS NOT INCLUDED

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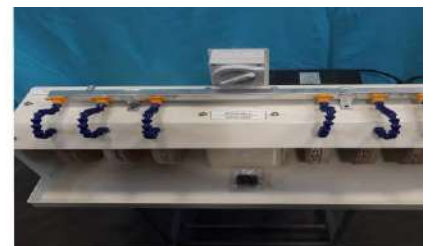


CABBING MACHINE MADE TO ORDER



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CRYSTALS & CRAFTS MARKET

*Crystals, Polished Stones
and
Handmade Crafts*


Saturday 12th April 2025
10 a.m-3p.m / Free Entry
110 Waltham Road, Waltham,
Christchurch
(Next to Waltham School)
Street Parking
Bring Cash

Taranaki Lapidary & Mineral Club (Inc)
Will host the

National Gem, Rock & Mineral Show 2025

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Labour Weekend 2025
Sat, Sun, Mon
9am – 4pm



Venue: Plymouth International Hotel
220 Courtney St Central
New Plymouth

61st National 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

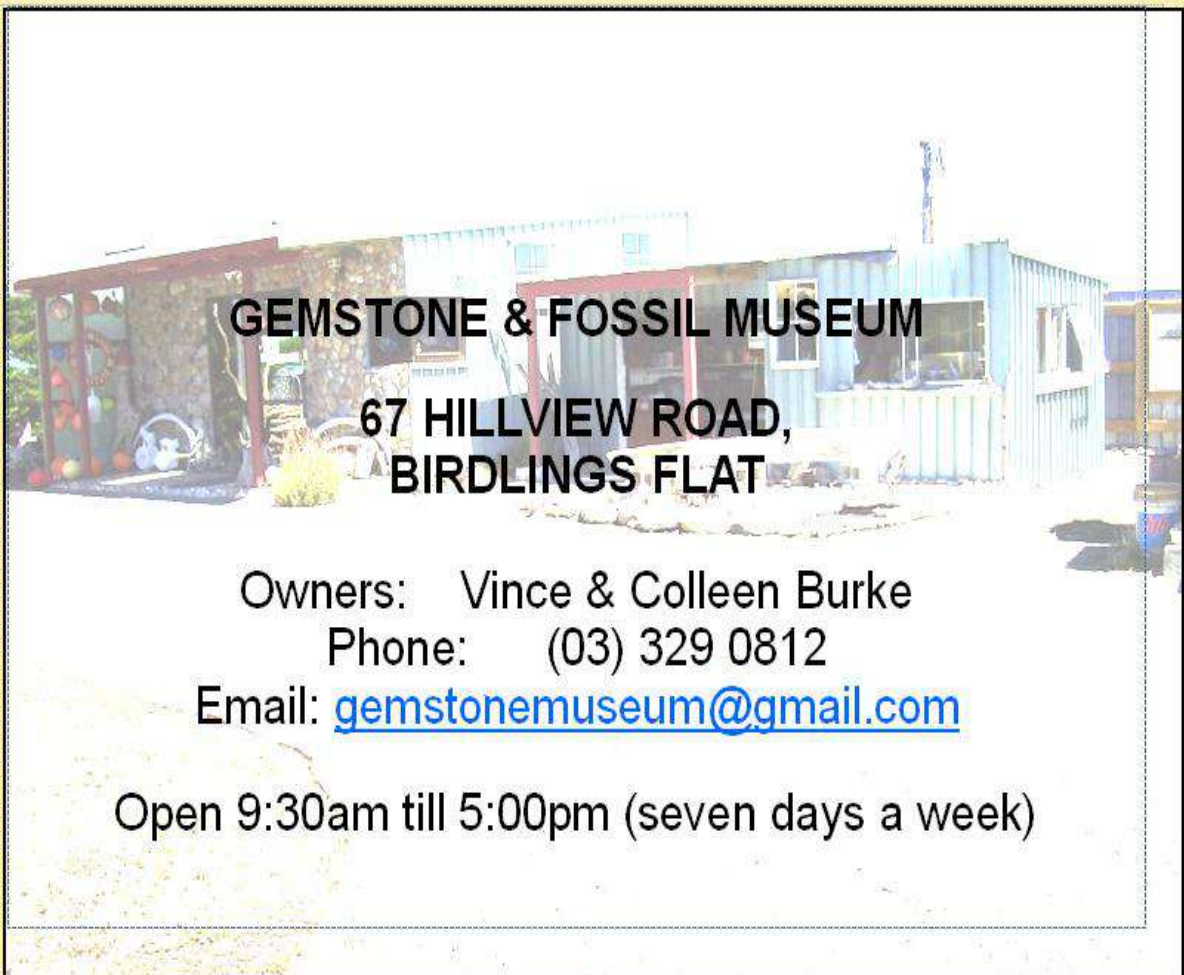
Findings
Tailgaters
Minerals
Tools

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



GEMSTONE & FOSSIL MUSEUM

**67 HILLVIEW ROAD,
BIRDLINGS FLAT**

Owners: Vince & Colleen Burke

Phone: (03) 329 0812

Email: gemstonemuseum@gmail.com

Open 9:30am till 5:00pm (seven days a week)

HETTIE'S

ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

Also: Akaroa and Queenstown

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