

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for August 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.]

Annual General Meeting (7.30pm): 14th August

Committee Meeting (7pm): 21st August

Micro Mineral Meeting: Tuesday evenings (7 pm)

Workshops: Every Tuesday, Friday evenings, 6.30/7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome New Members:

Ashleigh Jones & Tony Steele, Charlotte Louise & Ayejai Hammond, Annie Chiang, Paul Clarke, Claire Elliott, Fabian Ong and Tim Butcher

The July Meeting:

Bronwyn Adams-Hooper will be the speaker for August, talking about her escapades at Agate Creek and Wave Hill, Australia

Field Trip: The field trip for August 16th will be to view David McDonald and Chris Thian's collections of fossils and agates, as well as a lunch between, at Black & White Coffee.

10am start will be at David McDonalds place. 14 Reynolds ave, Bishopdale
11:30am for lunch will be at Black & White Coffee. 7 Winston Avenue, Papanui
1pm – 1:30pm will be at Chris Thians place. Falsgrave Street, Waltham



June Auction:

Bronwyn Adams-Hooper will be selling Australian material at this month's club auction. There will also be a separate auction this month, keep reading to learn more!

Old Club Show Cases

Storage space is becoming a premium issue for us and so the committee have decided to dispose of the old display cases presently stored in the back shed. Anyone interested in one, two, three - the lot, please talk to a committee member. These display cases are **completely free!** These come with either or glass or perspex front windows

There are roughly 40 of these, so plenty to go around! Did I mention that **These are completely free!** Display cabinets are genuinely quite expensive, so these would be great for showing off your collection! These dismantle as well, so they are great for storage.

If you're interested, please email
cmlclub@chch.planet.org.nz



Craig McGregor's Auction:

There will be an auction for Craig McGregor's polished material at the clubroom at 110 Waltham Rd on the 30th of August. Viewing will start at 9am, with the auction beginning at 9:30am. There will be good material, so you don't want to miss out!

Vince Burkes Agate Museum:

I am downsizing the Gemstone collection at the Museum at Birdlings Flat and have priced individual pieces for sale for members to look at. Open on the weekends to view or ring if coming during the week
Ph 03 3290812. - Vince Burke.

Canterbury Crystals & Crafts show 2025

Crystals and crafts had another very successful market. Highlighting not only vendors' products but also the club. We had lots of people showing an interest in joining the club and many didn't know it existed, until they turned up to the market.

Money raised from vendors stall fee went back to the club.

We are now looking forward to organising our two-day Club Gem Show happening in September!



Oamaru Gem Show

The North Otago Rock and Mineral Club had their annual Gem Show in Oamaru.

There were plenty of supporters from Christchurch, with both stallholders and visitors alike.

A steady stream of people came throughout the weekend.

It was a great opportunity for all the different club members were able to catch up for a chat.

We'd like to thank the North Otago club for putting on the event and feeding our hungry CMLC stallholders. We appreciate your hospitality. We hope to see some of you soon at our club show in September.

- Anna Baker



Quality gems up for sale at the show, as shown by stallholder and club member, Zena Wilson



Matariki Project

Thank you to everybody who brought along their wonderful worked Matariki Stone at the last general meeting. The creativity and quality of the lapidary work was incredible. I'm sure Craig McGregor would have been impressed! The wonderful entries will have a solidified position in the club cabinet near the back of the room.

The results of this competition will be announced at the August general meeting.

This beautiful stone is a garnet and amphibole schist that Craig McGregor coined 'Matariki stone'. It is a naturally occurring metamorphic rock that is found on the beaches and rivers around Haast on the west coast region of the South Island. Albeit a common stone in the area, finding good quality material that falls into lapidary grade can be a challenge to come by. The stone is comprised of several minerals, being quartz, feldspar, amphibole, and garnet.

The pieces shown in these photos are great examples and really show the beauty of this unique metamorphic stone.

If you want to get your hands on a piece of this material, an exceptionally crafted sphere was kindly donated by Robin Hall for a prize for an upcoming raffle.



An exquisite photo of a 'thin section' with Matariki stone attached, by Kamen Engel



Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Gem show

Our club show is coming up fast and we have a sub-committee busy organising behind the scenes to make sure it runs as smoothly as possible. As always, we are going to need the help and support from members of the club to make this event great. Please look through the list below and if there is anything you are able to help with it would be greatly appreciated!

Raffle: We are looking for donations for raffle prizes. If you have anything you are willing to donate, please bring it along to a general meeting and give it to Val Lear, or a member of the committee to pass along. This is always a good fundraising activity for the club so any donations are greatly appreciated.

Chucky Trailer: We will be having our always popular chucky trailer as usual. If you have any rough material you are looking to get rid of, please bring it along to a general meeting or workshop evening so we can fill the chucky trailer.

Showcases: If you are interested in having a showcase at the show, please let John Taylor know or contact the club via email at cmlclub@chch.planet.org.nz

Stallholders: There will be a separate email sent out to sign up as a stallholder at the show. If you are interested, please follow the instructions provided in that email.

Volunteers: There will be a volunteers list at the next few club meetings before the show for members to sign up to help. Please have a think about how much time you may be able to give to help out! We cannot do this without the support from all you wonderful people!

**SHOW CASES
WE WANT
YOUR
COLLECTION!**

BUT ONLY TO DONOR



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CANTERBURY MINERAL AND LAPIDARY CLUB

GEM SHOW

SAT 20TH SEPT 9 AM-4 PM

SUN 21ST SEPT 10 AM-4 PM

PLEASE BRING CASH

110 WALTHAM RD
CHRISTCHURCH

- SHOWCASES
- STALLS
- KIDS COMPETITION
- REFRESHMENTS
- RAFFLES
- CHUCKY TRAILER

ADULTS-GOLD COIN ENTRY
KIDS UNDER 16 FREE

Monthly Competition for August:

Lapidary: Any tumbled stone

Fossil: Fossil coral

Mineral: Anything Blue or Green

Alphabet Cup: E, N

Agate Arena: Any Magpie Agate

Bring and Brag: Be prepared to talk about it.

Monthly Competition Results for July

Thanks again to all those who entered in the competitions last month! There were some absolutely stunning pieces of opal. The new “Agate Arena” went off with a bang with some amazing sagenite finds. My personal favourite from the night was Tyler McBeth’s unfractured and beautifully polished sagenite agate which he self-collected.

I would also like to add a reminder about touching and picking up other people’s rocks. Not everyone is comfortable with this so please check with the owner before you do so!

Ranking	Lapidary own work: Opal	Fossil: Nautilus or ammonite	Mineral: Any natural geode	Alphabet cup: State or country starting with (K, A, M)	Agate Arena: Sagenite Agate
1	Chris Thian	Chris Thian	John Taylor	Zena Wilson	Tyler McBeth
2	Ron Poskitt	Zena Wilson	Rosalie Clarke	Rosalie Clarke	John Taylor
3	Zena Wilson	Bob McKelvey	Ava Wilson	Ava Wilson	Chris Thian

Remaining Competitions for 2025/2026:

Watch this space closely as categories may be subject to change!

Category	Lapidary <u>own</u> work	Fossil	Mineral	Alphabet cup: State or country starting with ()	Agate arena
Aug-25	Any tumbled stone	Fossil coral	Something Blue or Green	E, N,	Any Magpie
Sep-25	Two halves of anything	Any tooth	Any form of quartz	I, S	Parallax
Oct-25	Obsidian or Rhyolite	Any fossil	Agate with mineral inclusions (sagenite, dendrites, etc)	G, R	Any Whitecliffs
Nov-25	Pounamu	Fossil wood	Garnet	E, A, T	Floater
Feb-26	Any polished geode	Something from Otago	Olivine	O, L, B	Any Mt Somers
Mar-26	Any sphere	Something marine	Any lead mineral	Q, F	Tubes/plumes
Apr-26	Flint/Chert	Trilobite	Tourmaline	W, U	Any Otago
May-26	Carnelian	Something from Canterbury	Any form of calcite	Y, P, V	Any uncut nodule

Attention CMLC members:

If you would like contribute to the CMLC newsletter, you're more than welcome to send in a report and photos of your recent rock-hounding trip. If you are interested, please send an email with the provided content to tyler__@hotmail.co.nz for a feature in future editions

COMING EVENTS:

New Zealand:

- **CMLC Show 2025**; 20th – 21st September; 110 Waltham Road, Christchurch.
- **42nd Micro-Mineral Symposium 2025**; 24th – 28th October; Reefton, **registration required!** Cost \$200 per person. Extra optional costs for extra fieldtrips afterwards. Discuss with Don Stanley.
- **National Gem, Rock & Mineral show 2025**; 25th – 27th October; Plymouth International Hotel; 220 Courtney St; Central New Plymouth.

Why not join our Club?

Come along to a meeting or a field trip and see how you enjoy it! If you wish to join please fill in the following details.

Name:

Address:

Phone: (Evenings)

Phone: (Daytime, if appropriate)

Email address:

Areas of interest:

All membership is subject to committee approval

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (#3)

(Valid from April 1st (#2))

Family \$65 ☐

Individual \$50 ☐

Country (#1) \$40 ☐

Student \$35 ☐

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Email ☐

Hardcopy ☐

I/We understand that my name and contact details, phone and email, will be published on the Membership Contact list."

YES ☐ NO ☐

1. Country membership is calculated on living further than 32km from Cathedral Square Christchurch
2. Membership year is calculated from 1st April to 31st March.
3. Subscription rates are halved from 1st November through to 31st March

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

Also: Akaroa and Queenstown