

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc.
Newsletter for November 2019/ February 2020



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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:14 November, 13 February, 12 March (at 7.30 p.m.)
Committee Meeting:21 November, 9 January, 13 February(at 7 p.m.)
Micro Mineral Meeting:7 November, 6 February, 5 March

Please remember the \$2 entry fee for our General Meetings and sign in to the meeting attendance book.

This newsletter is the notice of meeting for both the November and February meetings. As I will be away in Quartzsite and Tucson over January and February, there will not be a newsletter for February.

Speakers for November and February Meetings: These are yet to be finalised.

November Supper Duty: Robin Hall, David Cleghorn, John & Ila Cobb, Mike Cook, Lindsay Day, Wayne Eddy.

February Supper Duty: Chris Wright, Nick & Mel Horswell, Hayman Jerr, Louisa Jessop, Bill Johnson, Robert Kerr.

November Field Trip: This is the Show Weekend trip to Moeraki. Meet at the Moeraki Boulders Café at 8.30, Saturday 16th. You can arrange your own accommodation at Moeraki, Hampden, or the Mill Camp

Grounds. A field trip for the Sunday will we arranged with those attending the weekend. If you intend to go, please let John Taylor know.

November and February General Meeting Auctions: The November meeting will have material from Ken Webb and the February auction will be more material from Ken Sitarz.

If you want your spare material auctioned at a club meeting, please let President Malcolm know. There is a 20% commission to the club from materials auctioned for club members, and 25% commission for non-club members.

The December Club Christmas Barbecue Party: Saturday 14 December: The Christmas grocery hamper raffle will be drawn at the barbecue. **Please bring along donations for this hamper at the November General Meetings and the barbecue.**

This is a great social get together and starts at 12.00 with a barbecue. Things to Bring: Meat for the barbecue, a shared main dish and shared dessert. Bring your own drinks, cutlery and plates.

November Monthly Competition

Lapidary: Polished round of NZ Wood
Fossil NZ belemnites
Mineral: Fluorite –from anywhere in the world
Alphabet Cup: From a Country or State starting with M, N, or O
Recent Find: From the National Show field Trips
Bring and Brag

February Monthly Competition

Lapidary: Polished garnet
Fossil Fossil oyster shell
Mineral: Amethyst
Alphabet Cup: From a country or State starting with P, Q, or R
Recent Find: From the club Moeraki field trip
Bring and Brag

October Monthly Competition Results

Lapidary An item entered from into the National Show.

1st equal Robin Hall , Craig McGregor

Fossil from Motanau

1st C. Tait 2nd D. MacDonald 3rd C. McGregor 4th L

Day

Mineral New Zealand Barite

1st David MacDonald 2nd L. Day 3rd equal J. Taylor, C.

Tait

Alphabet Cup: An item from a country or region starting with the letter J, K, or L.

1st C. McGregor agate from Japan

2 O Swan Petrified Palm from Louisiana

3 L Day Labradorite from Labrador Canada.

Recent find

1st R. Lindsay, 2nd P. Morgan, 3rd E Hitt 4th Equal L.Day, S.

Baldwin

Bring and Brag

1st C. McGregor, 2nd E.Hitt.

New Members: Please make yourself known to and welcome Pelusa Chousal.

Congratulations to National Show Competition Winners:

Craig McGregor: Two first places

Scott Hardwick: A first and second place

Robin Hall: A first, second and third place

Malcolm Luxton: Two seconds and a third place.

It is hoped that a lot more of our club members will enter into the National Competitions next year. The schedule for the competitions, and entry form is available on our website for downloading: www.cmlclub.org.nz

Complaint upheld over crystal therapy Facebook ads

A Napier crystal emporium has been singled out by the Advertising Standards Authority for its unsubstantiated claims that its products provided therapeutic benefits.

The authority upheld a complaint against Facebook ads touting the benefits of crystals and minerals sold by Crystal Sanctuary in Napier for claims crystals had a range of health benefits from protecting against nightmares, to helping overcome addiction.

As a result of the authority's decision, which found the majority of the claims were unsubstantiated, Crystal Sanctuary was forced to pull the four Facebook posts.

The Facebook advertisements for Crystal Sanctuary Napier promoted four products: Himalayan salt, amethyst crystal, quantum quattro crystal and Harmony Healing handmade manuka goat's milk herbal soap.

Each advertisement had a photo of the product and a description of what the product could be used for. For the Himalayan salt the Facebook post claimed the product "emits negative ions ... making us happier and healthier" and "aids in improving mood, reduces stress and helps anxiety". It also claimed the product relieved headaches and allows for a better sleep.

The amethyst crystal was said to aid in overcoming addictions and said to be helpful with insomnia and protecting against nightmares, while another crystal was said to strengthen the immune system and "activate" DNA healing.

A handmade manuka goat's milk herbal soap was also a target of the complaint, because of a post claiming the product "heals cold sores and acne".

The authority said the adverts breached Principles 1 and 2 and Rule 2(a) of the Therapeutic and Health Advertising Code, which require advertisements for therapeutic products to be truthful and not mislead consumers and observe a "high standard of social responsibility".

Part of the complaint was not upheld, in reference to claims the the soap could "deter" head lice and a crystal could heal "grief and the heart", because they were not considered therapeutic claims.

The complainant, referred to in the authority's decision as "D Ryan", said in his complaint: "Salt or rocks have no noticeable positive effects on the body, they don't create ions, produce energies, purify or absorb pollutants."

The store owner Wendy Gabell said she never told customers definitively that the products would heal them, and she felt her store was "being made an example of".

"I don't say to customers 'this will cure



you', those quotes were excerpts from books, we put those out in our store for people to do their own research."

Stuff: 31 July 2019

Are You a Rockhound or Just a Mineral Collector?

A rockhound is someone who shows extreme levels of interest in rocks and collecting while a mineral collector is considered someone who just "likes" minerals and rock. So, which one are you? If you're uncertain as to which camp you're really in, here's some surefire signs your level of interest in rocks has exceeded "casual" or "rockpup" levels and you've finally graduated to full-blown "rockhound." Check to see how many of the following signs apply to you, if it's over 10, then watch out! You're a ROCKHOUND!

The sign on the side of the highway says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.

The severe sunburn from your vacation is a one inch wide strip of skin at the gap between the tail of your shirt and the top of your pants (also known as "plumbers sunburn").

Your friend shows you a "pretty stone" they've found, and you work hard to talk them out of it for yourself.

You care more about what happened to the diamond in the movie "Titanic" than the people.

You hit your hand with your rock hammer, your mother screams it broken, and you reply it's a fracture, it has good cleavage, and has produced some unusual streaks in your underwear.

Your mother asks how the soup tastes and you reply, "variable color, greasy surface, low specific gravity, texture smooth with bits of ductile material."

You lick rocks to show off the wonderful colors.

Your family puts the birthday candles on a slab of amethyst instead of cake.

A truck throws a rock into the windshield of the family car and you examine the rock first.

You can pronounce the word "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.

You think the primary function of road cuts is for easy mineral collecting.

You own more pieces of quartz than underwear.

You associate the word "hard" with a value on the Mohs scale instead of "work".

The rockpile in your garage is taller than Shaq.

The local university's geology department requests permission to hold

field trips in your back yard.

There's amethyst in your aquarium.

Your mother has had to ask you to move flats of rocks out of the tub so you can take a bath.

Your pets are named Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.

First on your Christmas list is to attend the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

You've spent more than ten dollars for a book about rocks.

You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.

You know the location of every rock shop within a 100 mile radius of your home.

When they haven't seen you for a week, the shop owners send you get well cards.

You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation.

You can point out where Tsumeb is on a world globe.

You think Moeraki, N. Otago might be a cool place to go on a vacation.

You associate the word "saw" with diamonds instead of "wood".

You've sewn a backpack for your dog.

You receive a letter from the county informing you a landfill permit is required if you want to put anymore rocks in your backyard.

Your Internet home page has pictures of your rocks.

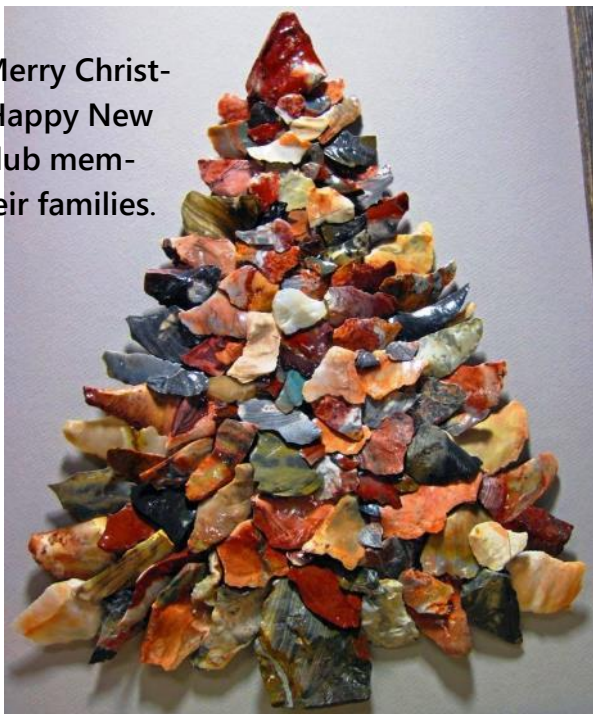
You think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea.

Your teacher has asked you not to bring any more rocks to school until they have time to reinforce the floor.

You decide not to get married because you'd rather keep the rock.



Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all club members and their families.



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ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

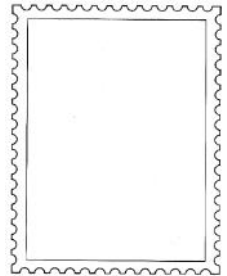
Also: Akaroa and Queenstown

Open 7 days 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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«Field3»
«Field4»
«Field5»