

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for July 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: July 9, August 13, September 10

Committee Meeting: July 16, August 20, September 17

Micro Mineral Meeting: Every second week, Tuesday evenings.

The July 9 Meeting: This is our Annual General Meeting. There will be election of officers, presentation of our financial position, presentation of monthly competition winners, and other bits and pieces. Nomination forms for committee were sent out with the last newsletter. If there are any further nominations, they must be with the club secretary 2 weeks before the AGM. The July meeting will be a soup and toast evening.

Supper Duty for the July Meeting: Owen Swann, Tyler McBeth, Mark McCallum, Betty McKellow, Don McLauchlan, Philip Moran, Paul Morgan and Jean Penrice.

Auction at the July Meeting: There will be a small tumber up for auction, as well as some material from John Taylor and Owen Swann. The Lortone Tumbler includes: Storage Box, Burnishing Compound, Tumbler Soap and Stainless Steel Jewellery Media. (Some photos included later in the newsletter).

Field Trip: Usually the July field trip is to North Otago, to also take in the Gem and Craft Show. As this is not on this year, efforts are under

way to get us into our Whitecliffs dig 11-12 July. This will be very dependent upon permission and weather.

Warning: I'm sure I do not need to issue this to our members: BUT: You may only go onto any private property to collect with the express permission of the land owner. It has come to the Committee's attention that some individuals were caught in the High Peak area, and were to be trespassed. They were not club members, but I think this reminder is very timely. Needless to say, the owners of the High Peak area were quite upset, and although the individuals were not members of our club, their actions still reflect back on us and our hobby.

The Club Show: This year our club will have its usual annual show at the clubrooms on 26-27 September. I hope everyone will become fully involved as has been done in the past. I will pass a board around at the next 2 meetings to get volunteers for the various jobs that need doing. Some Jobs have already been allocated amongst the committee.

If you can do a display, please let John Taylor know. He is collating these.

If you want sales table space, please see Scott Hardwick. He has forms for you to apply for this. scott.hardwick@agresearch.co.nz

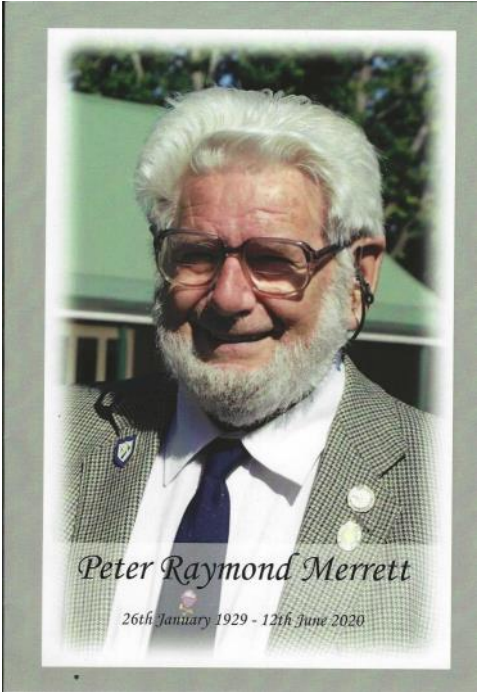
The Workshop: Classes are in full swing, and very busy. Please remember, there is a time limit of 10 minutes on any machine if someone is waiting. It is also requested that you bring the correct money for the workshop as giving change can be difficult.

The Micro-mineral group also runs every second Tuesday evening, starting at 6.30 p.m.

New Members: Please make welcome these new members: Veronica Ek and Andrew MacKenzie, Sylvie ? and Lynne Sitarz.



Peter Merrett: It is with sadness that we note the passing of Peter Merrett, aged 91, a long-time club member. Peter was very active in the club, and always prepared to lend a hand, especially when it came to guiding new members. He was Club President from 2001 to 2004. He was also awarded a Life Membership in recognition of all the work he did for the club. Tony and Carol Goddard, and myself represented the club at the funeral. During the eulogies about Peter, it was often mentioned about his love of rocks, and his membership of the Club. You will note in his photo that was on the cover of the order of service, he is wearing 2 CMLC badges.



LIBRARY TIME!

Some wonderful books have just come into the club library so don't waste any time in getting to the library & having a "look see"

Ulrich Dernbach: Araucaria

Ulrich Dernbach: Secrets Of Petrified Plants

Ulrich Dernbach: Petrified Forests

Progress On the Cabbng Machine—John Baker

So a month has gone by and we are now almost back to normal after a rather strange last few months. In the previous newsletter I talked about the idea of the company I work for, building a cabbng machine. Over the last month Tool Making Services have been building two cabbng machines. We even have some photographs of the progress included in this newsletter. So far we have fitted the shaft to the bearing housing, guards and water tray are in position.

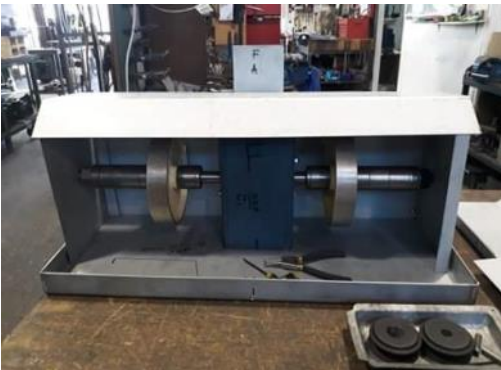
We've added the motor and given the machines a test run. Both are running really well and we are pleased with the way things are going. We've already had a few interested parties make contact with us and we are sending them personal updates of the progress of the machines.

We need to total up all the hours of labour and parts before we can come

up with a final figure but we are trying our utmost to make it a fair and competitive figure. We've looked at the pricing on overseas machines and we are trying our hardest to keep on a tight budget so we can pass on a good price to the customers. If you buy in NZ you will also be supporting local whilst cutting down on overseas postage and tax.

If you think you may be interested in owning your own cabbing machines or are interested in getting something else made for working on your rocks, please contact either John Baker from the Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary Club at jmbnz@gmail.com or contact Tool Making Services directly on 03 3792 068 or Mob. 0274336539. Email: toolservice@xtra.co.nz or make an appointment to go and see it at 82 Montreal St, Sydenham, Christchurch 8023.

We will keep you posted on the progress and may have a finished on near finished product by the next newsletter.



The Mid Winter Birdlings Flat Barbecue—Lynda Alexander: Sunday 21st June turned out to be a fine day with a balmy 11 degrees for the club mid-winter BBQ. There was no wind which made for pleasant conditions, the sea however was rough and a number of members were outwitted by the odd rogue wave every so often which caught them out, myself included on our walk along the beach looking for those elusive agates. I came away with a handful of agates for my efforts, leaving my walk until after the BBQ lunch. Some of the ultra-keen members were there early morning to be first along the beach, with one member even coming the day before and spending a chilly night in their sleeping bag. We had around 25 members turn up for the BBQ lunch which got started at midday and were eating our sausages and meat patties from 12.30pm onwards. Members then either had another walk



along the beach or visited Vince's museum before heading home again. All in all a great club outing, with thanks to Vince for providing the BBQ and dry wood.

Types of Pounamu: Ref: <https://greenstoneshop.co.nz/pages/types-of-pounamu>

Pounamu or Greenstone are used interchangeably here in New Zealand when referring to Nephrite Jade. Pounamu is found in the West Coast and upper regions of the South Island of New Zealand and we are lucky to have such a wide variety of colour in such a small area of land.

Maori term of Pounamu does in fact include other forms of green stones here such as Bowenite and Serpentine, but most commonly refers to Nephrite Jade.

Listed are some of the most common examples and names we use to describe these:

KAWAKAWA

Is our most common variety and comes in shades of rich lush greens to deep dark green hues. It is named after a plant with many healing properties.

SOUTH WESTLAND

Is another common variety named after the area to which it is found.

Known for its light to mid green colour with swirls of darker colours and inclusions.

INANGA

Is named after one of the juvenile native fish we call Whitebait. It comes in a variety of colours from pearl white, grey to an almost blue shade of green.

KOKOPU

Another variety named after one of the native fish. It has distinct patterns that resemble the fish it is named after.

It comes in a variety of pale almost milky colours of green, blue to even quite yellow brown tones. While it's not a high-grade stone and is softer compared to other varieties of pounamu it is much sought after due to its uniqueness.

FLOWER JADE

This variety is one of the most beautiful with its deep green and blooms of yellow to orange browns. Mostly found in the Marsden area of the West Coast.

RAUKARAKA

A rarer form of Kawakawa named after the Karaka tree with its yellow orange fruit. The stone is quite striking with paler shades of green intermingled with streaks of yellow or orange.

TANGIWAI

Is actually a form of Bowenite not Nephrite Jade but is still embraced as a form of Pounamu. It is found in the beautiful Fiord lands of the South Island and has amazing translucency almost glassy like appearance. Tangi-

wai can come in shades of bluish green to quite olive tones.

KAHURANGI

Prized for its clarity and depth of crisp apple green colour. It can often have small black flecks thru the stone.



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ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

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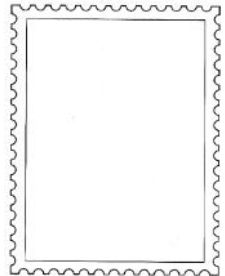
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