

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for August 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: August 13, September 10, 8 October
Committee Meeting: August 20, September 17, October 15
Micro Mineral Meeting: Every second week, Tuesday evenings.

Please remember to use the sign-in book. And also please remember to wear your name badge. If you do not have one, please let the door know this, and one can be made. If you have taken yours home by accident.....

The August 13 Meeting: Our guest speakers will be 2 of our own club members:

Scott Hardwick will talk about his method for tumbling stones.

Vince Burke: Here is a synopsis of what he will talk about: Vince will give a talk about cutting rocks from Club events, I have been asked what was the agate that you got at the auction like. So what I am going to do is bring to the meeting most of the good rocks that I cut and polished, Most material that I have seen from other collections have not been cut again and therefore missing out on probably the best face or end of the material. The material has come from Club and National Shows, auction and the chucky trailer, also the big slab from the Ken Sitarz agate, Mt Somers that the club bought. Probably have 50 to 60 samples on display. A very brief talk about tumbling agates from Mt Somers and the 46 grit that I use.—*Vince Burke*

Supper Duty for the August Meeting: Val Lear, Scott Pierce, Frank Pugh, Gerard Scally, Ken Sitarz, Peter Smith, Helen Spicer, Don Stanley

Auction at the August Meeting: contains a lot of very high quality agate, minerals and wood for display or jewellery. It includes a lot of material from overseas including US agate, wood, jade etc. Mostly polished. There are some rare treasures in here to appeal to every collector. These are from Campbell Lintott. (My Eftpos machine will be available - Ed.)



The Annual General Meeting: This was held a month later than usual in July. Errol Hitt resigned his position. The rest of the previous committee and president were all re-elected back into their positions. Julian Twiss was elected onto the committee.

President: Malcolm Luxton

Immediate Past President: Scott Hardwick

Committee members: Craig McGregor, Chris Wright, John Baker, John Taylor, Owen Swann, Robin Hall, Val Lear.

There were no nominations for Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, so these positions will be appointed within the Committee.

Lynda Alexander and Tessa Mitchell-Anyon were reappointed to their positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Our thanks to all who stood for the Committee. We appreciate the hard work.

July Monthly Competition Results: Our thanks to Wayne Eddy who has agree to continue organising the monthly competitions.

Polished NZ Agate <100mm: 1st Rob Lindsay, 2nd Lindsay Day, 3rd Craig McGregor

NZ Fossil Shell: 1st Craig McGregor, 2nd Lindsay Day, 3rd Rob Lindsay

Cinnabar: 1st Craig McGregor, 2nd Lindsay Day

ABC: 1st Craig McGregor, 2nd Cecile Tait, 3rd Lindsay Day

Recent Birdlings Find: 1st Rob Lindsay, 2nd Thomas Healey

Bring & Brag: 1st Craig McGregor, 2nd John Taylor, 3rd Rob Lindsay

August Monthly Competitions:

Lapidary: Polished agate but end- New Zealand

Fossil: Fossil from Glenafric

Mineral: Malachite

Alphabet Cup: A specimen from a country or state starting with D, E or F

Recent Find: From the last club trip to Whitecliffs.

Bring and Brag: Be prepared to talk about a specimen you bring.

Field Trip: August is usually a trip around some workshops, and a lunch together at a café. At the time of going to print, this was being organised, so more details at the club meeting. So set 15 August aside for this.

The Club Show: This year our club will have its usual annual show at the clubrooms on 26-27 September. At the July meeting, a board was passed around to get volunteers for the various jobs that need doing. There are some significant gaps. The board will go around again at the August

meeting. If you have not volunteered for a job, please do so. More help is needed.

If you can do a display, please let John Taylor know. He is collating these. Chris Thian is organising a competition whereby the public can vote on the best displays. So, lots of displays needed, please.

If you want sales table space, please see Scott Hardwick. He has forms for you to apply for this. scott.hardwick@agresearch.co.nz Space will be limited, so first in, first served.

Fossicking Trailer: Please gather together all those rock specimens you do not want. The public love going through these, and purchasing. It does bring in good funds for the club. All your unwanted material can be brought to the August or September meetings, and stored in the clubrooms, ready for the show.

A children's competition for identifying specimens is being organised. If you can part with some tumble polished stones as prizes for the children, please let Anna or John know.

Raffles: Raffles always make good money for our club. Val Lear is collating these. If you could donate a good quality specimen for the show raffles, please see her.

The Micro-mineral group: This club group is running an informal get together in the clubrooms over Labour Weekend. Already, quite a few people from other parts of New Zealand have indicated they will be attending. For details on this event, please see Val Lear or Don Stanley.

New Members: Please make welcome these new members: Rachel Mac-Millan, Daniel Cordes, Caroline Bentley.

Club Cabinet Displays: This is the large wall cabinet in the clubrooms. The displays need sorting out and labelling. Currently there are displays in the cabinet that we have no idea where they came from. The owners have not put in any labelling as to who owns them, or in many cases, even where the displays are from. Tessa Mitchell-Anyon, Don Stanley and Rob Lindsay have agreed to sort this out. So, if you have material there, you need to let these people know either you have donated, or they are your ownership, and it can be recorded. Currently they are investigating the cost of putting strip lighting in.

There are a set of black agates in the cabinet. Our thanks to Roger Knowles and Mike Adams for donating these to the display. They collected them, along with Tom Walker (d).

Trixie Tubb: passed away on the 24th of June. Trixie was the Wife of Gordon Tubb, one of our early Club Presidents. (Look at the presidents board for find out what years- ed) She was 95 years old.

When I joined the Club in 1969, Gordon and Trixie and their children were very active members. - *Tony Goddard.*

The Club Trip to Whitecliffs: By all accounts, this was a successful trip, although as usual, finds were scarce.



Hey Ho, Hey Ho, it's off to work we go.....

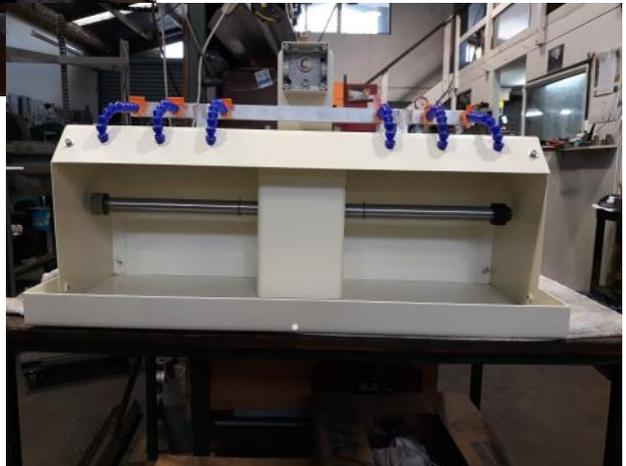
I'm trying not to smile.



Tool Making Services has put the finishing touches on the cabbing machine. Both machines have been tried and tested.

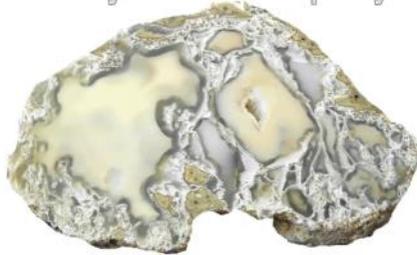
Canterbury Mineral and Lapidary Club have taken an interest in the machines for the workshop. The workshop runs every Tuesday and is getting popular. More equipment will allow people to get time to work on specific machines for a longer period of time.

One of the new cabbing machine will be on display at the next club meeting for members to view.



For Sale: Trevor Gray's family are still trying to dispose of a lot of Trevor's stuff. If anyone is interested in minerals, micro-minerals, crystals and perhaps a little bit of lapidary they would be welcome to contact Wayne Gray at; wayneanddana@outlook.com
Phone: 0272478148

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Gem Show 2020

September 26 and 27

Gemstones, fossils, minerals

Displays, sales, fossicking trailer

110 Waltham Rd (Next to

Waltham School)

Saturday 26 Sept. - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 27 Sept - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Adults: \$3; School Children: \$1

HETTIE'S ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

Also: Akaroa and Queenstown

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Sender CMLC, 24 O'Briens Rd, Sockburn, Christchurch 8042.

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«Field2»
«Field3»
«Field4»
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