

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc. Newsletter for October 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: 8 October, November 12, February 11
Committee Meeting: October 15, November 19, January 14
Micro Mineral Meeting: Every second week, Tuesday evenings.

The October Meeting: Deryn and Glenn Tregurtha are our guest speakers for the Oct meeting. Deryn and Glenn run a family business called 'the Crystal People'. Where did it all start and what is involved today? We look forward to hearing their story of second and third generation involvement with CMLC.

Supper Duty for the October Meeting: Tessa Mitchel-Anyon, Liam Bignell, Morné Wium, Jan Price, Mark Abrahamson, Mike Adams, Jamie Allnut, Kim Annan, Ave Ah Chong Puleaga.

Auction at the October Meeting: This will be some material from the Brian Jones collection.

The remainder of the Brian Jones collection—all the high quality pieces in his display cabinets will be auctioned at the Jones' residence - 83 Lancewood Dr. Westlake, Christchurch—on Saturday 7 November. The auction will be open for viewing at 9 a.m., and will start at 10 a.m. Please—no one on the property before 9 a.m.

Field Trip: October 17. This will be to Glen Afric for fossils. The meeting point is the Belfast Hotel at 8.30 a.m.

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

The September Monthly Competition Results:

- Lapidary: Polished freeform greenstone
1st E Hitt 2nd Jayden C 3rd equal O.Swan & D Stanley
- Fossil Fossil wood from Southland
1st E Hitt 2nd equal J Taylor and C McGregor
- Mineral: Opalite NZ
1st D Stanley 2nd C McGregor 3rd J Taylor
- Alphabet Cup: GHI
1st J Taylor 2nd = O Swan & C McGregor 3rd C Tait
- Recent Find: 1st R Lindsay
- Bring and Brag 1st = C McGregor & R Knowles 2nd Lewis Hall

October Monthly Competitions:

- Lapidary:..... Polished Calcite
- Fossil..... Fossil from Motunau
- Mineral:..... Hematite
- Alphabet Cup:JKL
- Recent Find:Something from the last club fieldtrip to the High Peak forest location.
- Bring and Brag Be prepared to talk about your specimen.

New Members: Please make these new members welcome. Owen and Aleisha Black, Quenby Carter.

The Club Show: To my mind, this was the best annual show we have held in recent years in our clubrooms. The attendance crowd was excellent, and enthusiastic. Many families and young children attended. There were far more displays this year, and more people selling rocks, jewellery, minerals etc. The fossicking trailer provided the usual excitement, with even some people trying to get into the show before opening time jst to get to the trailer. The children’s competition provided some puzzling moments, mainly for the adults with the children, and the raffles were as

popular as ever. It would seem a good proportion of the raffles went to club members. Maybe they bought the largest number of tickets. The workshop displays were also popular with the public, and the members there did a great job answering all the queries from the public. All this was very well augmented by the great supply of foods from the kitchen and off the barbecue.

The setup on Friday morning was done in record time, and the addition of the marquee out the front certainly helped alleviate the worries about space availability. The pack-up on Sunday afternoon was the fastest I have ever seen. Everyone mucked in and it just went so smoothly. My grateful thanks goes to everyone who got involved. From what I could see, those involved enjoyed being part of this great event. I cannot single any one person out, so please accept that all the volunteers were noticed and your help very much appreciated. Roll on Gem Show 2021. It is all good practise for when we hold the National Show in 2022.

Craig McGregor

From President Malcolm:

I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped in so many ways to make our club show a memorable event. I have only really heard one negative comment and compared to the several positive complimentary ones, I think we can be pretty happy with the outcome. I thought the marquee worked well and certainly coped adequately with the overflow. I guess there will always be areas we could improve on and I'm not naive to think otherwise, so constructive criticism is welcome.

Rockhounds came from as far afield as Whakatane, New Plymouth, Wellington, Nelson and Dunedin.

I am not sure of attendance numbers but there were not many lull periods over the two days and I shall be eternally grateful for the drop to Level one Covid-wise. Several folk went the extra mile and made themselves available for 'duty' for the whole three days and their efforts were noted and deserve salutation. In this regard, the willingness of several new members who were literally thrown in the deep end, picked the baton up and ran magnificently - if that is not too much of a mixed metaphor.

Special thanks go to Craig McGregor for his role as Show Convenor. This can be an ulcer inducing responsibility and I'm certain Catherine's calming influence might also need mentioning.

Very tricky singling people out, but a big shout out to:

Anna Baker who put a lot of effort into catering for the children at the show and I think a number of parents now know a deal more about dinosaurs than they did prior. If anyone has a spare puncture repair kit John would be obliged!

Val Lear for organising the raffles.

Chris Thian for all his work around the showcase competition.

Jan Price and helpers in the kitchen. Jam and cream scones are great sustainers.

The chief honchos on the BBQ and 'chuckie trailer'.

Workshop warriors Kim and Miranda.

Scott for organising layout and printing.

Lynda as our Finance Minister.

Anna and John Baker who stayed over for 2 nights as guards and security.

It goes without saying of course that the stall holders are among the main attractions, but they have already been rewarded.

Apologies if I have missed anyone.

My best to you all.

Malcolm

Pictures by Lewis Hall, Scott Hardwick and John Kapa as posted on Facebook.



LIBRARY TIME!: Chris Wright

I have collected a number of files which I feel would be good for rock-hounds to have a read of

[For those of you without a computer &/or internet access I have put them on a cd-rom along with this text]

1. Glenn Vallender

2. New Zealand Geology - An Illustrated Guide

Peter Ballance

https://www.geotrips.org.nz/downloads/Ballance_NZ_Geology-V2.pdf

3. My Earth Science Educator Story - Glenn Vallender What I did, why I did it and what happened

Glenn Vallender

www.igeosci.ed.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/GlennVallender-final.pdf

4. A Beginner's Guide to the Geology of the Geraldine District

Glenn Vallender

5. A Beginner's Guide to the Geology of the Mt Somers District

Glenn Vallender

6. Gemstones

Jocelyn Thornton

www.peterthornton.com/files/nzgemstones.pdf

7. The Mesozoic Geology of the Mt Somers area, Canterbury

P. J Oliver

98kg Amethyst Crystal Agate: By Vince Burke

This agate sat in a Greenstone Shop in Hokitika for 20 years or more till I heard about it. I rang the Shop to see if they wanted to sell the Agate. First I wanted to see the agate so rang Roger Knowles to see if he wanted to go for a ride to Hokitika to see if the agate was worth getting and off we went. Roger thinks that it may be a Mt Somers paddock agate or Cave Stream or Inverary.

The story is that the agate was taken into Traditional Jade, Tancred St, Hokitika, to be cut in half by a member of the Club 20 or more years ago.

The owner of the shop had just bought a new 1.200m saw blade and did not want to damage the blade till it had been worn in, so it sat on the shop floor all this time. The owner of the agate did not want to pick up 98kg again so left it in the shop. I did a deal with the manager and bought the agate and brought it home. So a big debate went on and when we arrived back at Rogers home with his son Graham on how and where to cut it, it soon became apparent that the agate was too big and heavy for my saw. I



went looking for a Diamond cutting chain saw. Just by looking at different brands I saved \$1200.00. They looked the same with a 20inch bar. The saw runs in water just like the Jade Fever program on TV. Going back 20 years or more and as a Club Member found the agate has anyone heard of

this agate or where it came from,? I can now cut any large agate or Petrified woods for the price of a slice for the Museum. Cheers Vince Burke.

Correction: In the Club June newsletter, I attributed the poem, “A Lockdown Poem”: to Pam Ayers. I have since been reliably informed that this was not the case, and was written by New Zealander, Jan Beaumont. That was in her original poem titled Let's All Drink to Lockdown. My apologies for making this error: I have now corrected this in the June Newsletter. <https://checkyourfact.com/2020/05/27/fact-check-drink-lockdown-poem-pam-ayres-jan-beaumont/>

Because Thomas catches the bus he had to get a mask as it is compulsory now. So he decided to get this one.

Thomas checked with the bus driver if it was Ok to wear it and the driver said yes. Can you imagine him getting on the bus wearing this?

I said to him well it will keep everyone away from you so it will be quite effective. - Kim Annan.



HETTIE'S ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

Also: Akaroa and Queenstown





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«Field2»
«Field3»
«Field4»
«Field5»

