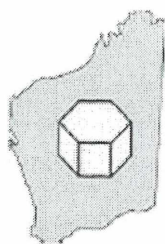


## October 2007 Newsletter



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### Editorial

This Newsletter is only as good as the contributions made for it. I invite everyone to submit articles, these can be as short as one or two sentences or as long as a couple of pages. Future issues will also have a Buy & Sell section. So if you have surplus material which you want to sell then send your advert to the editor (up to 7 lines at the editor's discretion). Wants lists also welcome. The close for articles for the December issue will be 4pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**October Meeting** 7:30 pm Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the WA Lapidary Club rooms 31 Gladstone Street Rivervale.

Guest speaker: Ben Grguric Topic: "Use of the blowpipe in mineral identification"

**December Meeting** 7:30 pm Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at the WA Lapidary Club rooms 31 Gladstone Street Rivervale.

Guest speaker: Margot Willing Topic: "Diamonds and its Simulants"

### Field Trips

Report from the trip coordinator

The significant trip for this year was the Easter Rockhunt (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2007) with the WA Lapidary and Rockhunting Club and led by George Low. A detailed report of the trip is given elsewhere (WA Rockhunter, Vol 24, May 2007). However, following are the Google Earth coordinates of the locations that were visited.

The first spot visited was the Rothsay Beryl Mine at 29° 17' 49.99'' S, 116° 51' 16.04'' E.

Here a large dark green apatite specimen was found. The Rothsay gold mine examined was at

29° 17' 5.91'' S, 116° 52' 34.2'' E.

On going to the Mt Mulgine fossicking site, the group had tea at the road to another disused gold mine. Molybdenite was found on the lip of this water filled gold mine pit at 29° 10' 8.880'' S,

116° 58' 5.37'' E. An attempt to walk to the Mt Mulgine molybdenite mine at 29° 11' 9.56'' S,

116° 58' 42.86'' E proved to be difficult and due to time constraints was abandoned.

The group visited "Warriedar" Island to collect cryptocrystalline tourmaline at 29° 07' 31.38'' S,

117° 15' 20.88'' E and camped for the night at 29° 6' 48.66'' S, 117° 14' 44.15'' E.

We then proceeded to the Fields Find campsite at 29° 2' 9.15''S, 117° 14' 35.84'' E and collected some good picture jasper lapidary material at 29° 2' 21.21''S, 117° 15' 5.95''E and pink breccias at 29° 4' 34.87'' S, 117° 17' 58.42''E. On returning to Perth we revisited the pegmatite quarry at Paynes Find (29° 18' 24.83''S, 117° 41' 11.90''E)

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**Other Events**

Volcanic minerals and their mineralogy October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2007-07-30 Venue Te Rau Aroha, Waihi Beach New Zealand - registration fee \$70