

Mineralogical Society of Western Australia Inc January 2009 Newsletter

Editorial

Thanks to those members who provided articles during 2008. Thanks to Mignonne Clark who provided most of the information for this newsletter.

Members are reminded that short adverts are provided free of charge to members.

February Meeting - this coming Wednesday (February 4th) at 7:30pm at the WA Lapidary Club rooms 31 Gladstone Street Rivervale.

Speaker: Ben Grguric "Pegmatite minerals of the Barbara Mine, Coolgardie."

Ben is a geoscientist who currently works in the exploration industry.

Future Meetings

Wednesday 1st April Speaker Dr Ivor Roberts

Wednesday 3rd June Speaker from the Western Australian Museum

Wednesday 5th August AGM. Members – Mineral presentations

Wednesday 7th October Murray Thompson "SA Minerals" or Nimal Perera

Wednesday 2nd December Christmas Meeting Speaker Margot Willing

December Meeting 2008

Many thanks to Margot Willing for the "*The story of "Tanzanite" – variety of the mineral Zoisite – (The gemstone of the 20th and 21st centuries)*" at our Christmas meeting

The major source of Tanzanite is a five square mile hilltop at Merelani, ten miles south of the Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania. There are many web links to view wonderful photographs of Tanzanite.

Margot is a member of the *The Gemmological Association of Great Britain*, or Gem-A, which is the world's longest established provider of gem and jewellery education.

Margot has an article published in Volume 31 2008 Issues ¾

The Journal of Gemmology has been the official journal of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain since the company was incorporated in 1947. All Gem-A members receive *The Journal* as part of their membership package, keeping them up-to-date with new gemstone sources, the latest synthetic and simulated gems and gemstone treatments. From 2009, *The Journal* will be online, using a state-of-the-art interface, providing full search facilities. Access will be via our website and will require membership log-in.

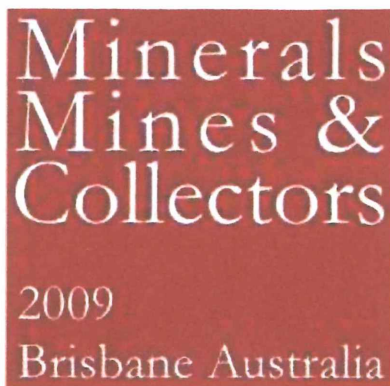
Web address: <http://www.gem-a.com/publications/journal-of-gemmology.aspx>

What's on in 2009

USA

Tucson Arizona Gem Show, entitled Minerals & More in Tucson USA
from 1-14 February 2009.

AUSTRALIA



Joint Mineralogical Societies of
Australasia 32nd Annual Seminar

Saturday 6th - Monday 8th June 2009
Brisbane - Queensland - Australia

<http://www.mineral.org.au/seminar/seminar09.htm>

Planning for the 2009 Seminar in Brisbane, Queensland, hosted by the Mineralogical Society of Queensland Inc., is well under way. Following on from the successful Zeehan, Tasmania seminar held in November 2008, we invite anyone interested in our great hobby to attend.

The theme is **Minerals, Mines & Collectors**, - giving the guest speakers copious leeway to expand on almost any subject that they are passionate about. We hope to publish a list of the guest speakers and their pet subjects early in 2009. The seminar venue is the Theatre of the Queensland Museum, located at Southbank - an easy 10 minute walk from the Brisbane CBD.

Seminar presentations will be held on Saturday and Sunday, followed by a swap and sell session on Monday morning. The seminar dinner will be held on Saturday night and we are presently negotiating a venue within a short walking distance of the Museum venue for the dinner.

No field trips have as yet been finalised. We are hoping to include a tour of a working mine, close to Brisbane's CBD. Other possibilities are trips to view local mineral collections, and a trip further a field collecting zeolite minerals if there is enough interest. The field trips will most likely commence directly after formal activities have finished on Monday morning.

We expect a mix of amateur and professional mineralogical devotees to attend what should be a great Seminar, with a wide breadth of interesting information presented.

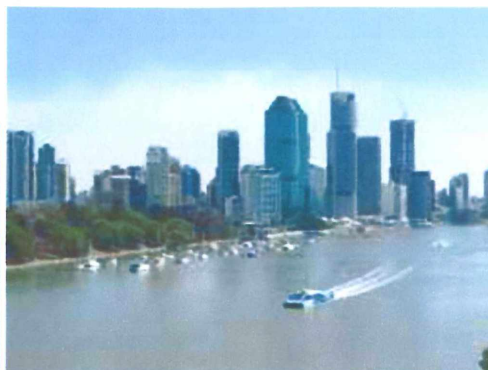
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Seminar venue, Southbank, Brisbane

Brisbane River and skyline

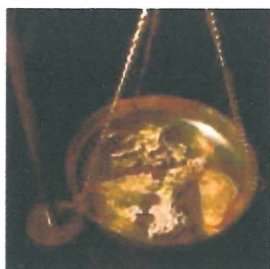
Please note: More information will be added to this web page as it becomes available, so please bookmark this page and recheck regularly. Information will also be regularly mailed and emailed to interested parties and state societies.

If you wish to be placed on a mailing list to receive any updated information, please ring or email our Seminar contacts

June 6-8 2009



Hosted by the
Mineralogical Society
of Queensland Inc.
Queensland Museum
Southbank Brisbane



FIELD TRIPS 2009

By arrangement members of the mineralogical society are able to go on field trips organized by the Western Australia Lapidary and Rockhunting Club inc.
Please register with MINSOC Field Trip organizers prior to attending any of the following events, if you are only a current MINSOC member to confirm event details.

MINSOC Field Trip organizers Nimal Perera & Clive Daw (ph 9397 5486)

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAPIDARY AND ROCKHUNTING CLUB INC. 31-35 Gladstone Road, Rivervale, 6103. Rivervale W.A.
PROPOSED 2009 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
Sunday 15 th February – Round the Houses
February 28/March 1 & 2 – Labour Day long weekend - Moora various Silica group minerals
April – Easter Field Trip – 10,11,12, & 13 – Southern Cross Area various Chalcedony minerals
Mother's Day Sunday 10 th May
Sunday May 24 – Beverley area – various Silica/Feldspar minerals. To be confirmed acloser to the date.
JUNE EXHIBITIONS at club rooms - 31-35 Gladstone Road, Rivervale, 6103. Rivervale W.A. Two weekends – Saturday 13 June & Sunday 14 th June then Saturday 21 June & Sunday 22 nd June Please collect flyers for distribution to family and friends
July –Extended field trip to – Eastern Goldfields area
Further 2009 activities and events will be published during the year

A lot of organization goes into making a successful field trip – please bring mineral specimens to club meetings for a show and tell.

OS&H – Yes, occupational, safety and health applies on field trips

Please make sure you have the normal safety gear – field boots and hard hat Plus carry extra drinking water. Take sun screen and fly repellent. Drive safely

Particularly important for group field trips:-

Please register your details with excursion organizer – name, car rego, mobile telephone

Please follow instructions by excursion organizer and if you need to leave a field trip early, advise organizer.

There are many opportunities to show case your mineral collection. Enquiries can be made with the various lapidary clubs throughout WA.

Snippets from the MINSOC Committee Meeting held on Saturday 10 January 2009

MINSOC Field Trip organizers Nimal & Clive making enquiries to revisit South West locations, during 2009.

Refreshments at meetings – Mignonne organise – Normal meetings – tea, coffee and biscuits Special meetings AGM and Christmas meeting extra catering to be provided

Data projector for meetings: Application for funding being lodged with LotteryWest

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