

# Mineralogical Society of Western Australia Inc January 2011 Newsletter

## Editorial

A new book about gold was published last year by David Hill – titled “Gold” A review may be featured in a future newsletter.

A flyer for the 2012 Seminar to be held in Perth is now available. The committee has been discussing the 2012 Seminar.

Contributors to the newsletter should submit articles at least a week before the next meeting. Late articles may be held over to the following newsletter.

Members may submit short adverts free of charge.

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## February Meeting - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

Starting at 7:30 pm at the WA Lapidary Club rooms, 31 Gladstone Road, Rivervale.

**Speaker: Michael Verrall**, Manager Electron Beam and X-ray Laboratories, at the CSIRO in Kensington.

**Topic: Scanning-electro microscopy and X-ray diffraction of minerals & rocks.**

**Visitors Welcome.**

**Light refreshments provided after the meeting.**

## 2011 Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Speaker(s): TBA: Topic: Tucson and other shows

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June Speaker: TBA

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Speaker: Mike Freeman Topic: “Opal”

**The Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia 34th Annual Seminar** will be held in Melbourne from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The theme will be "Mineralogy into the future". More details will be featured in future Newsletters.

**The 2012 Annual Seminar** is to be held in Perth. The theme will be Rare Earth Minerals. A new email address has been set up for this seminar: [remseminar2012@gmail.com](mailto:remseminar2012@gmail.com)

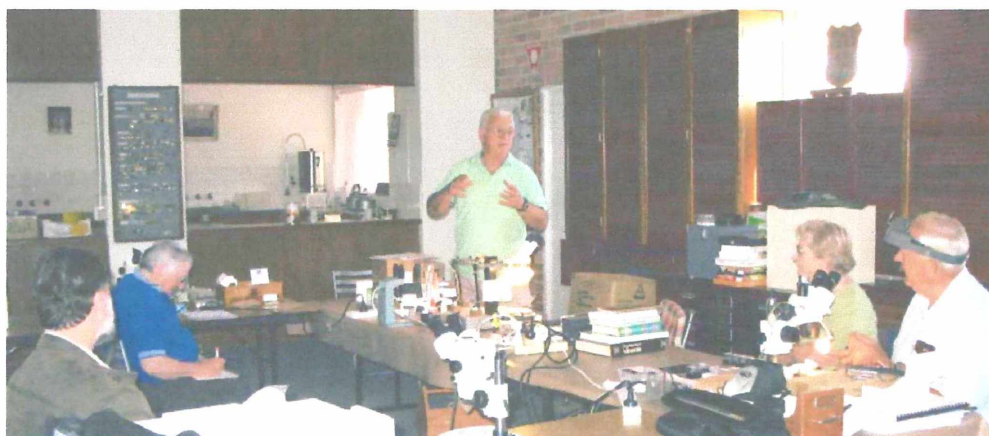
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**Photos from Stewart Cole - a natural emerald cross. We hope to hear more about these!**



### Micro mounting workshop

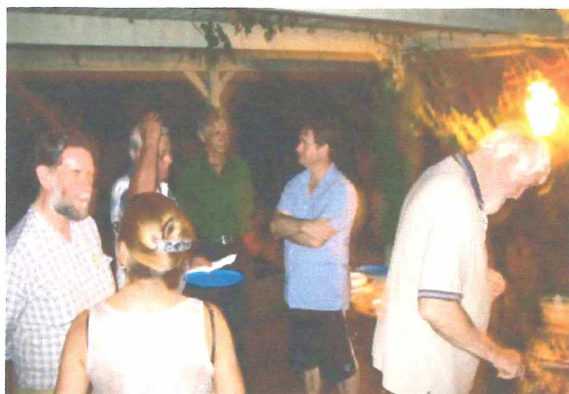
On Sunday 14 November 2010, Ted Fowler held a micro mounting workshop on the premises of the WA Lapidary & Rockhunting Club. Allan, Barbara, Margot, Clive and Sue attended the workshop, with another two members dropping in towards closing time. Ted took great care to explain and demonstrate his micro mounting techniques and a myriad of custom made tools. He also showed us a fine selection of expertly micro mounted crystals under his microscope. Much to the delight of those present, we took home many freebies including mineral specimens, materials and specialist tools, and - most importantly - increased know-how and appreciation of micro mounting. We thank Ted for sharing his time and enthusiasm.





### Post Christmas BBQ & Social Event

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January our annual post-Christmas social event was held at the home of Susan & Vernon Stocklmayer in Lesmurdie. Despite the scorching heat, fourteen members attended the BBQ evening. While we enjoyed our cold drinks, finger food and nibblys, Frank Doedens did a superb job teasing those present with his gemmy diopside crystal from WA. After sunset, Vernon cooked our assorted meats to perfection. For dessert, those still present enjoyed Susan's home made ice cream and fruit salad. We thank Susan and Vernon for hosting a very enjoyable evening.



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### **Recent News**

Mineral Society Members will be aware of the recent sad news from Catherine informing us all that Frank Radke passed away on the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> as a result of his prolonged battle with cancer.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Catherine and stepson William.

At Catherine's request, donations to honour Frank's memory can be made to the South Australian Museum, the Western Australia Mineralogical Society and Silver Chain.

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