

# MGMC NEWS

Murraylands Gem & Mineral Club Inc Monthly Members News

February 2017

## Coming Events

### Workshop Days

At last the workshop is seeing renewed interest with its opening on extra days. At least three times this past month thanks to Rex and those interested in the workshop. . There is nothing worse than starting to cut a stone and not being able to finish it in a reasonable time frame so the extra days are most welcome. If you would like to take part in one of the extra days just call Rex on 0429322339 and he will let you know if extra days are an option. Please be aware that Rex and others volunteer their time to open the workshops so bear this in mind when asking them to help out..

Any questions just call me on **0427054336..**

### Fieldtrip

**Our next fieldtrip is this Sunday February 12th .to Birdwood Gold panning..** We will meet at the gates to the Birdwood Oval at 10am and travel just down the road to one of our favorite old spots. The weather should be cooling off by then with a forecast 29 degrees. BYO everything and you will need your gold pans, digging gear, detectors, sunscreen and water plus lunch of course. You will need to look out for snakes but we will send the wives in first so we should all be safe. (sic)

If the forecast is for temps over 35 the trip will be off likewise if there is a total fire ban Give me a call if you are in doubt 0427054336.

### Mineral Matters February 2017

Mineral matters will back on Wednesday February 15th starting at 7pm going until 8.30pm or thereabouts. We will be looking at Mineral Identification and how to use crystal form to do basic identification of minerals.. We will keep it pretty basic to begin with and see how far we want to go with it..

Also please bring along any minerals you would like identified as this is by far the best way to learn.

If there are other topics you feel you would like to cover in the future please let me know and we will try to cover it at some stage..

Bring along some supper to share and hopefully we will see you there..

Please feel free to call me if you need to ask anything about the night. 0427054336



A stunning Sulphur specimen that would win in any competition

## Our Next Meeting

Will be held on March 8th  
in the clubrooms at  
7.30pm

**We will have a guest speaker.**

Don't forget your plate of supper and a donation for the raffle table..

Also we will have the club minerals on sale..

## Competition Details for This Year

**Please note the changes to the competition schedule** the biggest change being that there is NO Schedule!!

We have decided that in the Open, Novice, Micromount and Fossil sections there will be no schedule for next year.

Each month you may enter anything you like making it much easier for all.. It will also change to just one specimen per entry but you can enter as many as you like.. In fact we hope you will enter a couple each month.

This goes for the workshop creations as well.. Just bring it along and put it in..

Brag corner stays the same but we will possibly look at a list for the detecting and Novelty but more on that next month.

Also changing will be the competitions will run from January to September so there will only be 9 months of competitions..

Its all designed to make things easier for all.

**If there is any aspect that you do not understand PLEASE ASK and we will advise you on how it all works..**

The competitions are there to showcase our hobby.



**Another competition winner Native Copper BUT loose the Blue Tack its sitting on**

