



Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. (TTGGMC)

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Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

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Diary Dates	Club Activities	<p>Lapidary (Tuesday mornings) <i>Course 5 weeks x 2 hours Cost \$10.00.</i> <i>Use of equipment \$1.00 per hour.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1st to 3rd, 2015 Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club Rockarama 'Crystal and Craft Fair' incorporating SA Metal Detecting Championships. • June 20th to 21st, 2015 Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Exhibition (Biennial). 	<p>Competitions Competitions have been suspended indefinitely and are currently replaced with members showcasing an interesting part of their collection.</p> <p>Field Trips No fieldtrips planned during Summer months.</p> <p>Library <i>Librarian - Augie Gray</i> There is a 2 month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf. When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.</p>	<p>Silver Craft (Friday mornings) <i>Course 5 weeks x 2 hours Cost \$20.00.</i> <i>Use of equipment \$1.00 per hour.</i></p> <p>While some consumable materials are supplied by the club, trainees must supply any additional requirements.</p> <p>Trainees who use the club equipment (for example, magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) must return them to the workshop after usage. Trainees are also encouraged to purchase and use their own equipment.</p> <p>In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure individuals using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>.</p>
Stop Press	<p>Silver Craft Friday mornings - 9 am to 12 noon. Cost \$20 for new short course attendees. All are welcome.</p> <p>Tuesday Craft Tuesday mornings - 11 am to 2.30 pm Faceting, etc. All are welcome. Contact Doug (08 7120 2221) if you would like to learn faceting.</p> <p>Wanted - The faceting group occasionally has members wishing to buy a 2nd hand faceting machine & accessories. Could anyone with one not being used please contact: Doug Walker 0871202221 or Russell Fischer 0417083227</p>	<p>It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations <u>are</u> adhered to at all times.</p> <p>Trainees must ensure: that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state; that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin; and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled.</p> <p>The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.</p>
<p>The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activities, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and annual shows. An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.</p>		<p>Club Subscriptions \$25.00 Family. \$20.00 Family/Pensioner. \$15.00 Single. \$12.50 Single/Pensioner. \$10.00 Joining Fee.</p>

Gemboree photos reproduced from Michael Pope's Facebook page with permission...



Blood moon - eclipse.



Cr Mark Radford - cutting the ribbon opening the GemBoree 2015.



Cr Mark Radford - Mayor of Horsham with the GEMBOREE Princess, and Junior Princess.



Glass fusing using a microwave oven as a heat source.



Jade Carving.



The MineLab guys with heaps of cool toys for the big boys.



The labels say it all!



Bone Carving.



The Garrett Guys.



Ring cleaning demonstration.



Rock Auction.



How sweet - all patiently waiting for their treat!



Enameling.



First prize - close-up.



Scrimshaw.



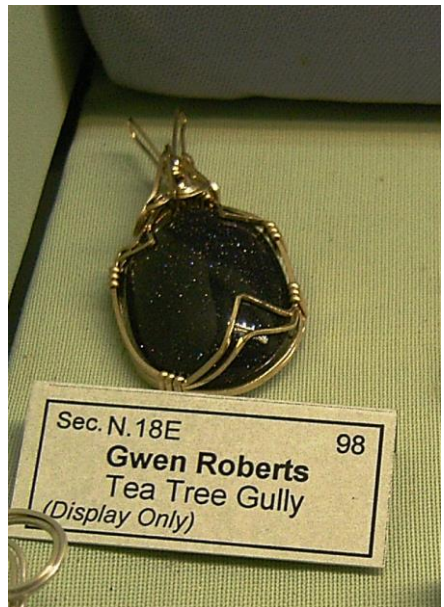
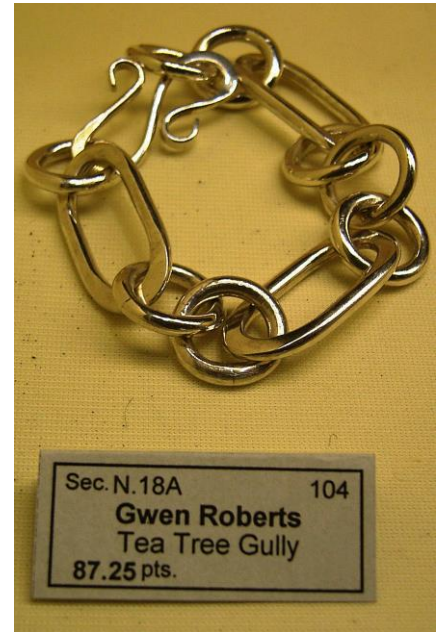
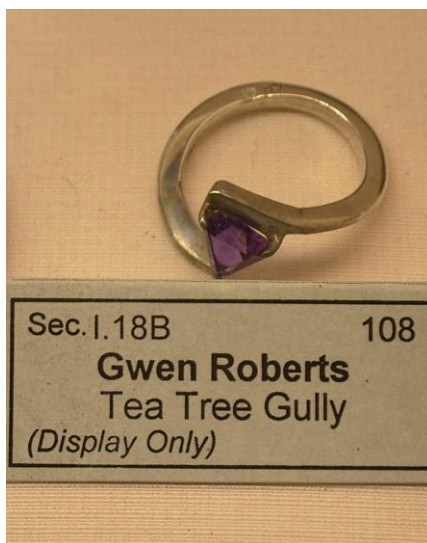
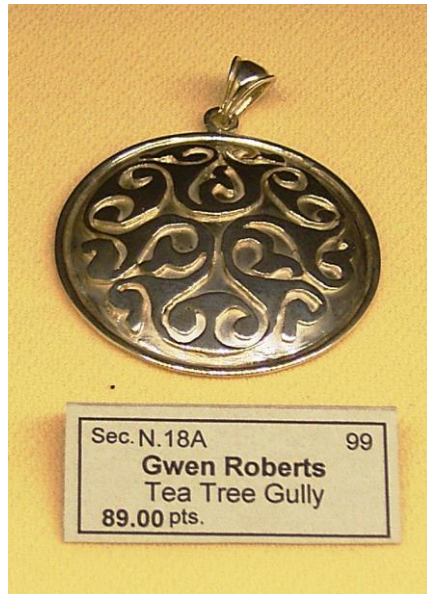
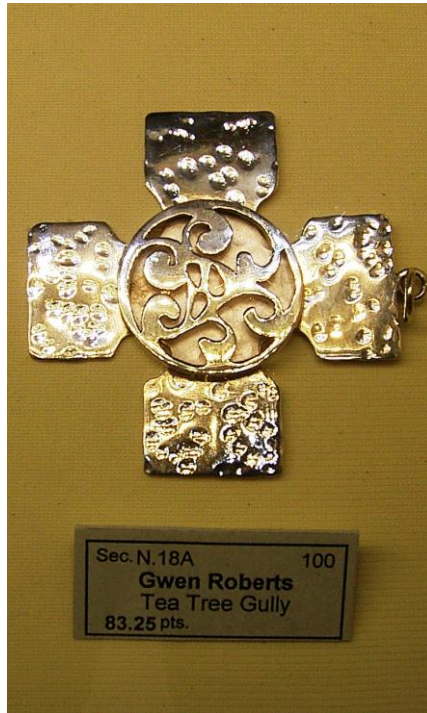
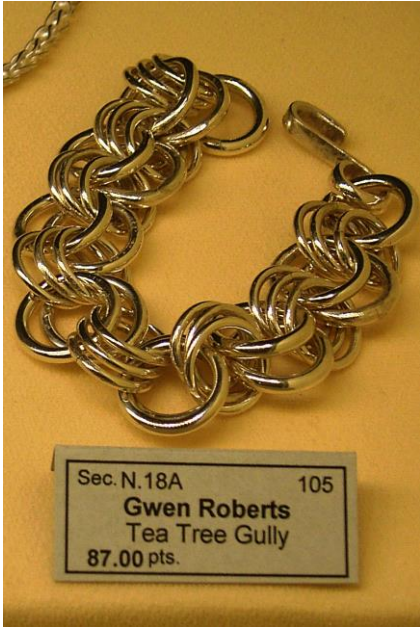
Second prize - close-up.



A quiet moment in the hall.

Gwen showcasing her silver craft...

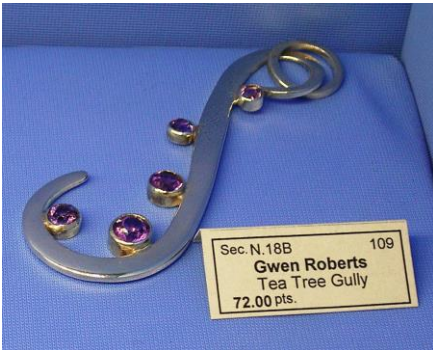
Gwen Roberts was a significant silver craft competitor at the Horsham Gemboree. While not achieving top awards, she nonetheless gained significant scores as well as useful competitive experience. Also, Gwen did not leave empty handed - she was one of the eight raffle winners - see her wire tied prize as the last photo in this collection. The other photos display Gwen's entries...



Gwen's silver craft continued...



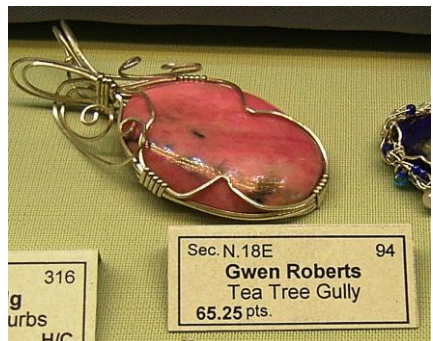
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Gwen Roberts
Tea Tree Gully
91.00 pts.



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Gwen Roberts
Tea Tree Gully
72.00 pts.



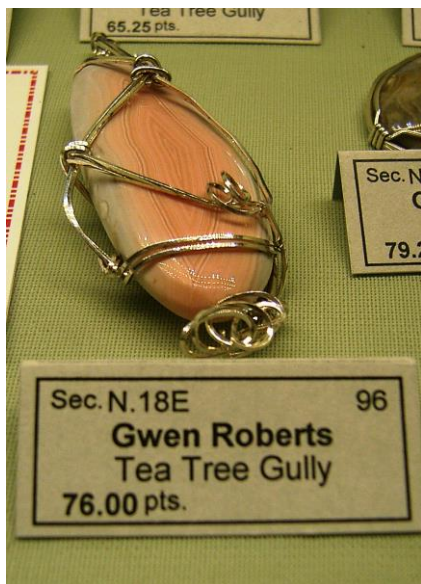
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Tea Tree Gully
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Sec. N.18E 97
Gwen Roberts
Tea Tree Gully
72.00 pts.



Sec. N.18E 96
Gwen Roberts
Tea Tree Gully
76.00 pts.

8th Prize • Value \$50
Silver Wire Wrapped Cabochon
*Crafted & donated by Penny McKieman
Geelong Gem & Mineral Club Inc*



Eighth Prize.

Anybody for a free lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe?



TTGGMC Members Purchases at the Horsham Gemboree...



One of Ian's Purchases - Quartz from Peru.



Gwen's purchase - multi angle craft vice.

Metal Detecting Treasure Hunt.

05-04-2015 - As with the previous Horsham Gemboree, Toby Decker organised a repeat of the metal detecting treasure hunt for the 2015 event. It was very much modeled on the MGMC 'South Australian Metal Detecting Championships' run annually (first weekend in May) at Palmer during the Rockarama 'Crystal and Craft Fair'. There were 35 entrants at Horsham and they were keen both on the field and later at the presentation of prizes.



I wonder what's been sown in this paddock (adjacent to Gemboree).



35 detectors are kept busy.



Kathleen Brockett is a keen detector at Palmer also.



Times up people!



There's Jeff Parker, another keen detector at Palmer. Hellyn Parker won a detector at the 2014 Palmer event. Might be Jeff's turn, perhaps.



What treasures have they found?



Down on their knees checking their booty!



It's surprising just how much metal can hide in a ploughed paddock.



Toby preparing for prize presentation.



Well! How about that Hellyn. Jeff has won a detector too!

Some TTGGMC Members Out and about at the Horsham Gemboree...



Tony, Wendy, Suzanne, and Jean.



Augie examining White Rock quartz at Ian's stall.



Mel and Janet exploring the main hall.

Gemboree Fieldtrips.

Two locations were chosen by the Gemboree Committee for fieldtrips: (1) Fossils at the Naracoorte Limestone Quarry and (2) Mooralla for Smoky Quartz. This picture gallery was contributed by Gerri Cook (MGMC).

Naracoorte Limestone Quarry, SA.



Alan (Gerri's partner) having a breather.



Mooralla Fossicking Reserve, VIC.



Line up for Mooralla fieldtrip.



Leonie Hughes waiting for action.



Part of the crowd at Mooralla.



Leonie and Gerri.



George Fadersen (in front of windlass) - Field Officer.



Farmer (left of ladder) gave a talk on the site which was found by his Grandfather.



George's Humpy.



Lunchtime at Mooralla.



George's hole and mullock heap for fossickers.



Mooralla - Quartz var Smoky - George Fadersen.



Mooralla - Quartz var Smoky - Doug Littley.

Bits and Pieces Photo Gallery taken at the Horsham Gemboree 2015.



Caravans at Gemboree site.



Guess what! Happy Hours! Ian, Mike, Tony, and Wendy.



Ian and Janet 01



Ian, Ross, Wendy, and Tony.



Tony and Wendy Tailgating and Mike holding the can.



Who's a raffle prize winner? Gwen!



Ian and Janet.



Wendy and Tony.



Ian - tailgating.



Happy hour expanding.



Janet and Coralie.



Are they all petrified?



Doug Hughes and Andrew Shelley.



Gerri viewing the showcases - main hall.



Mike Fisher minding the shop Main Gemboree Hall Horsham..



Toby Decker.



Quartz.



Popular choice showcase.

Contributed by Ann and John Hill...

Coincidences.

(1)...

Many years ago Ann and I went to Sydney where Ann was doing the Gemmological Association of Australia marking exams. After a hectic weekend we had a few days touring in and around Sydney. We went on a double decker coach trip to the Blue Mountains and booked a walking tour in and around Katoomba from where we would catch a train back to Sydney. We had an hour wait for the local coach so we had a snack and met another couple who had also been on the coach. We chatted a bit and found they were from Singapore. They used to host the daughter, who worked in Thailand, of close friends of ours in the U.K. I used to play golf with her father, and we stayed with them for a day or so before we came to Oz.

(2)...

We went to the London Museum to see "The Treasures of England" exhibition, where there were over twenty items. The largest was a beautifully embossed silver dish about 3ft in diameter, which had been buried in a farmers field which he'd found when ploughing. He'd kept the dish on a sideboard until he'd taken it to the Coroner (Treasure Trove). Later more items were found in his fields. There was a dented golden goblet (also Roman), bracelets, several golden torques (twisted golden collars), and silver spoons. In the next room was a coin display and a curator had a tray of coins which we could handle (some from a hoard of 4000). She (the curator) was from Sydney. Later, we went to the shop and the assistant there was from Collinswood (5081).

(3)...

On our last trip to Guernsey at a Sunday lunch in a hotel there was a chap from Blackwood (5051) talking about barbeques.



Contributed by Doug Walker...

They walk amongst us!

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted, 'Look at that dead bird!' Someone looked up at the sky and said, 'where?'

They Walk Among Us!

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a Sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it!

They walk among us!

While looking at a house, my brother asked the Real Estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for sometime. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff!'

They walk among us!

Traffic Camera - a man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

They walk among us!

You can't fix stupid - my colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said, 'I didn't think I'd get sunburned because the car was moving!'

They walk among us!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk.

They walk among us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said that I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, 'Has your plane arrived yet?' (I work with professionals like this!)

They walk among us!

While working at a pizza parlour I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.'

They walk among us!

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease. 'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?' 'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.' 'What sort of question?' asked Pelosi. Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them; which one?' Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'

Sadly, they walk among us! And their vote counts just as much as yours!



Contributed by Doug Hughes...

A Man's Fairy Tale:

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?" The Princess said, "No!"

And the Prince lived happily ever after, rode motorcycles, dated skinny long-legged full-breasted women, hunted and fished, raced cars, went to naked bars, dated ladies half his age, drank Crown Royal whiskey, drank Coopers beer, drank Captain Morgan, never heard bitching, never paid child support, dated models, kept his house, kept guns, ate spam, ate potato chips, ate beans, blew enormous farts, never got cheated on while he was at work, had tons of money in the bank, left the toilet seat up, and all his friends and family thought he was friggin cool as hell.

The End.

General

Contributed by Michael Mabbitt...

Why Teachers Drink

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination

These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds)

Q. Name the four seasons?

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?

A. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. the abdomen)?

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, and U.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby.

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'?

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor.

Q. What is a terminal illness?

A. When you are sick at the airport.

Why Teachers Drink

Continued...

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Shreik wears on his head. Once an Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his diaper and wraps it around his head.



Contributed by Doug Hughes...

Mile High!

A man and a woman are seated next to each other on a flight. They start eyeing each other, and both realize they want to do the same thing. He slips a condom out of his pocket, and she looks delighted. "Rear toilet!", he suggests. "Five minutes", she agrees and goes off. He waits five minutes, then goes and slips in there with her. "Right, get that condom on", she says. Soon, they are both sighing with pleasure. But a sharp eyed stewardess has noticed them, and realized what they are up to. So, she humiliates them by making an announcement over the PA system. "To the lady and gentleman in the rear toilet, we know what you are doing, and it is expressly forbidden by airline regulations. Now, please put those cigarettes out and take the condom off the smoke detector."

And what were you thinking?



Contributed by Doug Hughes...

Grand Kids!

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, you name it.

Meanwhile, Grandpa is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy William, we won't be long . . . easy, boy." Another outburst and she hears the grandpa calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy". At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart and Grandpa says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says to the elderly man, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying 'things would be okay.' William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa." "Thanks," said the grandpa, "but I'm William. The little shit's name is Kevin."

Contributed by Doug Hughes...

Health Check.

During a lady's medical examination, the British doctor says, "Your heart, lungs, pulse, and blood pressure are all fine.

Now let me see the part that gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble." The lady starts taking off her undies but is interrupted by the doctor. "No! No! Leave your knickers on ... Just stick out your tongue!"



Contributed by Doug Walker...

Something To Offend Everyone.

A government survey has shown that 91% of illegal immigrants come to Britain so that they can see their own doctor.

Due to the current economic crisis, Greece is cancelling all production of humus and Taramasalata. It's a double dip recession.

A dwarf goes to a very good but very busy doctor and asks "I know you are busy but do you treat dwarves?" The doctor replies "Yes, but you will have to be a little patient".

63 Pakistanis died in Bradford this morning. It was not a terrorist attack, a bunk bed collapsed. The police are blaming AL IKEA.

Jonathan Ross has been accused of shoplifting a kitchen utensil from Tesco. Ross says it was a whisk he was prepared to take.

Police stop a Pakistani in his transit van on the motorway. Policeman says "Do you know the limit is 70?" The driver leans into the back and says, "Hear that. Three of you have got to get out!"

Paddy & Mick stagger out of the zoo with blood pouring from them. "Bollocks to that", said Paddy, "that's the last time I go lion dancing."

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then".

My mate just hired an Eastern European cleaner, took her 15 hours to Hoover the house. Turns out she was a Slovak.

Since the snow came, all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Rocher.

A woman standing nude in front of a mirror says to her husband: 'I look horrible, I feel fat and ugly, pay me a compliment.' He replies, 'Your eyesight is perfect.'

Members Notice Board

Meeting Reminders/Updates

- The Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Exhibition will be a biennial affair, held on the opposite year to the Enfield show, that is, the next TTGMC Exhibition will be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of June, 2015.

Wanted

Mineral photo opportunities.

I'm looking for opportunities to photograph mineral specimens (South Australian in particular) for future newsletter "Mineral Matters" articles.

Do you have mineral specimens that you can make available to be photographed?

I'm prepared to take these photos at your nominated location or at the club rooms, whichever suits you.

Specimens do not have to be first prize winners - what matters, is that they are clearly identifiable, and present as a reasonable example from a known location.

Hope you can help me out on behalf of the club.

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Newsletter Content & Contributions

Contributions for the newsletter need to be passed on to me no later than one week before each club meeting.

As the current caretaker for the club newsletter, I will be emailing members a link to the copy on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Please consider contributing some of your photos and stories for all to enjoy. These do not have to be mineral related.

I look forward to your ongoing assistance and also seek your timely, frank feedback so that the newsletter continues to meet the club members' interest.

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Useful Internet Links

2014 Australian (& some NZ!) Gem & Mineral Calendar: <http://www.mineral.org.au/shows/shows.html>

Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Association (AFLACA): <http://aflaca.org.au/>

AFLACA-GMCASA: <http://aflaca.org.au/members/gem-and-mineral-clubs-association-of-south-australia-gmcasa/>

Gem and Mineral Clubs Association of South Australia (GMCASA): <http://www.gmcasa.org.au/>

Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club: http://sacommunity.org/org/197578-Adelaide_Gem_%2526_Mineral_Club#.Uta7ufRDt8E <http://www.adelaidegmc.websyte.com.au/>

Broken Hill Mineral Club, The: <http://brokenhillmineralclub.wikispaces.com/>

Enfield Gem and Mineral Club Inc: www.egmc.infopage.com.au
<http://southaustralia.localitylist.com.au/yellowresult.php/goal/Detail/ckey/26988>

Flinders Gem, Geology and Mineral Club Inc:
http://www.lapidaryworld.com/flinders_geology_gem_and_mineral_club.html

Mineralogical Society of SA Inc: <http://www.sa-minsoc.websyte.com.au/>

Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club Inc: <http://www.murraylandsgmc.org.au/>

Southern Rockhounds: Website - <http://www.southernrockhounds.com.au/home>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernRockhounds>

Yorke Peninsula Gem and Mineral Club Inc: <http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=754&c=16913>