



TAURANGA GEM & MINERAL CLUB INC

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GEMZONE

August 2022

VILLAGE GEMS

TAURANGA GEM & MINERAL CLUB Inc.

HISTORIC VILLAGE

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Colin & Bev Simmons

August Club Events

Workshop

Every Tuesday night from 6pm to 7-30pm.

Use of the workshop during shop hours:

\$2 per hour

Please pay at the counter

Club Night

Monday 8th August

Please don't attend if you are unwell

Masks are required to enter building

Juniors from 6 pm – 7.30pm

Wand Making

Seniors at 7.30pm

Talk about showcases and the show in October, Workshop open, and Carla will you do lapping wheel instruction

Silent Auction The silent auction is a collection of stones and minerals.

Finds for the interest table

Committee - 3rd Wednesday of Month

17th August 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Meet at the clubrooms.

Field Trip

28th August Sunday

Meet here at 10am,

[Thames Goldmine Experience](#)

Located on the corner of Moanataiari Road and SH25, Northern end.

Price; Seniors \$15

Adults \$20

Child \$5 (under 13)

The Experience includes a guided tour through an underground mine. For this bring good footwear and waterproof jacket. Own torch could be handy. Working Stamper Battery, gold panning and plenty more, check out there [Facebook page](#).

Just so they have enough volunteers to show us all around could numbers of people interested please either text me Graham Hill on 0272566399 or email me on grahmsgardens@outlook.co.nz

NOTE: Contact Graham if you need to carpool. Do check your email in case of bad weather. Graham Hill: 027 2566399 / 07 552 4496
Remember to bring your camera.

Field Trip cancellations: TGMC takes the safety of its members seriously and has the right to cancel field trips in the event of severe weather warnings or other factors that prevent any trip from taking place. News about changes, postponements or cancellations to a proposed field trip will be advised via email and posted on the Facebook page as soon as possible.

Stone Of The Month



Sulphur

Collection Viewing Night Last Wed of Month

Wednesday 31st August 7.30pm

At Carla van den Hout place.

91 Oliver Rd

Wairoa Tauranga

Please Don't Attend If Unwell

Please bring a plate to share for supper and any rocks or fossils for identification or discussion.

Club notices

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TGMC Committee Members 2020 and other Club Officers		
President	Carla van den Hout	552 5175
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Microscopes		
Silent Auction	Ian Mason	021 235 5818

New Zealand Events

2022 – National Show.

To be hosted by the Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club
14th – 16th October.
Riccarton Park
Racecourse Rd
Christchurch
Set up for competitions and displays is
Thursday 13th October from 1pm to 6pm

TGMC Show 7-9 October-

At the Tauranga Racecourse,
1383 Cameron Road, Greerton,
Tauranga, New Zealand.

Friday 7th October 9am-5pm
Saturday 8th October 9am - 5pm
And Sunday 9th October 9am -4pm.
AUCTION @ 5pm Saturday 8th October

Australian events

Health & Safety Matters

Health & Safety for The Workshop

Please note that the club can no longer provide earmuffs and safety glasses for use in the workshop, due to hygiene regulations.

Therefore **we ask everyone who will use the workshop to bring their own safety glasses and earmuffs.** We also ask for everyone to put their name and phone number on the earmuffs and safety glasses.

However, the club will have ear plugs available at cost price.
The earplugs can be purchased at the shop counter.

TGMC Website: <https://www.tgmclub.com/>

We have a new web master updating our web page.

"Please bring along on club night something you've created at the club or from field trip finds. These are to be photographed and placed on a new montage page on the website."



Health and Safety WORK SHOP TRAINING

Some important issues need to be addressed regarding the use of the work shop. As health and safety is important the committee have decided to close the work shop except for Tuesday night and club nights.

This is a temporary arrangement So we can evaluate and upgrade the workshop machinery as well as implement a training program To ensure everybody knows how to keep themselves safe and look after the machinery,

Thank you for your patience
Feel free to contact Bryce on 027 6950606
if you have questions or ideas
they are always welcome .



BOOK REVIEW

Book Reviews for the newsletter
can be emailed to Ian Mason
imn.mason@hotmail.com

Mines Minerals & Mosasaurs

By George Allen 2017

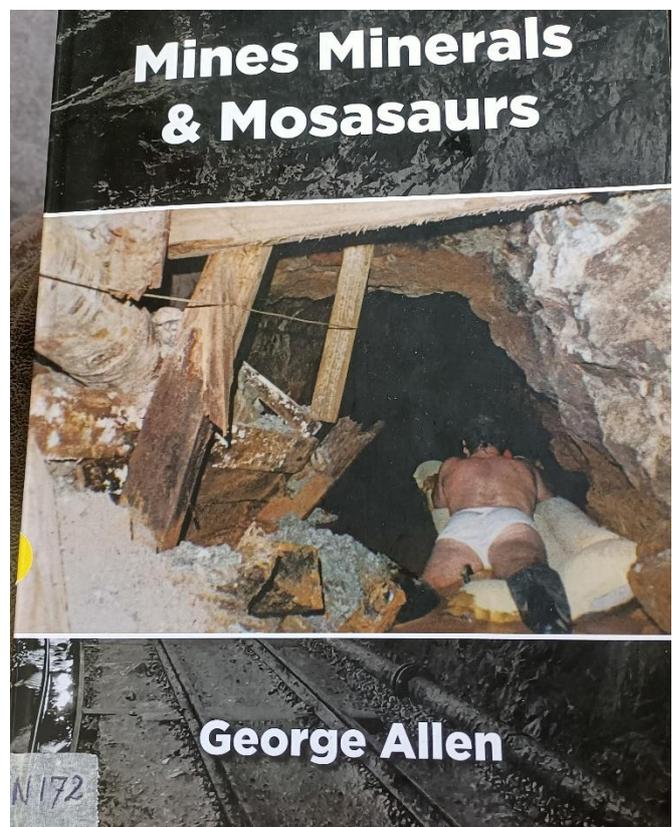
ISBN 978-0-473-41118-3

A member of the Tauranga Gem and Mineral Club where in the past many of the adventures detailed in his book have been published in this very newsletter.

From the back cover "George Allen has been an avid rockhound - a hunter and gatherer of gemstones and minerals - for more than 55 years. His knowledge of New Zealand minerals and where they can be found is

a treasure find for every like-minded rockhound, and for the general reader"

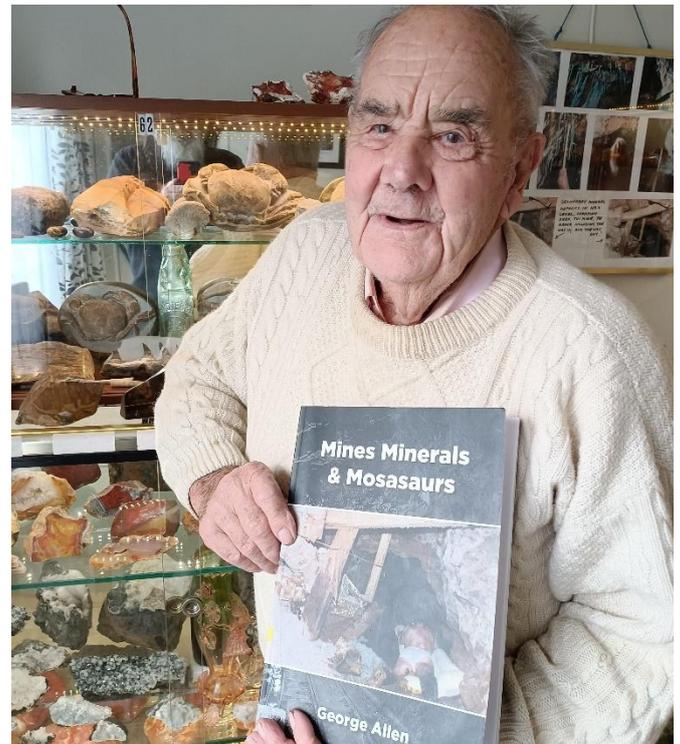
This if you can find a copy of it is one of those timeless resources that should be taking up space in your bookcase, simply for the wealth of knowledge about where to go and have a gander for one's own collection. However, time after time such locations have the "caveat emptor" (let the rock hounder beware) plays an important role as these are no longer



accessible to the general public. That being said, there is still plenty to be gleaned within these pages for those who want to know.

Within the pages we adventures unfold in an easy read that draws one into the scene eagerly anticipating the outcome, triumphs and failures are all there. How to overcome claustrophobia the George Allen way so that he could go spelunking or caving was to climb through a culvert under the road until he was comfortable doing so, shows how great his determination was for this type of adventure.

Both sides of the ditch are covered as an interlude to Tasmania is covered, never assume anything is the lesson from this episode. Back to God's Own and we are further regaled with tales of courage and maybe not the full wisdom required as George brings back to life exploits from the South Island and around the country. Next birthday George is 90 and now is living in Kawerau in the Eastern Bay of Plenty among his many treasures and memories gleaned from an adventurous past.



The addition of the fictional queen of eels Tunanui, hints of real life encounters with New Zealand's wildlife while fossicking for the elusive yet highly prized gems and minerals that are to be found by the avid rockhound. On a side note I found it amusing that some previous reader has been busy with a blue pen correcting spelling mistakes but must have only got part way through the book as the corrections faded out, I left these uncorrected in case the previous reader should wish to continue from where they left off.

With more and more self-published books becoming available this one is a great encouragement for others to set up the keyboard and bring their own adventures to life.

Review by Gordon Sherwood

Tauranga Gem & Mineral Show October 2022

GEMSHOW AUCTION

I am taking entries for the upcoming show Auction

Look through those cabinets and boxes &

make a little bit of extra cash to spend at the show

Join in the fun on the Saturday evening of the show weekend

To lodge entries contact Greg Lilly 0211327519 greglilly@xtra.co.nz

6 entries per person / 10% sales commission / Minimum value \$50 each



'GEMSTONE, CRYSTAL & FOSSIL SHOW 2022'

Hosted by the Tauranga Gem & Mineral Club

At the Tauranga Racecourse, 1383 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga, New Zealand.

Friday 7TH October 9am-5pm
Saturday 8th October 9am - 5pm
And Sunday 9th October 9am -4pm.
AUCTION @ 5pm Saturday 8th October

The Tauranga Gem and Mineral Club is very pleased to again bring you this very popular Bi-annual indoor event. Be surprised and amazed with what treasures that are beneath our feet. View outstanding displays of Gemstones, Fossils and crystals from throughout NZ and the world. Come and see some lovely stalls. A perfect opportunity to stock up on unique Christmas gifts or treasures for yourself, you just never know what precious items you can find. Activities for the kids, See live demonstrations. Fossils, Gemstones, Minerals, Crystals, Jewellery, Carvings, Metaphysical supplies and much more. Huge Rock, Fossil and Mineral auction on the Saturday evening. Auction items can be viewed at the show Friday and Saturday.

Ticket Entry: Single Adult \$5.00, Single Child \$3.00,
Family \$10.00.

Tickets purchased on entry, on the day. There are no pre ticket sales.

Display cases are available for members to display their collections. Put a couple of displays in, the more the merrier. See the club for details

Plan your display setup now Inside measurements 1200 mm long X 600 mm high X 600 mm deep



Calendar Of Happenings



 **Club night**
2nd Monday
6:00pm children 7:30pm all club

 **Field Trip**
Last Sunday

Workshop night
Every Tuesday 6:00-7:30pm
February through Nov

 **Committee meeting**
3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

 **Collection Viewing Night**
Last Wednesday 7:30pm



WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy: I am looking to buy any lapidary equipment. I am most hoping to find any slab / trim saw 8" or 10" or larger. Any equipment for cabbing & grinding. Contact: kathy.gott@gmail.com

Wanted to buy: Collections of Minerals, Crystals and polished faces. Large or small, part or all.
Contact Greg 575 3851.

Wanted to buy: Bob Vear is looking for NZ Fossils Ammonites and Trilobites or any interesting fossils. Location identified preferably. Contact Bob (07) 543 0660.

Wanted: Please drop off any surplus egg cartons at the shop for Ian Mason.

Wanted to buy: Gold, silver, any old or unwanted jewellery made of gold or silver for scrap. Top scrap prices paid. Contact Graeme on 07 577 1979 or 027 4496 960; email carver.petersen@xtra.co.nz

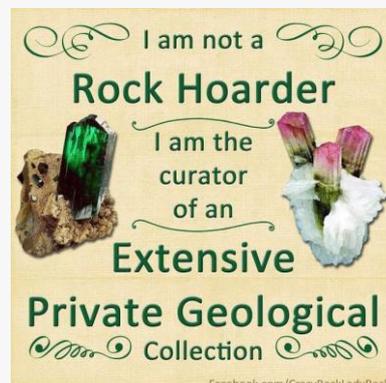
What is the Birthstone for August?

Peridot

Spinel

Sardonyx

**Don't Forget
The silent auction
Next meeting
Mon August 8th**



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FRASER COVE	corner of fraser & brook streets
OTUMOETA	95 ngatai road (near the otumoetai golf club)

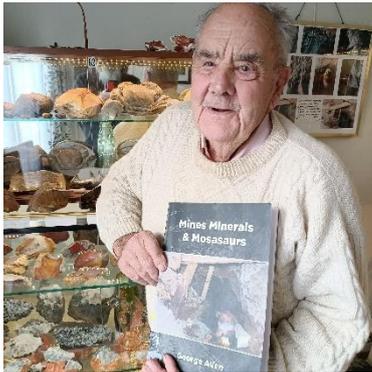
I LIKE ROCKS AND ME AND MY FRIENDS LOOK AT ROCKS ALL THE TIME AND SOMETIMES THE ROCKS ARE NEAT AND WE TELL OUR OTHER FRIENDS ABOUT IT AND OUR FRIENDS ALSO LIKE ROCKS AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE ROCK PARTIES AND SO NOW WE KNOW A LOT ABOUT ROCKS.



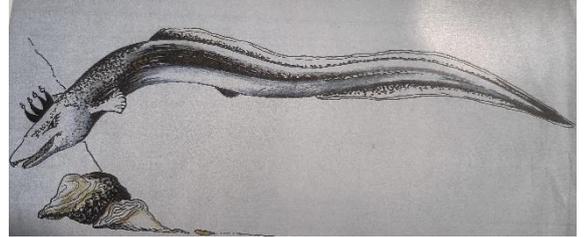
The life of a scientist sounds way more fun when you describe it like you're a six year old.

An Hour With George Allen

After reading George's book "Mines Minerals and Mosasaurs", I discovered that he was actually living a few streets away from me in Kawerau. A phone call secured an appointment to visit the same day, now all that had to be done was to wait for the appointed time.



Arriving at the agreed upon time, as for older people this is important, I found George waiting to show me around his collection. After 50 years of collecting rocks and minerals he certainly had an impressive collection. Before we ventured into the viewing rooms I was proudly shown a framed drawing of a river monster he calls "Tunanui" that had for whatever reason, had taken a liking to George's leg leaving a huge bite mark as a reminder not to venture too deep into its pool. The evidence of this is framed for all to see just how



big the bite actually was, a real monster eel.

The first room I was taken to was impressive, with spectacular fossils and quartz crystal plates like I've not laid eyes on before filled expertly lit display cases that made the specimens pop, looking larger than life. Golden Cross, Martha, and Tui mines were represented with many exquisite minerals and crystals.

The high lite for me was the Mosasaur jaw. Did you know that the Mosasaur has teeth like sharks with replacement teeth constantly coming through?



Fossil crabs that have been expertly prepped looked like they were ready to crawl away once you stopped looking. There were

too many places represented by the contents on the shelves that left my brain struggling to remember where they came from. Might just have to buy the book to jog my memory.

The second room had just as many spectacular exhibits on display from all across our nation, more fossils, larger ones that took my breath away. Highly polished jaspers and pet wood lined the shelves, Fuchshite and Kyanite from the South Island strategically placed for maximum visibility under the LED lights.

If you can ever get to visit a collection that has taken 50 years to gather don't hesitate, you will be glad that you did.

Thank you, George, for giving me the time to view your amazing collection.

Gordon Sherwood



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and crystals.

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and cut.

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