



TITEL: International Mineral Collector's Convention Wolfach 31.07./01.08.2004



„Down under
- Australia!“

International Mineral Collector's Convention Wolfach 31. Juli + 01. August 2004

Scope:

Australia so far and yet so close! Australian minerals of various collections displayed in a special feature. Specialties like Raspite or Chlorargyrite from Broken Hill (NSW) or gold nuggets from Victoria and many more could be enjoyed. The international mineral expo in Wolfach / Black Forest (Germany, Baden-Württemberg) made it possible.

In a relaxed atmosphere with live music: Minerals, crystals, opals and everything else related to that large field. The weather provided an "Australian Background", with temperatures around 30°C and a deep blue sky.

A fair with international touch. The city of Wolfach attracted lots affiliated to minerals by it's ancient and contemporary mining history.

A special exhibition with diverse items on loan concerning Australia, amongst which gold nuggets of the deposit Dunolly (VIC) 496 gramms, Ballarat (VIC) and Gympie (QLD) could be enjoyed.

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Fellow Richie (www.RBmineral.de), who granted determinations of minerals brought by visitors on both days, displayed several exhibits of his large collection too, such as a Raspite and Chlorargyrite (Broken Hill (NSW)).

All in all a perfectly furnished and successful event, which created sentimental moods in each Australia fan.



WELCOME DOWN UNDER !

Australia - so far and yet so close!
Australia presents itself with minerals,
opals, crystals of an outstanding
quality.



On the mineral fair material of the whole world was offered.

Today, Wolfach's mineral fair "Festival der Kristalle" has been settled as a regular and popular event among German fairs.



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Featuring exhibits from historic collections of

Prof. Friedrich August Breithaupt (1791 - 1873)
Ordinarius Albin Julius Weisbach (1833 - 1901)
Prof. Friedrich Ludwig Wilhelm Kolbeck (1860 - 1943)

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Fellow Richie granted determinations of minerals brought by visitors on both days. His special skill is the "Grube Clara (Wolfach)".

He enriched the Australian special feature with, for example, a Raspite and a Chlorargyrite (Broken Hill (NSW)) from his widespread mineral collection.

Raspite xx



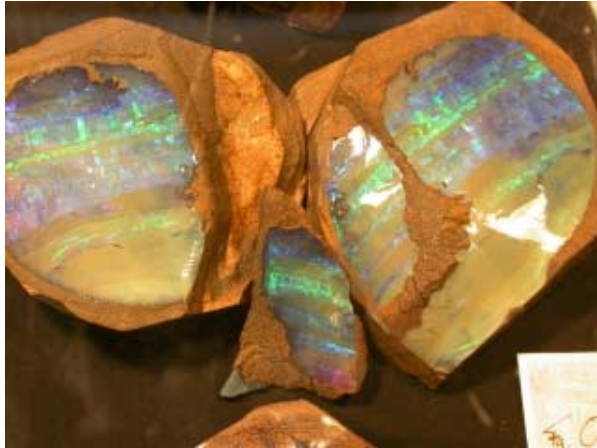
Many visitors felt impressed by the enormous gold nuggets with a weight of 496 grammes from the deposition sites Dunolly (VIC), Ballarat (VIC) and Gympie (QLD).
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Of course also opals of various Australian deposition sites did not miss.

View into the "Australian" exhibition hall in the castle Wolfach.

Local execution G. & F. Heizmann, Wolfach und D. Herrmann/N. Stötzel, Siegen D-77709
Wolfach/Schwarzwald (Germany)

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