



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### Social Meeting

The social meeting for 15th April was Keith Tyssen talk on fossicking for thunder eggs and agate at various locations in Queensland and New South Wales. In conjunction with his talk Keith had a Powerpoint presentation and examples of the thunder eggs he has found in the various locations. A very much younger looking Keith in the photos.

The next social night on 20th May will be the pick of the table. Those wishing to be in the "pick of the table" please bring along an item, slab, rough stone or finished item to an approximate \$5 value.

### MINERAL GROUP MEETING

Fifteen members attended this meeting. Keith Tyssen convened this meeting. Report from Noel Kennon on recent fossicking mine trip. The four minerals identified this month were; malachite, epidote, garnet & quartz var. ribbonstone. Keith discussed olivine ( gem stone peridot ) as the mineral of the month. Keith presented a power point presentation on various club fossicking trips over the years, showing where our gemstones come from. Of course most of the areas were concentrated on thunder eggs. Keith displayed some lovely photo's of great locations & camp sites including agate creek. Freeby of smoky quartz from Morella supplied by Keith.

### Fossicking/Trips

Field Trips – names and contact numbers in book please 1st May (Friday) - Bead show at Marrackville Town Hall. Meet on the 8.35 am train out of Wollongong - Contact Veronica Baker

18th July (Saturday) - Roland Smith will be talking on and demonstrating the geology of the Illawarra at Bombo Quarry. Meet at 9 am in the car park North end of Bombo beach.

23rd August (Sunday) - Bob Hanson collection and BBQ lunch

18-20 September - Muttama

November - Members choice as yet only one suggestion - sapphires! (can never have too many of those beautiful stones)

### General

#### SUPERVISORS PLEASE NOTE

Please check that when new members attend your class that they have received their official documents at the induction on the business meeting night. Please check that they have their name tag, either with them or it is on the name board.

Unless all new members have been inducted into the club they are not allowed to take part in any of the club's activities.

This ruling is included in the letter which is sent to new members when they are invited to attend to receive their dossier.

Under no circumstances are they allowed to use any machinery or facilities of the club.

Dorothy McGonigle - Secretary

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Please be advised that the Illawarra Lapidary Club has a new postal address:-

**P.O. BOX 117, CORRIMAL, NSW 2518**

### Club Open Day

Don't forget about the open day on the last sunday in may (31st) when the proceeds of the morning tea will be donated to the cancer council. A sausage sizzle will be provided at a nominal charge. Please make an effort to attend.

If any member requires a table to sell their items please contact dorothy so that tables can be reserved. If you arrive on the day without a reservation,you may be dissappointed as we are limited with the amount of tables and space.

A second Open Day for the club is also planned to be on the Fourth Sunday of November - 22 nd November.

### Working Bee

No specific date for a working bee but one is suggested for the Thursday 28th May before the open day. The floor in the hall will need to be polished using the machine available.

## **Club Officer Positions**

Dorothy McGonigle will continue on as secretary for this year (2015). However there are still positions that need to be filled, the most important and URGENT one of which is that of Publicity Officer. Without a publicity officer important notices will not be advertised and that means that our open days and the main event, that of the annual exhibition which is held on the first full week-end in November (7th & 8th November 2015), will go unnoticed by the general public. As a result the financial position of the club will only go down instead of up and that means less monetary means to improve the machinery, or to repair any equipment or to purchase any new machinery.

We have had some fantastic publicity officers in the past but those members are no longer in a position to take on the duty of advertising our events. It is now time for some other members to make an effort to carry on with the advertising. Help will be available if needed. Please notify one of the executive your interest in taking on this role. The Library in the club currently has the information folder for the position of Publicity Officer.

A property officer is also required as soon as possible. This position involves taking stock of all the property owned by the club and keeping a record. Surely some member would be interested in the assets of the club.

## **Exhibition**

Do not forget to contact Brigitte, our festival organiser, and let her know what you are prepared to do at the annual exhibition that is held on the first full weekend in November. We have to start planning now and not leave everything to the last weeks before the exhibition. It is a very big task and Brigitte can't do this on her own.

There are many jobs to be done eg assist in the kitchen, help man a table, help with lucky dip and games, raffle table, take donations at the door etc etc. There will be a board available for you to put your name on and the times you will be available. Please start thinking of how you can help.

## **Authorised members to use the 12 inch saw**

Three members of the club have been authorised to use the 12" saw in the shed:- Robert Hanson, Peter Stanley, Ernie Stevens

Any other members wishing to use the 12" saw please contact Desmond Bet.

## **General Business Meeting**

Copy of the minutes will be in the silver room.

1. The lease arrangements with Wollongong City Council are still ongoing and a request has been made for that leasing to be for 10 years rather than the five years.
2. Thanks to Bob Webb and his helpers Bob and Carol Strachen, David and Dianna Hindmarsh, Barry and Maureen Young for the sale event that raised some \$1800 worth of sales.
3. The trim saws in the club are to be used ONLY to trim slabs. A maximum of 40 mm cut height is able to be made on these saws.
4. Discussion on Australia Post indication that the cost of normal post for letters will rise to \$1 per item. At that point each hard copy posted will cost the club \$1.30 approximately and for 2016 there may be a requirement for a levy being made on members who want the hard copy sent to their home. Any levy to be subject of a General Business meeting later in the year. It should be noted that the newsletters are all available on the club web site.

### **Dates to Remember**

Apl 18 - 23	Tambar Springs
Apl 22	7pm Mineral group
May 20	7pm General Business 8pm Social - Pick of the table
May 27	7pm Mineral group
May 31	Open Day

### **Dates to Remember - Other Clubs**

1st-3rd May	The Bead Show Sydney Autumn, Marrickville Town Hall (Spring 4-6th Sept)
16th-17th May	Lismore Gemfest
30th -31st May	Canberra Winter Gemcraft and Mineral Show EPIC
11th – 12th July	Campbelltown Gem, Mineral and Jewellery Show, Greg Percival Centre, Oxford Rd Ingleburn
3rd-5th Oct	Gemkhana , Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.