



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Meeting

Social night of the 19th August was a "get to know you" night. Members spoke about themselves.

The next social night on 16th September is the club annual display. This might be the last as previous years received a poor response. Rules are minerals specimens or lapidary items displayed on a 40cm x 40cm background. Prizes for the best mineral display, best lapidary display and an overall best display.

MINERAL GROUP MEETING

Fourteen members attended. The convener of this meeting was Roland. News items by Keith - specimen of psilomelane on siderite & quartz with a small amount of cuprite. Ed - field trip to Mount Denison on 8th & 9th August. Peter - Bombo field trip at weekend with Roland speaking about the geology of the area. Roland - 1. Row of volcanoes off the NSW coast. 2. Images of Pluto. 3. Mankind - alien life in universe. Ann - Prospectors show on Tuesday night - amazonite & smoky quartz specimens. The ID exercise conducted by Roland - pyrite, calcite in basalt, quartz - var. fossilized wood & garnet/epidote. Roly's quiz with ten questions was most interesting, with questions on minerals & other topics. Ann spoke about the Australian Museum, mineral collection. There are two sections, planet of minerals & the Chapman collection. There is also information on the Museum website. Roland then presented slides on the theme of " If rocks could speak ". This presentation was interesting & humorous, showing various rock formations, minerals & other items. Freebies of garnets supplied by Roland. Working bees on 4th August, 1st September & 6th October to prepare specimens for the exhibition. Noel - Next year eleven meetings - Who to do & what to do. Everyone's thoughts by next meeting on 26th August.

Fossicking/Trips

Field Trips – names and contact numbers in book please

23rd August (Sunday) - Bob Hanson collection and BBQ lunch - Has been postponed due to family illness - Mark has been readmitted to hospital - get well soon Mark

18-20 September - Muttama

November - Members choice - suggestion sapphires at Inverell or olivine bombs at Mortlake

CLASSES

Please note that the times listed on the web site for faceting class was incorrect. The correct date/time is Thursday morning 9 am to 2 pm. Web site has been amended.

Sale of Mineral Collection by Silent Auction.

Ken Mitchell is selling his mineral collection. The sale will be conducted by silent auction closing on 4th April 2016. All people wishing to bid please ensure your bid is in before the closing date. Viewing is by appointment only. Please contact Ken to make arrangements to view the collection. There will be a reserve price on this collection. (Photos of part of the collection can be seen on the web site from last year's club visit to Ken and Margaret)

Contact details are: Home: 0242341448, mobile: 0448724211. Please leave a message.

Email kandmitchell@aapt.net.au

General

1. Joan Sheppard is now residing at the IRT residence at Five Island Court, Quarry Street, Port Kembla and her 'phone number is 42748697. She would like members of the club to visit – no one has been to visit yet and she has been there for a few months already. She is quite comfortable living there but she would like to be able to converse with members who have the same interest as she has. Please 'phone before visiting.

2. There will be a Sydney International Jewellery Fair 2015 at the Sydney Exhibition Centre at Glebe Island on August 29 to 31 presented by Australian Jewellery Supplies Pty Ltd.

3. It should be remembered that for safety reasons no individual member should use the machinery or equipment unless there are other members working in the club at the same time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Executive Committee

ALL MEMBERS TO NOTE! At the meeting of the executive meeting it was decided that in future hard copies of the newsletter would be posted out to members at a fee of \$15 per year in addition to the annual club fee. Provision of the newsletter via email to be free and the newsletter is available on the web site at all times. Hard copies can be made available for collection at the club hall again free of charge.

Executive meeting times have changed from the second Friday of each month to the Second Thursday of each month commencing at 2 pm. All committee of management members are invited. That is any member who holds any position in the club e.g. maintenance officers, sales officers etc. All are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

General Business Meeting

The copy of the General Business meeting will be available in the Silver room.

1. Exhibition competition entries to be submitted to Eva on or before the September meeting on 16th September. No entries will be accepted after the 16th September. Copies of the entry form in the rack by the entrance to the club hall
2. Reminder that the tagging of electrical leads to be used at the exhibition is ONLY on Saturday 26th September 2015 commencing at 9 am.
3. Janelle has more books, some that were generously donated by Joan Sheppard - thanks Joan.
4. The club now has a volunteer for the position of Publicity Officer.
5. Hall, kitchen and toilets to be left in a clean condition. Hirers of the hall expect everywhere to be clean and tidy when they arrive and it is their responsibility to do the same when they leave. This is VERY important as any complaint to Council could mean our licence being either suspended or cancelled. It would seem the roster is not working in that tables, floors (especially the kitchen), sinks and toilets are not being left in a clean condition.
If this situation does not improve within a month, it will be necessary to hire the services of a professional cleaner. That does not come cheap and would result in the need to increase all fees to cover the cost. A rough estimate is \$5000 per year or put another way a near doubling of current fees! Please everyone take pride in the hall.
6. The leasing agreement with Wollongong City Council has been signed (Common Seal) sealed and delivered. We are now waiting our signed copy by David Farmer (General Manager WCC). We have been granted Ten Years at \$1.00 per year rental. The \$10.00 has been sent with the \$165.00 we had to pay for the preparation of the lease.
7. Judges are visiting the club on Saturday 24th October. Volunteers will be required, not only to assist the judges but also to man the kitchen. Donations of slices, cakes, uncut larger cakes and biscuits etc for the morning and afternoon tea for the judges and helpers could be appreciated.

Two new members were inducted into the club. Welcome to the club and enjoy the facilities and social activities that the club has to offer.

Dates to Remember

26 Aug	7 pm Mineral grp
16 Sept	7 pm General Business Meeting
	8 pm Social - Club display
	Mineral Specimen(s) or
	Lapidary items
	Last date for submission of club
	competition entries
18/20 Sept	Muttama
26 Sept	Electrical lead testing

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

26/27 Sep	Bathex 2015 Exhibition - Bathurst
3rd-5th Oct	Gemkhana , Hawkesbury
	Showground, Clarendon.
17/18 Oct	Nunawading & District club annual
	exhibition