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HELLO EVERYONE!

Meetings:

Our Club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December. Next Meeting Wednesday 19th July, 2017. Arrive for a 7.00pm start. This is my first newsletter, thank you Lynn for filling when I was away fossicking at Mudtank and for making this letter so easy to finish.

See you there!!!

Past: June Social Night:

Rob Thornton's talk and demonstration on bead making was certainly an eye opener for the four new members that I inducted into the club on Wednesday evening. Moreover the management committee agreed to purchase an oxygen concentrator will enable this class to proceed to a new level in this technique. The possibility of a grant to help defray the cost will be explored.

Jan Cahill tells us that Beadmeet by the lampwork class will be held at 10 AM, Sunday 16th July. Beads will be on display and techniques discussed. Morning tea will be provided. Any members interested are very welcome.

Future: July Social:

Videos – Noel Kennon

Mineral Group Meeting 24th May, 2017.

Fifteen members attended the May meeting. Two presentations tonight by Keith (Cullinan Diamond) & Adrian (mindat.org). As usual Noel to present the ID exercise & tonight very different. 1. Keith - The Cullinan Diamond was found in 1905 near Pretoria in South Africa. It was 3106 carats & cut into nine stones. Keith presented two videos & a power point presentation. 2. Adrian - What is mindat.org—It is a free mineral database on the net & you can buy minerals on minfind.com. You can donate money to the site to help keep it going & add information which will help other users. The new "mineral of the month" is adamite - $\text{Zn}_2(\text{AsO}_4)(\text{OH})$ - orthorhombic system. (Noel passed around a sample). The ID exercise - ten minerals identified with an average correctness of six. The minerals were identified via notes on each mineral & photos of the ten minerals. The minerals were: muscovite, azurite, chalcopyrite, halite, jadeite, rhodocrosite, schorl, stibnite, chrysocolla & cassiterite. Two freebies tonight- Noel-stellerite-Keronga Property, Garrawilla, NSW. Keith – quartz - var. smoky, Mooralla Victoria.

The mineral group next meets at 6.30 PM, Wednesday 28th June.

Library:

No news

Field Trips:

25th June – Trip to "I Love Beads" in Sydney by carpool – meet 9.00 am sharp at Club Rooms. Please put your name in Trip's Book if wishing to attend.

Future:

* July Visit to a member's collection – to be advised

* August – Social walk from Minnamurra Train Station to Bombo Quarry (then Bombo/Kiama Train Station)

General Business Meeting:

The minutes are available in the silver room but the salient points are as follows.

*The management committee's programme of continuing to upgrade our equipment met with general approval. Anyone who wants a cheap grinder (needs a little work) see Bob Webb – first in gets the nod

*The open Day in May raised \$438.65 for the cancer council, rock sales, books and food netted the club \$274.06 A hearty thank you for all those people involved , particularly those in the kitchen.

*There are annual membership dues owing by several members , please contact Eva.

*Fourteen new members joined the club , Jon has the paperwork on the ten who did not attend on Wednesdays induction – supervisors please note.

* We need more members to enter the judging ranks – interested?

* Lynn's Webb's suggestion of a new colour flyer for the Ribbonwood exhibition was accepted without dissent with a few minor changes . Thank you Lynn.

*Congratulations Quentin Thompson on the lead article in Facet Talk on setting up a digital protractor on his Hall's machine, Bob Webb has followed with same on his Gemmaster. Well done .

New members:

Chris Hatton inducted four new members , Michael Pearman, Mellissa Pegg, Marie Austin and Soraya Mendoza

We trust all new members will enjoy their experiences with us and benefit from our classes and field trips. If you have any questions there will be a Supervisor who can assist you. All members would also love to help you if they can. If you are not a new member, talk to a new member and become an ACTIVE member, we were all new at one time.

Dates to Remember:

25th June – Carpool trip to "I Love Beads" Sydney (see above for details)

19th July - Club Business and Social Meeting

19 – 20 August – Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show,

Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook

30th August (Wed) – Dichroic Glass Glass 9am – 12pm (must be there at 9am to participate)

14th October – Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day, Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields

4 – 5 November – Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition

11 – 12 November – Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show, Exhibition Park in Canberra

26th Nov – Club Open Day & Christmas Market

Publicity Officer Lynne would like to send out a big thankyou to everyone who helped with the advertising of the Open Day in May. In particular, a big thanks to Jan Fragiacomio for getting up at 6 am to talk on the radio, Bob Webb for getting us over 4,500 hits on Facebook, Bernie & Allan Croll and Rebecca O'Donnell for handing out pamphlets at their market stalls and Aaron Maley for handing out Flyers to all his "mates".

Editor: Chris Hatton

Smile: You must learn from the mistakes of others – You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself!!!