



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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President: Rose Cook

Secretary: John Maley

Club Welfare Officer: Maureen Young

HELLO EVERYONE!

The Exhibition Nov 4 and 5th, Ribbonwood centre , Dapto
admission \$3.00, children under 12 free.

Our big event, the exhibition is rapidly approaching. Less than 3 weeks now and not many volunteers names in the book. Don't let a few do all the work when just a few hours will lighten the load. **Put your name down. Call Rebecca on 0416164100 and volunteer.** This is where the money comes from to keep your club running and equipment in top condition. The Final rosters will be printed and put at the front door next to sign in book on Monday AM 30/10/17. If you are a cook , how about some cakes for the kitchen at the exhibition?, it all helps.

A special thank you from Bec. O'Donnell (Exhibition coordinator) and Lynne Webb (Publicity Officer) Gary Farnham and all those club members who worked so hard, to our sponsors including Rio Grande, AJS, Gemcuts and Apia thank you for their generous support.

A big happy birthday For Cec Dwyer, 90 years is quite a milestone, we all wish you many more.

Monthly Business Meeting. Wednesday October 18th

I have had a lot of trouble with mailouts, BigPond feels that our newsletter is spam and blocks it. A bit more work to sort that out. There are also about a dozen addresses that cannot be found and the letter is returned. I guess that there is a problem with the correct address given on the application form. For those who have given a mobile number, this problem has been easily fixed with a text. For the rest, contact me on 0409322644.

As expected the exhibition dominated and, while everything is on track, President Rose was disappointed with the lack of support from the members and commented that it was the lowest that she could recall seeing. That being so we have had good publicity and we are expecting a bumper attendance.

The Christmas Party has been booked at Collegians , December 10.

Silver polisher for sale , near new , lots of extras , a bargain at \$150, call Barry Young.

Four new members 1. Clive Harvey, Robert Geraty , Katharina Darbyshir & Carolie O'Connor were inducted by President Rose, we wish you well in your Lapidary journey. There is a wealth of knowledge in our club, just ask.

Mineral Group Meeting 26th Sept 2017.

Ten members attended & reports given by Keith, John, Aaron, Vicki & Noel. Peter Stanley presented a power point display on " The Albert Chapman Collection " on display at the Australian Museum. Most of his finds were near Parramatta (prospect quarry), however, he did become a trader, including overseas purchases .He sold his collection in 1996 & died just before his collection was opened at the Museum. Peter had some beautiful photos of his specimens from Australia & overseas. The "mineral of the month" is scheelite (amber colour) CaWO₄- tetragonal system. The freebie of the month is quartz from "the gulf" Emmaville, NSW. Twelve minerals were identified fairly well & they were: apatite, talc, garnet, quartz, gypsum, beryl, fluorite, calcite, diamond, corundum, orthoclase & topaz. All this month's ID'S were via photos (power point). Ten were from Mohs hardness scale. Do you know which ones?

Mineral Group Meeting 25th Oct 2017.

DVD, bring a plate & presentation by Di Alcorn on Jade.

Social night 18Oct

Veronica Baker and Bob Webb presented a sweeping photographic display of the equipment that we have. I have to say we are well equipped but pictures of a vacuum cleaner and a floor polisher and the entreaty as to whether anyone new how to use them, was a bit rich. I suspect that our new members would have been pleasantly surprised.

Social Nov 15th

The last social for the year is a trivia quiz "How well do you know your club?" Come along, enjoy a fun evening and maybe win a prize.

The January social for next year, will as usual be a Skite night. Last year's response was very disappointing, so please have a think over the Christmas break about a lapidary item that you have found, bought, made or otherwise acquired, that you think might be of interest to your fellow members.

Field Trips:

Lapidary Club of NSW , October 28 , 136 Reservoir Street, Surrey Hills , then followed by a walk to the Australian Museum for a viewing of the Albert Chapman Mineral Collection. The train departs Wollongong Station at 8.40 AM

Thank you to our Supervisors luncheon – Master Builders Club –November 12 , all welcome

Sapphire dig at Oberon 18 – 19 November, over 20 names are in the trips book, good hunting.

Dates to remember

Lapidary club of NSW Annual show, Lapidary House Surrey Hills Oct 28 - 29

Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gem Show, Mallee Pavillion, Exhibition Park Canberra Nov 11 – 12

Newcastle Lapidary Club Annual Gem and Jewellery Fair, Newcastle Basketball Stadium

Broadmeadow Nov 11 – 12

Nepean District Lapidary Club, Gems out West, St Marys Memorial Hall, NSW Dec 2 – 3

Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery Show , Glenn Innes March 9 – 11

GEMBOREE , 54th National Gem and Mineral Show, Willunga Park Reserve S.A . Mar 30 – Apr 2



For your bench. At your side.

