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Social Meeting

The First social night for 2017 held on the 18th January was the annual "skite" night where members brought along items they had found and spoke about how, when and where they had found them. Three new members inducted on the night who were invited to remain after the induction to socialise with members present. The next social night on the 15th February will be a talk by Noel Kenon on a Tasmanian mine.

Mineral Group Meeting

Seventeen members attended the last meeting of the year and reports given by Noel and Peter. The fun ID exercise conducted by Noel included dynamite, vegemite and termite. All the items ending in "ite". Peter won the best neck tie with Glen second and a tie for (excuse the pun) third between Keith and Petri. Carol and Don were presented with their prizes for the photographic and mineral specimen competitions, congratulation to Carol and Don. The photos taken by the members this year were not good and more care should be taken to choose the right specimen to photograph. The mineral specimens (8) were mostly good. Noel discussed next year's program and handed out folders to hold all the important information we will need to ID minerals. Peter was again the dux after the final examination. Noel and Ann supplied Christmas presents for the group. All the members present had a fun night and the mineral group would like to thank Noel for all his hard work throughout the year.

Fossicking

The last fossicking trip for the year was at Tuena looking for gold under the leadership of Ernie Stevens. Unfortunately Ernie's wife took ill while on the way to Tuena and he had to turn back.

The 2017 program is tentative at this stage and includes a proposal for a combined MinSoc trip to Gloucester for Rubies and Bulahdelah for Fluorite - date(s) TBA.

Feb Visit to Howard Warner collection at Wollongong Uni - date TBA

26th Annual Rock Swap at Stuart Park

Mar Kangaroo Valley for Jasper, Petrified wood etc - date TBA

Apr Easter Saturday bus trip to Lithgow Gemboree - names needed in book and payment up front.

May 4 day trip to Tambar Springs for Drusy Quartz and Stellerite - date 5th - 8th May

Jun Open for members to nominate.

Jul Afternoon visit to a members collection.

Aug Social walk from Minnamurra to Bombo Quarry and then Kiama - date 20th Aug

Sep Weekend trip to Muttama for Quartz crystals

Oct Day trip to Lapidary Club of NSW and then Australian Museum - date 28th Oct

Nov 4th and 5th Nov Annual Gem & Mineral Show

18th Nov Weekend trip to Oberon for Quartz, Sapphires etc.

Dec Christmas party. Suggestion to hold the party at the club hall instead of local club. Suggestions in the suggestions box in the hall please.

There are more details in the trips book on the table to the left of the hall entrance. If any member wishes to go on any of these events please put name and phone number into the book. Trips leader then knows who is due to come along and has a contact, It also covers members for insurance.

Classes

All classes except for the Wednesday class (restarts Feb 1st) have resumed their normal times and dates.

Monday cab classes are run by Bob 8.30 to 12 noon and 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm and Betty is running wire wrap and silver 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Saturday classes 3rd and 4th Saturday in the month. Club still waiting to know if a person wishes to hire the hall for a Saturday to run a first aid/CPR course. If that happens then that Saturday class will be cancelled.

Bob Webb will be running a faceting course starting Monday 6th February 6 pm to 9 pm. This is a six week course.

General

Membership fees are due as of the 1st Jan. The AGM is on the 15th March and to nominate for a position or vote a person must be a financial member.

Nomination forms are available in the club hall. At present all the club executive have indicated that they will reapply for their positions but that does not stop any member also putting their names forward. At present the newsletter editor and social program will not be reapplying. No editor, no newsletter!

General Business Meeting

The minutes will be available in the silver room.

1. Bus trip to Lithgow Gemboree, large bus 48 seater \$50 per head based on present members indicated interest. Bus to leave from club 7am - 7pm.
2. Christmas party venue will be discussed @ March meeting- lapidary hall v club.
3. Public liability insurance for Stuart Park, exhibition & open days. Members selling for own profit must have own insurance. (This issue has since been resolved)
4. Working bee needed to clean hall, silver & cutting rooms & sheds. Red back spiders were found in club hall. Hall will be professionally sprayed outside.
5. Thanks to Barry Young, Peter Walsh, Bob Hanson & John Maley for sealing and polishing hall floor & mowing lawns in the Christmas break.
6. Purchase of three new trophies with engraving to be awarded to winners of club competition.
7. Supervisors to check before & after classes.
8. Air conditioning needed for hall, cutting room & silver room. Suggested two quotes from either Stowe electrical, ADL, Thomas & Coffey & Star electrical—all used by Council & know what paperwork has to be completed for Council. Power supply may not be sufficient to do all three areas.
9. We really need OH&S officer as requirement of Council. Site induction forms on notice board for new members. Please return to John when completed. Nomination forms on front desk for this years positions. Please complete asap.

New members inducted by Rose Cook: Lynn & Christopher Fitzpatrick & Matthew Power. Welcome to the club and please join in the activities of the club.

Dates to Remember

Jan 25	6.30 pm Mineral Group - Mineral ID, DVD's, workshops and topics outside the comfort zone of members to be all part of this year's program. Bring along finger food and a plate.
Feb 15	7 pm General Business meeting 8 pm Social Meeting - Tasmania mine talk by Noel Kenon
Feb 26	Rock Swap - Stuart Park Wollongong
Mar 15	7 pm General Business & AGM

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

24-26 Feb	Royal Canberra Show Crafts Competition Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT
18/19 Mar	New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Gem & Craft Show Armidale Showground,
18/19 Mar	Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap Exhibition Park – Wagtail Way (Camping Ground) – outdoor event
14/17th Apr	GEMBOREE 2017 The 53rd National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE 2017 will be held in Lithgow, For Newsletters and full details visit http://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/