



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social

Wednesday 16th July

The third instalment of the Opal Fever DVD.

Next social meeting will be a talk by a visiting speaker on Fluorite mining in the UK.

MINERAL GROUP

Meeting 25th June

Eleven members braved the cold and windy night. Aaron reported on his recent purchase of gypsum. Ed conducted the ID exercise and the minerals were; bustamite, goethite/limonite, cerussite and anglesite. As the item of interest Noel spoke about liquid and solid minerals when temperature changes affect whether they are liquid or solid and if they are a mineral at all. The minerals he spoke about were; mercury, ice and sulphur. Vicki presented the mineral of the month, beryl. Beryl ($\text{BeAl}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$ -- beryllium aluminium silicate) is colourless in pure form; it is the many different impurities that give beryl its varied colouration. Without these splendid colour varieties, beryl would be a rather ordinary gemstone with only average fire and brilliance. Emerald is the green variety and aquamarine is the blue variety of beryl. Other varieties are; heliodor - greenish/yellow, morganite - pink, goshenite - colourless, red beryl - red and golden varieties. Noel presented a power point presentation on the story of Broken Hill. The presentation went from the early days to the formation of BHP and the splendid mineral specimens and collections. Freebie of fluorite supplied by Ann and Noel.

Classes

On the fourth Saturday of each month, commencing on Saturday 26th July 2014 Jan Cahill will conduct a seed bead class. Times will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for a period of four months.

Classes will only take place if enough members are interested in attending. Please notify Jan of your intention to attend. Jan can be contacted on 42612258

Fossicking

5th Jul BBQ at David & Diana's

A great time enjoyed by all that went along - good to meet up with members in a social context and view their collections. David has quite a collection of specimens of minerals and fossils plus other items of interest all down in his basement/garage area.

20th Jul Visit to Joan Sheppard's Collection CANCELLED as Joan has been unwell and will be in respite care at IRT, Towradgi (17a Murrar Rd) until mid August. (Contact IRT 1800 024 915 or AH 4251 3933)

9th Aug Field Trip on Geology of the Illawarra – Bombo Quarry – Dr. Paul Carr
Full details not yet known

26 – 29th Sept Tambar Springs (4 days) - Names before September in the trips book please

25/26th Oct Wee Jasper or Muttama – quartz crystal

15 -17th Nov Sofala for gold with Ern & Bet Stevens

Please take note ALL members

There seems to be some confusion or misunderstanding with regard to members of the public wishing to hire the hall and established lapidary classes.

As part of the club's leasing agreement with Wollongong City Council, if any member of the public wishes to hire the hall on any day of the week or weekend, it is incumbent on the club to fit in with their wishes if at all possible and if sufficient time is given to allow the supervisor to cancel the lapidary class. It does not mean that any class has to be cancelled on any particular day **IN CASE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHES TO HIRE THE HALL**. It will be the responsibility of the hall booking officer to contact the supervisor in question with the details of when the request has been made to hire the hall and for how long the hirer wishes to hire the hall on that particular day.

Classes will not be disrupted or cancelled unless their day has been specifically requested by a members member of the public. If hall hire continues in its present format there will not be anything to worry about. However, we have to be prepared in case the present situation changes.

Secretary

General

We have received a remittance of \$570.68 from Sydney Water via Wollongong City Council. From Now on, we will be pay for the actual water that we use, so our accounts will be much less. A BIG THANK YOU to all the members who turned up on the day of the Special Resolution meeting when we changed the constitution. Without your enthusiasm we would not have achieved this rewarding result. Petrece Simpson from Wollongong Council has asked me to thank all of the members who helped to achieve this great result. Thank You - Secretary.

Notice to Supervisors

Please note that Wollongong City Council has changed the lock on the outside meter box. The key we had in the outside meter box, in the silver room, is no longer of any use. The lock has been removed and the door left open.

We are no longer able to access the outside meter box as only the Wollongong City Council employees are able to key this lock. Council will not issue keys to any other person(s).

In case of emergency we will have to notify Council on 4227111 and they will attend.

Exhibition Competition News

Entries for the annual exhibition competition - apart from the faceting section - must be in the hands of the competition officers no later than the general meeting on 17th September. Entries submitted after that date WILL NOT be accepted

Entries for the faceting section must be in the hands of the competition officers no later than the 10th October. Entries submitted after that date WILL NOT be accepted.

General Meeting

Minutes will be available in the silver room soon. Some points from the meeting:-

1. Members to have small advertisements placed in the newsletter at a nominal charge
2. Working Bee last month very successful - thanks to all that attended and especially David Hindmarsh
3. A bagless vacuum cleaner has been purchased for members to use in both the hall and the silver room - happy cleaning
4. Property Officer has informed that the property register needs updating - details to Peter Soms
5. Details of donations to the club for the exhibition and competition.
6. Grant for lighting being submitted.
7. Machines needing any repair MUST be tagged.
8. Risk assessment of all classes required from supervisors - details to Peter Soms

New member Catherine Foster inducted into the club. Welcome Catherine - enjoy all the facilities that the club has to offer.

Working Bee

Please note that a working bee will take place at the club rooms on Saturday 16th August 2014 commencing at 8a.m./8.30a.m. There will also be a demonstration of the polisher which Wollongong City Council requests we use to polish the hall floor. Please note this date in your diary as there is a lot to do, please make an effort to attend
Thank you - Executive Committee

Other Clubs Dates to Remember

16/17th Aug Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show
Glenbrook Community Hall. Great Western Highway,
Glenbrook, NSW
<http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm>

19 – 21 Sept The Bead Show Sydney, Spring Show
Marrickville Town Hall, 303 Marrickville Road, Marrickville.
NSW. 2204
<http://thebeadshow.com.au/the-bead-show/sydney-spring/>

Club Dates to Remember

23rd Jul	Wednesday	7 p.m. Mineral Group
9th Aug	Saturday	Field Trip on Geology of the Illawarra – Bombo Quarry – Dr. Paul Carr
13th Aug	Wednesday	7 p.m. General Business 8 p.m. Social Night
20th Aug	Wednesday	7 p.m. Mineral Group
26th – 29th Sept		Tambar Springs (4 days)
25th/26th Oct		Wee Jasper or Muttama – quartz crystal
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4-6th Oct GEMKHANA 2014 Goulburn
The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over NSW, presented by the Lapidary Council of NSW Inc.
Goulburn Showground Recreation Area, Braidwood Road, Goulburn, NSW 2580. Labour Day Weekend. , Plenty of parking Adults \$3, Children \$1, Families \$8.
Contacts: Marilyn or John 02 9635 8218 or Arthur 02 4572 5812
17-24th Oct Inverell and District Lapidary Club Inc Gem and Craft Show - There are also lots of fossicking trips planned.