



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Meeting

July 15th social was the last, and probably best, episode of Opal Fever. No doubt many members wish they could get hold of opals the like seen on that DVD. The next social night of the 19th August will be a "get to know you" night. Come along and share experiences.

MINERAL GROUP MEETING

Ten members attended. Reports from Aaron; his purchases on the open day, Ann; on their ten day tour of Iceland, Roland; on his visit to the Victoria museum, book on the elements from Corrimal newsagency and the top geoshot 2015, rock stars photo competition and Peter; on his visit to Agate Creek. The minerals identified were: quartz, copper, stellerite and calcite. Noel advised the mineral display and photographic entries are now due at the September meeting on 23rd. There is a workshop for these competitions on 2nd September at 7pm, club rooms. Noel presented a power point presentation on composition -- the chemistry of minerals. Noel spoke about the beginning of the universe and what we know about the Earth. Rocks contain minerals and these minerals are comprised of atoms. All minerals have an atomic number which represents the number of protons in the nucleus of an atom of a given element. An atom is the smallest unitary constituent of an element, composed of a more or less complex aggregate of protons, neutrons and electrons, whose number and arrangement determine the element. Nothing is pure and minerals contain impurities. To be able to read and understand the chemical composition of minerals more aptly, you need to know at least forty four of the ninety two elements in the periodic table. Freebies of quartz from Muttama supplied by Ann and Noel.

Fossicking/Trips

Field Trips – names and contact numbers in book please

18th July (Saturday) - Roland Smith will be talking on and demonstrating the geology of the Illawarra at Bombo Quarry. Meet at 9 am in the car park North end of Bombo beach.

23rd August (Sunday) - Bob Hanson collection and BBQ lunch (May be postponed due to family illness)

18-20 September - Muttama

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

SEED BEAD CLASS

Will be held on Saturday 25th July 9am to 12 noon.

Exhibition

A pre-exhibition meeting was held on Sunday 5th July at which thirteen members attended.

Three very important aspects were discussed which need the attention of all members participating in the exhibition and any member who will volunteer their time.

1. Bill Cahill has kindly agreed to test all the electrical leads to be used at the exhibition. This is essential before any lead, light or other electrical item can be used in the exhibition hall. The testing will be done **ONLY on Saturday 26th September at 10 a.m.** This is the **ONLY** day Bill is available so PLEASE make a note in your diary. If electrical leads etc. are not annually tested they **CANNOT** be used at the exhibition or any other event.

2. There will be TWO working bees to get the showcases either repaired, cleaned or any other task needed to bring them up to a show condition. The first working bee will be on Saturday 22nd August at 9 a.m. the second will be on the same day as tagging the leads ie Saturday 26th September at 9 a.m.

3. At 9 a.m. onward on the Thursday before the exhibition (ie 29th October) David Hindmarsh will bring his trailer to the club to transport equipment to the Ribbonwood centre. Members are required to help load the trailer.

Please make an effort to attend these important working bees.

General

Congratulations to Victor Raffler on reaching a milestone - 90 years young!

Members send their best wishes and hopes that you enjoyed the day. To celebrate (a day early) the silver and faceting classes on Thursday arranged a luncheon to celebrate.



The 2016 Gemboree is at Ulverstone, Tasmania on the 25th to 29th March 2016. Details of the event and competition requirements can be found on the web site <http://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>

When Bob Hanson went to the club last Friday morning (10th July) all the lights were on. Also when Dorothy arrived at the club for the meeting, again the lights were on. Reminder in the newsletter for members/supervisors to please check back doors, lights, heaters etc. are turned OFF before they leave the club

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.
2. There are new competition forms available that include several new categories for entry.
3. Janelle has more books that were donated but still requires a lock for the new cupboard.
4. Dorothy has a copy of competition and judges manual for sale at \$6. It is the latest edition as issued in June 2015.
5. The club now has the licence agreement from Wollongong City Council for signature by club executive. The licence is for TEN years. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to achieve this significant achievement -Dorothy McGonigle and Bob Webb especially.
6. Unfortunately the RMS did not look favourably on our request to put a banner on the bridge into Dapto to advertise our exhibition.
7. The exhibition will have an entry fee of \$3 for anyone over 12 years old BUT this will also include a raffle ticket AND lucky door prize. The lucky door prizes to be drawn at 10.30 am, 12.30pm, 2 pm and 3 pm on Saturday and 11 am and 1 pm Sunday.
8. The club STILL requires a volunteer for the position of Publicity Officer.

A number of 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

July 22 7 pm Mineral Group - Roland Smith
geology of the Illawarra
19 Aug 7 pm Business meeting
8 pm Social - "Get to know you"
23 Aug Visit Bob & Betty Hanson - note date may be
altered
26 Aug 7 pm Mineral grp - Roland Smith on geology of
Illawarra
18/20 Sept Muttama

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

15/16 Aug Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club show -
Glenbrook Community Hall, Glenbrook
26/27 Sep Bathex 2015 Exhibition - Bathurst
3rd-5th Oct Gemkhana , Hawkesbury Showground,
Clarendon.
17/18 Oct Nunawading & District club annual exhibition