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Social Meeting

The social meeting for July was two video presentations - "Gemstones, minerals and artworks - Munich 2015" and "Adelaide Crocoite mine in Tasmania". Both were very interesting with some fantastic photographs of gemstone specimens. Certainly the biggest emerald I have ever seen and the tourmalines had to be seen to be believed. The second dvd on crocoite showed the mine in Tasmania and specimens found there. For those that missed it go to:-
<http://www.theadelaidemine.com/website/History/UndergroundImages/RedRiverFind/Upper/RedRiverUpperImagesIndex.html>
for the web site of the mine with photographs.

The August social meeting will be a talk by Joan and Bill Zealey on various museums they have visited in Europe. Their talk will no doubt also have some slides of the museum quality specimens.

Mineral Group Meeting

Eleven members attended a meeting where Vicki, Aaron & John produced some interesting talks. Reports given by Noel & Aaron. Aaron conducted the ID exercise and tried to trick us. His specimens identified were: calcite & danburite, fluorite & quartz, malachite, pyrite, quartz & prehnite, opal, fluorite, diopside, calcite (2), chrysocolla, malachite & quartz. John did a power point presentation on how to identify bornite & turquoise & how to distinguish between rhodonite and rhodochrosite. John produced some photo's of the clubs early fossicking trips to Broken Hill, Mt. Isa, Porters Retreat, Muttama, Cleary's Quarry, Windellama, Kangaroo Valley, Harts Range & Tingha Sands. We also saw Aaron fossicking at Springsure and shop fossicking (unusual event???) in Queensland. Vicki displayed some lovely photo's of her various fossicking trips since joining the club. For next month Noel asked everyone to bring a photo of a good mineral specimen (for a workshop on photography) and their mineral specimen with a mark out of 60 for quality and 20 for aesthetic appeal (for a workshop on competition specimens). Both the photo & specimen to be correctly labelled.

Fossicking Trips 2016

Those wishing to go on any of the fossicking trips must put their name into the folder at the entrance to the club hall.

- Jul - Visit to Keith and Lorraine Tyssen at 10am 23rd July. For those that have not seen Keith's specimen thunder eggs they are fantastic. All colours and shapes inside.
- Aug - 24th Sunday Social walk from Minnamurra to Bombo or Kiama
- Sep - 17/18th Weekend trip to Muttama for quartz crystal
- Oct - Emmerville or Inverell
- Dec - Christmas Party

Club Competition Entries

The last time for submitting entries for the club competition is going to be the September general meeting. There are lots of different categories for the competition this year with prizes donated by various sponsors. Entry forms can be obtained from club supervisors or downloaded from the club website:- <http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/forms/>

Judging of the competition entries will be on Saturday 22nd October. Volunteers will be need on that day for scorers and catering.

Exhibition

The exhibition is the major fund raising event for the club and as in previous years we have a raffle. Tickets for the raffle are available in books for members to sell. They are currently in the club hall - please see the class supervisor to take a book or books away to sell to the public. The prizes have all been donated by club members:-

1st Stones donated by Maureen & Barry Young, made into jewellery by Herb Cselich.

2nd Jan

3rd Lynne Webb & Terry Hogarth.

4th Jennifer

5th Peter Walsh.

Photographs of the prizes will appear on our website and Facebook page very soon.

Thank you to those that have donated these prizes and to Vibeke who also gave valuations.

General

The club is updating a number of machines and has a grinder (less wheels) for sale.

The library has a considerable number of books that have been booked out by members and not returned for a very considerable amount of time - **PLEASE RETURN THESE BOOKS**

General Business Meeting

The President, Senior and Junior Vice President were absent and Noel was voted by the members present to run the meeting. Full minutes of the meeting are in the silver room. Some items include:-

1. There is to be a art & craft show at Ribbonwood, Dapto 27 and 28 August. For any that might be interested tables are available at a cost of \$45
2. Competition judging Saturday 22nd October. Volunteers needed for scorers and catering.
3. A request received for a talk to gifted children's exhibition at the uni on Sunday 16th October.

New Members inducted by Noel: Jonathan Bolt, Lawrence Mearing, Gino & Dylan Di Cesare (paperwork taken for Lorraine Di Cesare). Alison Mulholland & Richard Ainsworth arrived soon after and John presented them with their paperwork.

Anniverseries

Ever wondered what 'gifts' are expected on a wedding anniversary or birthday? Maybe you might like to clean up some silver? Our website has that information available under the directory "Useful Information". Anyone have any other ideas for things to add, just email the club email with your suggestion

Dates to Remember

27 July	6 30 pm Mineral Group
17 Aug	7 pm General Business meeting
	8 pm Social - Talk by Joan & Bill Zealey
24 Aug	6 30 pm Mineral Group
22 Oct	Judges visit for competition items

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

6/7 Aug	Sydney Crystal Show - Fraser Park, 100 Marrickville Rd
20/21 Aug	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Show - Glenbrook Community Hall
27/28 Aug	Carlingford Gem & Mineral Fair
1/3 Oct	Gemkana - Hawsbury Showground, Clarendon
14/21 Oct	Inverell Gem & Craft Show
15 Oct	Campbelltown & District Lapidary Club Open Day