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HELLO EVERYONE!

Back again for another editorial effort. My apologies as the lateness of this letter. I have had troubles with email and skiing. Our Club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December. Next Meeting Wednesday 16th August, 2017. Arrive for a 7.00pm start

Meetings:

Past. Noel Kennon's video on the Paderneira Tourmalline mine in Brazil was very interesting. Gem quality Tourmalline the size of "Big Blue" was breathtaking. Thank you Noel, keep 'em coming

Social Meeting

Next meeting will be 15 August and will be the annual display. For those who have not previously entered, there will be two sections, lapidary and specimen. The lapidary item being any item a member has created e.g. a cabochon while a specimen will be anything in a members collection. These must be displayed within a 40 cm X 40 cm square not using stands or display cabinets. Prizes will be awarded for the best in each section and there is an overall prize. Come along and have a look and vote on what you think is the best on show.

Mineral Group Meeting 20 July, 2017.

Sixteen members braved a cold night. Don & Coral did a presentation on "names of Minerals". Started by the IMA in 1958 & formalizing a name commission in 1960. Naming came from the chemistry, crystallography, geological setting, where found & proposed name. A lot of the naming came from latin/greek names. There are today some 5250 named minerals. Petri & Glen presented three DVD/videos on the Bathurst Museum, which has a fossil & mineral display. Well worthwhile a visit. Noel did a power point presentation on the "azurite suns" from the Northern Territory. The new mineral of the month, presented by Noel, is atacamite- mostly dark green, $Cu_2Cl(OH)_3$ -orthorhombic system. The freeby, supplied by Noel, is titanite, from Harts Range, NT.

Finally the ID this month-- 12 minerals identified from photos of each mineral, which were faceted, two photos of each mineral. The average score from the group was 6/12. The minerals identified were: diamond, beryl var. emerald, corundum var. sapphire, corundum var. ruby, elbaite, topaz, garnet, quartz, sphalerite, fluorite, calcite & gypsum. A fun night was had by all.

Field Trips:

Peter Stanley-trips leader- July visit cancelled,

20th August- walk @ Kiama- meet at Minnamurra railway station @ 9AM.

16th/17th September—Muttama.

General Business Meeting:

Not a great deal of news this month.

Our planning for the November exhibition is on track.

Members are asked to put their names down for times and dates that they can lend a hand.

New members inducted by Chris Hatton: Amarnath Remanan, Joanne Baldwin, Lynn Briggs & George Goor. Welcome to our club and welcome back George. I hope that you enjoy what we have to offer.

Our public liability insurance will be increased to the levels that are seen in the community.

Dates to Remember:

Don't forget to check the correspondence that Jon leaves next to the sign in book.

All the other clubs shows are there for you

Chris