



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Meeting

The club open day on Sunday 31st May resulted in a good turnout of club members and members of the public. Several members of the public used the opportunity to apply for club membership.

It was also our annual Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea and thanks to the sterling efforts of those that ran the kitchen and those who donated goodies, it was a great success. In all \$336.70 was raised for the Cancer Council. The club also ran a club table, raffles and sausage sizzle which raised over \$900 for club funds. The raffle results were:-

1st Prize - Enamel pendant donated by Michael Derrington won by David Hindmarsh with ticket A64 Orange.

2nd Prize - Tahitian pearl drop donated by Vibeke Henriksen won by Cathie Johnson with ticket C10 Green.

Mineral raffle results

1st Prize - won by Eva Auerbach with ticket A27

2nd Prize - won by Ernie Stevens with ticket A10 Blue

Next social night will be the last episode of the opal fever DVD - probably the best of the episodes.

MINERAL GROUP MEETING

Ten members attended. As Noel & Ann are overseas Vicky was the boss for the night. Aaron did an excellent job on the identification exercise & the minerals were; calcite x2, fluorite, hematite and quartz - Aaron got us on this one. The Topic of the night was an exercise on mineral ID as discussed last month. Members were requested to bring along two minerals for ID discussion. Vicky, Ed, Glen, Roland, Don, Coral, Aaron & John each presented two minerals. The chemical composition of one mineral was recorded on the blackboard by each member, with a brief explanation of each mineral. Chocolate/rock freebies supplied by Vicky. Working Bee 6th July 8.30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

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

18-20 September - Muttama

November - Members choice

SEED BEAD CLASS

Will be held the fourth Saturday of each month, starting with June 26th. 9am to 12 noon.

Exhibition

There will be a PRE EXHIBITION MEETING SUNDAY 5th JULY COMMENCING 9 A.M. All members are invited to attend. To make the November exhibition a success we all need to pull together and volunteer to carry out tasks. It is also important if you volunteer to do a job it is very important that you deliver what you have volunteered to do! There are many jobs which need to be done and without your assistance it will be very difficult to make the exhibition a success.

Brigitte (Festival Coordinator)

Raffle tickets are now available for the prizes to be drawn at the annual exhibition at the Ribbonwood centre in November. Please sell as many tickets as possible. A book is available for you to enter your name and telephone number and the ticket numbers for the book (of tickets) you take, are listed in the book. The list of prizes is printed on the raffle tickets. Please also note that there are photographs of the prizes on our web site.

General

The club is still in great need of someone to volunteer to become the Publicity Officer. This is an important role and anyone who is willing to take on this job will be very welcome. Any assistance needed will be forthcoming. There is a folder with instructions and contacts etc available.

In a previous meeting it was indicated that there was to be an investigation as the feasibility of changing the club financial institution from CBA to CUA. The Credit Union Australia (CUA) cannot offer the club the same concessions as the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) for all services, the club will continue to use CBA as its main financial institution. The club will however continue to use CUA for term deposit accounts. A term deposit recently matured and was rolled over for a further six months.

The Competition & Judging Manuals are not currently available and if anyone would like a copy please let Dorothy know on 42842404.

There are a number of flyers been placed on the table at the entry to the club hall regarding items for sale in Alice Springs from a lifelong collection of an Alice Springs lapidary club member. A member of our club has already viewed these items and has bought some nice bargains.

General Business Meeting

The copy of the General Business meeting will be available in the Silver room.

Members please note the Pre - Exhibition meeting on the 5th July at 9 a.m.

There are a number of members who are using the cutting room on a Thursday morning. Please note that the silver class use that room exclusively for casting on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please note that if you use the machines on Thursday (other than the fourth in the month) then clean up the machine after use!

Janelle has managed to buy (at a bargain price - well done Janelle) another cupboard for the library books. It will be installed near the current cupboard and will require a hasp and lock.

The club lease of the hall has reached the point of being sent to the WCC General Manager for final approval. By next month we should have the final approval for a term of (?) years.

There were a number of new club members inducted into the club on the night. To those who were inducted welcome and enjoy the facilities that the club has to offer.

Dates to Remember

June 24	7 pm Mineral Group - composition of minerals
July 6	Mineral Group working bee 8.30 am to Noon
July 8	6 pm Mineral Group - Video night - Bring finger food
July 15	7 pm General Business 8 pm Social - DVD Opal Fever
July 18	Illawarra Geology trip
July 22	7 pm Mineral Group

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

11th – 12th July	Campbelltown Gem, Mineral and Jewellery Show, Greg Percival Centre, Oxford Rd Ingleburn
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.