



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Meeting

The social meeting for June was a "Introduce yourself" theme where members spoke about themselves. The July social night will be two video presentations - "Gemstones, minerals and artworks - Munich 2015" and "Adelaide Crocoite mine in Tasmania". Both should be very interesting, come along and see!

Mineral Group Meeting

Meeting leader for the May mineral group meeting was Keith with ten members attending. Reports were given by several members. The specimens identified were: azurite and malachite, garnet, schorl and muscovite, serpentine and stichtite, pyrite on schale and sperrylite - look it up in the mineral book to see the details. Keith then spoke about the difference between pyrite and chalcopyrite - the main difference's are: 1/ crystal habit. 2/ hardness and 3/ the colours of chalcopyrite. Keith then had a power point presentation of his fossicking trips to Toms Mountain, Kueridale, Agate Creek, Mount Surprise, O'Briens Creek, Chillingee and Muttama. Keith then displayed Peter Stanley's power point presentation of the visit to Flinders Island by several of our members earlier this year. At low tide Killiecrankie Diamonds can be found in the shallow water. In reality the stones are Topaz. Carol found a few good samples. Freebies of smoky quartz from Mullaly supplied by Keith.

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.

Seven members went along to the fossicking trip at Grabben Gullen. A beautiful location but despite the best efforts of the members those elusive sapphires failed to put in an appearance.

- Jun - open for any member to organise
- Jul - Afternoon visit to Bob and Betty Hanson collection has been cancelled for now but instead is a 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 Open Day

The open day in May was in conjunction with the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. The club has held this event for a number of years and this year we managed to raise \$314.55 for that very worthy cause. Donations of cakes and slices for the day were much appreciated. The club also ran a lunch time sausage sizzle and club table both raising a healthy amount for club funds. The efforts of those that ran the BBQ and club table was much appreciated.

On the day a raffle was also held to raise funds for the club and the prize of a beautiful picture was won by Maureen Young. The event as a whole was well attended by members of the public and club members. Several members of the public expressed interest in becoming club members. Certainly quite a few application forms were handed out.

General

There are still a few positions with the club that are vacant. These should be filled and volunteers are still required.

There are a lot of books from the library that are long overdue. If any member has taken a book from the library please ensure it is returned. There are other members who may wish to read the same book.

Club Competition

Club competition is open to all club members and there are lots of different categories available from novice onward for members to enter. The competition entry forms are available in the club hall and will soon also be available on the club web site.

Entries for the club competition to be submitted no later than the September business meeting on 21st September.

General Business Meeting

The full minutes of the meeting are found in the silver room. Some items include:-

1. Report from executive meeting- if new members are unable to attend general meeting, supervisors can induct after approved by executive. Chris moved that new name badges be accepted (after being accepted by executive), seconded by Bob Webb - carried unanimously. Peter Walsh has prepared these name badges saving the club about \$5 per badge & has also refreshed all the old holders. If your badge is not in the new format please check the box at the hall entrance and if you are financial.
2. The club has received another donation of books from Garry Farnham - much appreciated, thanks Garry.
3. A new grinder is due for delivery very shortly.
4. Erin and Brigitte are negotiating with a number of suppliers for sponsorship of club competition. When these are finalised the flyers for the exhibition will be printed along with the books for the club raffle. Photographs of the prizes for the raffle will be on the club web site in the near future.
5. Council has delivered all the new tables and we have retained some however all are Council property.

New members inducted by Chris Hatton: Allison Henderson, Dino Ganassin (partner of Allison Henderson & his paperwork picked up by her), Wanda Langlands & Wayne & Karen Homan (inducted by John Maley prior to meeting plus their 12yr. old son Anthony. Welcome to the club all new members.

Dates to Remember

20 June	6 30 pm Mineral Group
20 July	7 pm General Business meeting
	8 pm Social - Video night
23 July	Visit to Keith Tyssen - Thunder eggs and more
27 July	6.30 pm Mineral Group

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

9/10 July	Campbelltown & District Lapidary Club Gem, Mineral and Jewellery Show - Greg Percival Community Centre, Ingleburn
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