



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social

The club annual rock swap was delayed by one week to the Sunday 1st March. In complete contrast to the last few years the weather was fine, not a cloud in the sky and HOT. Most stall holders were glad that they brought shade and drinks. As every year the rock scramble for the children was a very popular event, over and done so fast blink and you missed the action.

Wed 15th April Social Keith Tyssen will be talking on Agate Creek Field Trips

MINERAL GROUP MEETING

Thirteen members attended, report from Noel, Keith to run next month's meeting and a reminder about the dvd night on 8th April. The four minerals for identification were; kyanite, dravite, fluorite and galena & rhodinite. Ann & Carol presented a power point presentation of the mines and fossicking sites in and around Mount Isa. The mines produced silver, lead, copper and zinc. The first steam train at Mount Isa was in April 1929. Ann displayed maps of the fossicking areas detailing which minerals were found at the various sites. Each member displayed and spoke about their particular mineral specimen(s) they brought for skite nite. Freeby of garnet (one of the AL garnets) from Thackaring, Broken Hill supplied by Ann & Noel.

Classes and Fossicking

Classes.

Seed bead classes commence on the fourth Saturday of March (28th) 9 am to Noon

Fossicking

Field Trips – names and contact numbers in book please

28th March – Ken Mitchell's Collection, 81 Fern Street Gerringong 1.30p.m. (Do not forget it is a State Election that day)

16-23rd April – Bellata (16th-17th with Inverell Club, which you need to join)

Tambar Springs (18th-23rd April) See Pete for further details.

General

A member received the FOR SALE notice of:-

Four (4) cutting saws – 2 ft. blades requiring three phase power and Rocks - any member interested

Contact Enid Brown (Yaranderra) phone 46841287

The sale of lapidary items which was held Thursday 19th March had a good response from members. If any member was unable to attend on that day and is still interested, please contact Bob Webb, Barry Young or Bob Strachan. There are still slabs, saws, polishing machines etc available for purchase. Payment will be cash on the day.

General Business Meeting

The general business meeting was shorter than usual due to the Annual General Meeting.

Working Bees – we need these for jobs which cannot be done on the regular roster – which is in the clubroom all classes please note.

John Maley would like feedback from members on suitable days/times for working bees.

Stuart Park has been booked for 28th Feb next year. Council charges have risen so fees for stalls may have to increase slightly.

Bob Hanson and Bob Webb have met with Council officials and are hopeful of a ten year lease.

AJS and The House of Jewellery have merged.

Thanks to Lynn Webb and Terry Hogarth for evaluating a collection on the Club's behalf.

For those interested in competing the Gemkhana Schedule is available on the Gem and Lapidary Club Website. Closing date for entries is 28th August. There is a new judging manual out (with a blue cover), and the club should be getting a copy shortly.

Thelma Bern was presented with flowers as a recognition of 14 years as Minute Secretary.

New Life Members –, Bob Webb, John Maley, Greg Cook - Congratulations to you all.

New Members – Laura Crichton, David Charlesworth, Bill Pieterse - Welcome to the club, enjoy everything that the club has to offer.

Annual General Meeting

The following members were elected as office bearers for March 2015 to March 2016

President	Robert Hanson
Senior Vice President	Bob Webb
2nd Vice President	Chris Hatton
Secretary	Vacant
Assistant	John Maley
Treasurer	Eva Auerbach
Assistant	Dorothy McGonigle
Catering Officers	Carol Strachan, Rose Cook
Editor, Webb Master	Roger Stockins
Grants Officers	Yola Kaye, Bobb Webb
Festival Coordinator	Brigitte Pickett
Assistant	David Hindmarsh
Hall Booking Officer	John Maley
Grounds Officers	John Maley, Barry Young, Peter Walsh
Maintenance Officers	Des Bet, Bob Webb, Greg Cook, Peter Walsh, Bob Strachan
Librarian	Janelle Bydder
Assistant	Erin Reynolds
Mineral Group Convenor	Noel Kennon
Minutes Secretary	Thelma Bern
Programme Secretary	Janelle Bydder
Assistant	Joan Zealey
Property Officer	Vacant
Publicity Officer	Vacant
Assistant	Vacant
Sales Officers	Bob Strachan, Greg Cook, Bob Webb, Bob Hanson, Barry Young
Trips Leader	Peter Stanley
Faceting Officers	Bob Webb, Cec Dwyer
Silver and Casting Officer	Frank Williams, Barry Young
Competition Officers	Eva Auerbach, Bob Webb, Cec Dwyer
Welfare Officer	Maureen Young.

Note that some positions remain unfilled, in particular we lack a secretary - this is a vital position to be filled. Anyone who feels that they could fill the vital role of secretary, or that of property officer or publicity officer, please contact any member of the executive and offer your services.

Dates to Remember

Mar 25	7pm Mineral group Keith Tyssen to talk on semiprecious gems in particular peridot and on thundereggs. There will be mineral ID and freebies
Mar 28	Visit to Ken Mitchell's collection
Apl 18 - 23	Tambar Springs
Apl 15	7pm General Business 8pm Social
Apl 22	7pm Mineral group

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

Apr 3 - 6	Gemboree - Horsham, Victoria
1st-3rd May	The Bead Show Sydney Autumn, Marrickville Town Hall (Spring 4-6th Sept)
16th-17th May	Lismore Gemfest
30th -31st May	Canberra Winter Gemcraft and Mineral Show EPIC
11th – 12th July	Campbelltown Gem, Mineral and Jewellery Show, Greg Percival Centre, Oxford Rd Ingleburn
3rd-5th Oct	Gemkhana , Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.