



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Night

There was no social night for March due to the Annual General Meeting. The meeting for April will be of great interest to all those who have ever wanted to go to the Tucson gem and minerals. Lynn and Terry will be talking about their trips to Tucson over the years and probably in particular this year's visit. No doubt there will be lots of photographs of minerals to make us all wish we had been there.

Mineral Group Meeting

Fifteen members attended with various reports given. This meeting had Petri & Glen as presenters and they did an excellent, professional job. Noel advised of two working bees programmed for March -- Monday 14th, 8.30am to sort rocks in the shed and Saturday 19th 8.30am to clean show cases in the hall. The ID exercise via power point by Glen identified the following minerals: andradite garnet, chrysocolla, opal - variety hyalite, magnetite - magnetic iron ore, quartz and hematite, stellerite, prehnite and epidote and fluorite. Glen explained, via power point presentation, how to ID quartz and orthoclase and how to distinguish between barite and calcite. Petri presented videos on the super pit gold mine at Kalgoorlie with several videos showing how the mine operates. Petri & Glen presented a video of their oz trek in 2013 explaining what minerals were available at each site they visited. Freebies supplied by Petri & Glen.

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.

- Mar - Sunday 20th Daytrip to Kangaroo Valley for petrified wood and jasper - meet @ 10 a.m. Apex Park, Berry
- Apr - 5 day trip to Tambar Springs for drusy quartz and stellerite date tba
- May - Daytrip to Grabben Gullen for sapphire date tba
- Jun - open for any member to organise
- Jul - Afternoon visit to Bob and Betty Hanson collection
- Aug - 24th Sunday Social walk from Minnamurra to Bombo or Kiama
- Sep - 17/18 th Weekend trip to Muttama for quartz crystal
- Dec - Christmas Party

Classes

Lampwork

Lampwork classes commenced on Tuesday 1st March 2016 - Jan Cahill is the supervisor. If you are a new member wishing to join this class please contact Jan Cahill on 90832258.

There will not be a lampwork class on Tuesday 29th as both Jan and Brigitte will be away.

Silverwork

Silverwork classes commenced on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 - Brigitte Pickett as supervisor. Brigitte will be away from March 23rd to 13th April. During this time Veronica Baker will supervise the classes.

Workshop

The workshop on how to cut cabs to judges standards was held on Saturday 27th February. Barbara Try supervised the workshop. No doubt tips were passed on to the members that attended that will mean more entries into our competitions and State competitions.

Pre Exhibition Meeting

The pre exhibition meeting has been arranged for Sunday 17th April commencing at 9 a.m. It would be appreciated if as many members as possible could attend to help organise this important event for the club. It is at the annual exhibition at the Ribbonwood Centre where the majority of our income to run the club is collected. Fresh ideas and suggestions on improvements are always welcome.

General Business Meeting

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

Some items from the meeting:-

1. Rock swap Sunday 28th February did not quite raise enough to cover cost but close enough. Great deal of discussion on the other event at Stuart Park impacting on parking facilities being available for members and public resulting in parking fines! A sour note to what should have been a good day for so many.
2. Life membership for Brian Bown. As he could not be at the meeting it was presented by Greg and Rose Cook.
3. Club Open Day (Also Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea) Last Sunday in May.

New member inducted was Rhonda Brady. Welcome Rhonda enjoy the facilities of the club as a full member.

Annual General Meeting

Bob Hanson gave the Presidents report for the year (Actually read by Betty) listing some of the ups and downs for the club over 2015. We lost a number of members who passed away including Bob and Betty's son Mark. Eve Auerbach gave the Treasurers report for the year and asked that the auditor be retained for this year. Bob declared that all positions be deemed vacant. The meeting then went to David Hindmarsh to run the elections for 2016 positions.

There were two nominees for the position of President, Bob Hanson and Rose Cook. A secret vote was taken with a split decision and David had to use his chairman's vote to declare Rose Cook as the 2016 club President.

Eva was returned unopposed for the position as Treasurer and John Maley voted in (unopposed) for the position of Secretary. Initially the position of minute secretary was looking to be vacant but Thelma agreed to put herself forward again in that position and was duly voted as minute secretary.

The full list of positions and club members voted into those positions will appear on our web site in the near future however there are a number of positions STILL VACANT. We need members to volunteer for these positions if not then, as some are vital to the running of the club, some members will have to be co-opted to those positions.

The positions still vacant:-

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

Hall Booking Officer (Vital position)

Property Officer (Vital position)

Publicity Officer (Vital position)

Assistant Publicity Officer

Trips Leader

Safety Officer

Dates to Remember

20th Mar Trip to Kangaroo Valley to fossick for petrified wood and jasper. Beautiful location. Meet at 10 am at Apex Park, Berry

23rd Mar 6 pm Mineral Grp - Bring a plate for a cd night and Noel speaking on how minerals form

20th Apl 7 pm General Business

8 pm Social Night - Tucson talk by Lynn and Terry

TBA Apl5 day trip to Tambar Springs

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

19-20 Mar 25th Annual Gem And Craft Show at Armidale Showground

25- 29 March GEMBOREE The 52nd National Gem & Mineral Show, Ulverstone, Tasmania Full Details at <http://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>

15-17th Apr Hawkesbury Show at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon NSW.

16-17 Apr Rock Swap Canberra