



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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16th April Social Night

The social night was a presentation of the DVD of Leny Sandy's photographs of the club, its members and the various fossicking trips over the years. I believe copies of the DVD are still available at \$10 each. A lot of work went into the recovering of this archive of club memorabilia and converting it to electronic form.

Mineral Group 23rd April 2014

Fifteen members attended and Aaron displayed his New Zealand green jade, a gift from the purse and the wallet. Carol conducted the ID exercise and the minerals identified were; cassiterite (pyrite on tin), kyanite, cassiterite on quartz and prehnite. As the item of interest Ann discussed an article on crocoite which stated the Countries located, but the best is from Tasmania. Roland presented the mineral of the month, ice. Ice (H₂O, hydrogen oxide) is not often thought of as a mineral, but it is! Most mineralogists define minerals as having an homogenous chemical composition, with an organized structure and of a natural inorganic origin. Ice fits all these characteristics; it has a homogenous formula and has an organized structure, with hexagonal symmetry, it is formed naturally as snow, etc. and it is formed inorganically. Only natural ice counts as a mineral such as snow, natural lake or river ice, glacial ice and permafrost. Liquid water does not get the same consideration (as to being a mineral) because it lacks the crystalline structure of ice. Don did a presentation of the mines of the Selwyn area. He presented hard copy notes of the mines in and around Kuridala and Selwyn showing what minerals are found and where. Ann and Noel discussed the identification of minerals and Peter had four specimens for the exercise. There is a dvd night on 14th May 6pm at the club and a working bee on Monday 19th May at 8.30am to sort rocks in the shed. Freebies supplied by Ann and Noel.

Executive Committee

Yet again there are problems in the cutting room in regards to the saw. It is not designed to cope with material greater than 4cm thick. The result is that a very recently replaced blade is in need of replacement again. Please have great care with the saw it is expensive to replace saw blades.

On 23rd May at 11 .a.m. the polisher from WCC is being delivered and also demonstrated. Executive Council would like members of the committees to attend if possible.

Club Open Day 25th May

Just a reminder that it is also the Cancer Council Big Morning Tea. Cakes, slices or whatever would be appreciated – cake uncut please. Members requiring tables on the day – contact Dorothy. No doubt there will be lots of mineral specimens and other lapidary items on these stalls.

Eva & Carol Strachan have spent considerable time identifying, boxing and pricing minerals, some of which will be available on a club table for the Open Day – others perhaps at a later date if not all are sold. Sterling work and thank you both for your time and effort on behalf of the club.

Fossicking/Classes

Reminder that there is a cabbage class held on Monday evenings 6 30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July - visit to a collection - Joan Sheppard suggestioned her collection on 20th July further details to be in the June newsletter.

General Business

Minutes of meeting to be available in the silver room.

Editor is not available for the meeting and this newsletter is being sent out before the general business meeting. Members wanting to know what is going on should attend the meeting.

Special Business Meeting 4th May

A special business meeting was called for the Sunday 4th May 2014 to make decisions on some items of the club constitution. The following changes were passed by the meeting.

Funds - Management - No 37 Add (3) All members are volunteers and receive no remuneration.

Duties of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer No 18 Duties of President:- (b) Be responsible for the preparation of the general meeting agenda. In addition (e) Minutes of a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the Meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

Duties of Secretary - No 18

(ii) the names of members of the committee present at a committee of management and executive meetings

(iii) all proceedings at committee of management meetings and executive meetings

(iv) be responsible for minutes

Delete (c) - this section has been transferred to the duties of the president

(c) perform such duties as may be required or requested by the executive

(d) maintain and updated set of rules

(e) be responsible for the preparation of the executive agenda

Finally No 26 Special General Meetings - Calling Of

Proxy votes for special general meetings allowable for financial members to be lodged with the president at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Please note that Executive and Management Committee meetings are held at 1 p.m. at the club hall on the Friday prior to the General Business meeting (ie 2nd Friday in the Month). Members holding club positions are considered part of the Management Committee and are encouraged to attend.

Club Solar Panels

At long last after much work by the grants committee and others the club finally has twenty solar panels on the roof and generating electricity. Trees by the creek had to be severely pruned and those immediately near the entrance door removed entirely, both at considerable financial cost to the club and much organising permission from Council. A big thank you to all the club members who worked so tirelessly to see this project to the present condition. The club will see the benefit for years to come and the world the reduction of our carbon footprint.



Club Functions

14th May	Wednesday	6 p.m. Mineral Group DVD night
21st May	Wednesday	7 p.m. General Business Meeting
		8 p.m. Social Night Bring and buy/swap night
25th May	Sunday	Club Open Day and Biggest morning tea 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
28th May	Wednesday	7 p.m. Mineral Group

Other Clubs Functions

31 May – 1 June	Sat/Sun	Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show Canberra Lapidary Club
31 May – 1 June	Sat/Sun	10.00am to 5.00pm EPIC – Mallee Pavilion \$5 adults, \$9 family, \$2 children/concession. More info Phone: 02 6260 5322 http://www.canberralapidary.org.au
14 June	Saturday	Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club Open Day (10am-4pm), entry is free. 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville NSW http://www.freewebs.com/parraholroydlapidaryclub/