



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### **Social Meeting**

Social meeting for the May 15th social night was "Pick of the table". Unfortunately there were not many members at the meeting so the pickings were slim. These "Pick of the table" nights are usually an excellent night for new members to pick up some goodies. Come along to the next meeting and the social night will be "Introduce yourself", an ideal night to meet up with other members.

### **Mineral Group Meeting**

Sixteen members attended and reports given by Noel and Carol. Don Anderson took this meeting and kept members thinking throughout the night. The ID exercise of eight minerals was reasonably handled by members with a couple a little more difficult. The minerals were: natrolite x2, heulandite, stellerite, sphalerite/galena, chalcopyrite, atacamite and wolframite. Don spoke about the difference between anatase and natrolite with habit and colour distinguishing features. Don then explained how difficult it is to distinguish between schorl and dravite. Colour and chemical composition are good indications. Most of the specimens found in Australia are schorl. Don finished his presentation with a talk about the minerals found around Harts Range and how with heating of quartz, a specimen, at a temperature from a 573 degrees C ,changes to tridymite, cristobalite and others.

### **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.

Ten went to Tambar Springs. Portabella had good specimens of drusy quartz. A contribution cheque was sent to the owner of the property as a "Thank You" as indicated in last month's minutes.

- May - Day trip to Grabben Gullen for sapphire date 21st May - meeting in Crookwell at 10 am
- 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 - 17/18 th Weekend trip to Muttama for quartz crystal
- Oct - Emmerville or Inverell
- Dec - Christmas Party

### **Club Open Day**

The club will have its open day on the 29th May in the club hall. Contributions of cakes and slices (uncut) would be most appreciated. There will be a BBQ there at lunch time and volunteers are needed to do the cooking on the BBQ and helping in the kitchen.

It's all for a good cause ie Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. Probably everyone knows someone that has suffered and perhaps died of cancer. Every cent helps along the way to finding cures. There will be a raffle for a very nice large framed print. Would look good on any persons wall.

There will be tables with members selling lots of great bargain lapidary items, rough, cut stones, specimens and finished jewellery. Come along there is bound to be a bargain there to suit.

## General

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

## General Business Meeting

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

1. Bus trip to Lithgow for the Gemboree at Easter 2017. Members wishing to go on the trip should put their names in the trips book to allow the club to confirm the booking of the bus. At least 40 people are needed to make the trip viable at an estimated cost of \$25 per head. The cost will include a morning tea. Bus is hired from 7am to 7pm. It will probably leave the club hall at 7 am sharp on Easter Saturday. To be confirmed once numbers reached. Please put names in book asap. Money to be paid at least a month in advance. It is a super opportunity for new members to go out and view work of other clubs and no doubt there will be "inside" traders and tail gate traders which means bargains can be obtained.
2. Cakes and slices (uncut) donations are needed for May 29th Club Open Day. It's the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea and we have been able to donate hundreds of dollars to the Cancer Council in previous years. Volunteers are also required to operate the kitchen and run the BBQ at lunch time.
3. A raffle will be held at the Open Day for one of the framed pictures on the wall to the right as you enter the hall.
4. The regular bills, that is water and electricity, have been placed on direct debit .
5. There is a yellow book on the table next to the door for volunteers to be rostered on at the exhibition. Lots of volunteers are needed its our biggest fundraiser for the year.
6. Some of the club equipment is getting to the point of needing replacement. Members should advise the class supervisor of any that they think needs replacement.
7. A new grinder has been ordered and should make it to the club in the next week or so. It replaces a unit that has had so much replaced in the past that there is probably only the basic frame that was original.
8. Peter, our grants officer, has had notification that we have obtained a grant of \$1050 to go toward the organisation and running of the club exhibition. Much needed as the hire of the hall at Ribbonwood is about \$2000. The club exhibition id the major fund raiser for the year,

One new member was inducted into the club - Di Alcorn - welcome to the club Di and enjoy all the facilities that the club has to offer.

### Dates to Remember

21 May	Fossicking Graben Gullen meeting at Crookwell at 10 am
25 May	6.30 pm Mineral Group Keith has a video and will talk on fossicking areas
29 May	Club open day 9 am to 2 pm
15 June	7 pm General Business meeting
	8 pm Social getting to know each other
22 June	6 30 pm Mineral Group

### Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

14/15 May	Lismore GEMFEST
28/29 May	Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show Canberra
18/19 June	Windsor Gem and Mineral Fair - Windsor function centre Cnr George and Dight St
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
1/3 Oct	Gemkana - Hawsbury Showground, Clarendon
15 Oct	Campbelltown & District Lapidary Club Open Day