



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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## **HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Meetings:**

Our Club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December. Next Meeting Wednesday 15th June, 2017. Arrive for a 7.00pm start.

See you there!!!

Past: May Social Night:

This month's social was a pick of the table, in which several members participated. Discussion at the meeting beforehand favoured an auction, to raise funds for the club or for a nominated charity as next year's event.

Future: June Social:

Jun 21st - Next month - Robbie Thornton will talk about the Bead - or more correctly Lampwork - class. Several members turn up every Tuesday morning over the winter to create beautiful glass beads, under the supervision of Jan Cahill. Anyone interested in trying this activity should contact Jan or go along on a Tuesday.

### **Mineral Group Meeting 26th April, 2017.**

Fifteen members attended on a cold April night. Reports given by John, Peter, Keith & Aaron. Noel, via the projector, displayed several images of Cerussite in an attempt to help the group identify the mineral. There will be a working bee on Monday 15th May to sort rocks in the big shed. The morning will start @ 8.30AM for about two hours or until finished. Noel has requested members to bring a specimen & photo to the July meeting to have a workshop on this year's specimen & photographic competitions.

Remember to make sure you record the correct information on your photo. Noel also confirmed the name of the ID photo sent to members as Legrandite. A DVD on Herkimer Diamonds was then shown by Noel. The new mineral of the month was Bustamite. To finish the night we had the ID exercise run by Noel. He was very happy with the group because the average score, out of ten, was six. (Noel was so happy that he has now sent a second ID via email & thinks we can all ID it before next month's meeting). The minerals identified were: beryl, variety aquamarine, barite- remember go by weight, crocoite, prehnite, copper, galena & the ones that gave most trouble- beryl, variety morganite & the three zeolites stellerite, stilbite & heulandite. The freeby supplied by Noel was stellerite from Portobello.

Mineral Group 24th May - Keith will talk on the Cullin diamond, there will be information on mindat and a quiz. All welcome.

### **Library:**

A new book has been purchased for the Library – "Patina" by Matthew Runfola

### **Field Trips:**

Future:

\* June - There is no scheduled field trip for June, but there are several open days/exhibitions for other clubs. If you visit any of these, please put your name and the event you are visiting in the field trips book.

\* July Visit to a member's collection – to be advised

\* August – Social walk from Minnamurra Train Station to Bombo Quarry (then Bombo/Kiama Train Station)

## **General Business Meeting:**

The minutes are available in the silver room.

### **\* May 28 – Club Open Day**

Please donate a cake or slice for the day. A sausage sizzle has been organised by Bob and Barry for lunch. Let's get as many people as we can attending to help raise monies for the Australian Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

\* Exhibition - Pre Exhibition meeting will probably be scheduled for September. Anyone selling at the Exhibition or Stewart Park must have their own Public Liability Insurance (with a minimum \$20 million insurance) and proof of same will be required and sighted by the Committee on or prior to the event. Insurance can be arranged for as little as \$130 per year or \$40 for a single event. See John Maley for details.

\* Judges - the Gem and Lapidary Council are looking to recruit judges particularly for cabbing and jewellery. Several judges from other clubs give up their time to judge our exhibition and we should try to reciprocate. Anyone interested please contact John Maley.

New members:

Rose welcomed Leanne Harding and Peter Bussa to the club

We trust all new members will enjoy their experiences with us and benefit from our classes and field trips. If you have any questions there will be a Supervisor who can assist you. All members would also love to help you if they can. If you are not a new member, talk to a new member and become an ACTIVE member, we were all new at one time.

## **Dates to Remember:**

24th May – Mineral Group Meeting

27 - 28th May – Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Gem Show, Mallee Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT

28 May – Open Day, Illawarra Lapidary Club, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna

15th June - Club Business and Social Meeting

8 - 9th July – Campbelltown Annual Gem Mineral & Jewellery Show,  
Greg Percival Community Centre, Oxford Road, Ingleburn 2565

19 – 20 August – Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show,  
Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook

14th October – Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day, Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields

4 – 5 November – Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition

11 – 12 November – Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show, Exhibition Park in Canberra

If you have an interesting story or information, that you wish to share with the members that you think would be suitable to add to the newsletter, please forward to it to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

Stand in Editor: Lynne Webb

(New Editor, Chris Hatton will be back for next month's newsletter. Let's hope he found lots of zircons!)

Smile: Do not take life too seriously – you will never get out of it alive!