



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### Social Meeting

The social night for 19th October was a talk by Cec Dwyer on his many fossicking trips over the years to the likes of Mt Surprise, O'Briens Creek. A beautiful area and one in which many different types of material can be found. The topaz found in the area is really bright and some contain small rutile strands. Cec's talk included slides of the area, various finds and the people who like Cec have spent so much time fossicking in the area.

Next month the social meeting is the bring, buy and swap. Bring along an item or items to sell or swap. If you have nothing to bring along then make sure you have cash in the wallet for items that others bring along.

### Mineral Group Meeting

Eleven members attended with Roly & Colin the presenters. Aaron, Noel & Roly gave reports and it was established that we would fancy dress with the "best tie" at the November meeting. Roly explained how fairly easy it was to distinguish between muscovite and pyromorphite. He listed the characteristics for both. Roly then discussed the difference between quartz and topaz. It is harder to distinguish between these two. The main differences are: only topaz red, hardness: quartz, 7. topaz 8, specific gravity: quartz, 2.5-2.7, topaz, 3.5-3.6, cleavage: quartz, poor, topaz, complete, quartz has horizontal striations and topaz vertical striations. Topaz feels cold and sinks in bromine. The ID exercise was conducted by Roly and the minerals were: quartz, muscovite, ice and beryl. Colin then gave us a very interesting talk about his early prospecting days. He was a student geologist, sampling quartz reefs for gold. His first project as a geologist was at Emmaville where he found some cassiterite. The locals asked him if he had seen the "Emmaville Panther". He thinks the locals were telling stories to a green City lad. He later did drilling under the Beaconsfield Mine and found some petrified wood with quartz. He used a magnetometer to provide targets for drilling. Next meeting 26th October and competition entries due for best mineral and photo.

### Fossicking Trips 2016/Classes

Those wishing to go on any of the fossicking trips must put their name into the folder on the table at the entrance to the club hall.

Visit to Bob and Betty Hanson Sunday 2nd October for a wonderful display of their orchids in full bloom and display cabinets full of beautiful mineral specimens and cabochons. Also on display were lots of Betty's wire wrapped pendants and necklaces, not forgetting the display of various dolls.

The trip to Inverell to the Inverell club exhibition. Lots of traders and tailgaters at the exhibition itself and the Inverell club laid on lots of tag along trips out fossicking.

Dec - Christmas Party. Names into the trips book please as the number of members who are going to attend are needed to inform the venue club so they can make appropriate arrangements.

The Friday class prior to exhibition **cancelled**.

**This space contained photographs to be found in a separate file "Oct newsletter photographs" - photos of orchids and display of rocks.**

**General**

The saws in the back area have been cleaned out by Bob Webb and Bob Hanson. Thanks guys its a mucky task with all the sludge of stone cutting.

A new pie warmer has been bought in ready for the kitchen at the exhibition.

Bob Webb has been at it again. Just look at the photo, a first and second prize at the Gemkana. Well done again Bob.



**Exhibition**

This is the last newsletter before the annual exhibition. A reminder that donations of unsliced cakes and slices would be appreciated. More vounteers are needed for the exhibition. If you are available to do something at the exhibition let Brigitte know beforehand. Don't forget that people are needed both to set up and pack up everything after the event.

Janelle will have some books for sale on the club table at the exhibition.

Volunteers needed for W/bee on Saturday 29th October to roll out mats on hall floor to flatten them out before going on the floor in the hall. David Hindmarsh to call raffle winners & lucky door prizes etc. at exhibition.

**General Business Meeting**

Minutes of the general meeting are available in the silver room. Highlights are:-

- 1. Error at last months social fixed.
- 2. Reminders to be sent for overdue memberships.
- 3. Peter Walsh now supervisor for faceting.
- 4. Membership form to be amended.
- 5. Eva to decide which novice winners to receive gift vouchers.
- 6. Bus for next years Gemboree. At present only 19 names and 40 needed to make the trip viable. Numbers of members interested will be needed by Christmas.
- 7. Eva - class cancelled on Friday before show- 4th November.

New member inducted into club - Adrian Dalitz. Welcome Adrian

Dates to Remember		Dates to Remember - Other Clubs	
30 Oct	Visit to Lapidary Club of NSW open day and Museum	11-13 Nov	Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club Exhibition
5/6 Nov	Annual Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival - Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto	12-13 Nov	Newcastle Lapidary Club's Annual Gem Show
16 Nov	7 pm General Business meeting 8 pm Social Bring, Buy or Swap	26-27 Nov	Windsor Gem & Mineral Fair
		3-4 Dec	Sydney Crystal Show