



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### Thank You

Many thanks to Bill and Jan Cahill for producing the newsletter last month while I was recovering from my operation. Much appreciated.

Roger

### Mineral Group

Wednesday 27 August

Fourteen members of the Group attended the meeting. Noel posed six minerals for the identification exercise and most, particularly Joyce, did rather well. Margaret presented Sulphur as mineral of the month, Michael gave a thumbnail sketch of an out back old timer as the item of interest and Roland educated us with an excellent power point on the Geology of the Illawarra. The topic of the month was hardness testing and members tried their hand at measuring the Mohs hardness of a range of minerals. The freebies were specimens of galena and sphalerite containing spessartine and rhodonite.

### General

Any member in need of a cupboard in the hall – you must need one – please contact Bob Webb & Dorothy. Keys will be issued to whoever needs one and a key registered for internal keys will be undertaken on the date specified.

There is only a little over a week before the Supervisors luncheon at the Master Builders. If you haven't already put your name in the book, please do so as soon as possible. The date is the 28th September. Everyone is welcome but only the supervisors will have a free lunch.

Judges will be visiting club on 18th October 9 a.m. to judge competition entries. Please volunteer for pencilers, scrutineers and adder uppers! We are in need of more names. It is important that we don't let the club down by not offering your help. We also need volunteers in the kitchen – please help. Also donations of cakes, slices, salads. Please leave cakes whole.

**THE MEN'S TOILET IS STILL IN NEED OF ATTENTION – PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE TOILET BOWL AND SEAT BEFORE LEAVING.**

**SUPERVISORS PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK – ALSO ASK A MEMBER TO CHECK – THAT ALL DOORS, INCLUDING BOTH TOILETS ARE LOCKED BEFORE LEAVING.**

### Exhibition News

The Festival of Gems exhibition will soon be upon us. A roster book will be available for volunteers to inform the festival organizers on which day and times you will be available to help on the club tables, lucky dip, selling raffle tickets, donation box etc. THIS YEAR WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE KITCHEN, SERVING CUSTOMERS AND TEA TROLLEY FOR DEALERS AND TABLES. DON'T FORGET THE WASHING UP! PLEASE CONTACT CAROL STRACHAN IF YOU CAN HELP.

Raffle books are located in the Silver room. Please enter your name and 'phone number alongside the ticket numbers you have taken. Only a few books so far have been taken. It would be appreciated if more books were sold prior to the exhibition. This is one of our main ways of fund raising for the club in the year and is one in which everyone can help.

John Maley would like anyone with small or larger stones which are suitable for the children's games (sand & lucky dip) to please contact him and let him know what is available. This is required for the exhibition at the Ribbonwood Centre in Dapto in November.

Thank you for your assistance.

John.

## **Exhibition News Continued**

Volunteers are required to help Brigitte and Gabbi with the tablecloths at the exhibition. As Brigitte will probably be "tied up" with organizing the hall on the Friday, she is the festival co-ordinator, she needs someone who will spend a fair bit of time with the tablecloths so that whoever volunteers will learn what is required to do the tables and maybe next year be in a position to take the main load off Brigitte. There is quite a bit to know as all tables are not the same size and tablecloths have to be put in order so that they fit the correct tables.

It is not just the actual days of the exhibition that volunteers are required. Help will be needed to load and transport items to the Ribbonwood Centre and setting up the items for display. Not to be forgotten is also the requirement for all electrical items to be checked and certified BEFORE being placed on display.

## **General Business**

The minutes of the meeting to be available in the silver room. Some items from the meeting:-

Judges coming to club on Saturday 18th October to judge comp. entries at 9am. Volunteers needed to assist the judges.

Discussion regarding signs and banners to advertise exhibition. Terry Hogath obtained quotes to purchase 12 signs for private fences. These to be purchased and Bill, Barry, Chris & Bob have volunteered to put signs on their fences. A further discussion is required in regard to banners.

Next social night to be a talk on fossicking.

New member - Sandy Bennett inducted into the club. Welcome Sandy, enjoy all the facilities that the club has to offer.

## **Additional items of Interest**

The Lapidary Club of NSW is holding their mineral exhibition on the 25th & 26th October – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Their club rooms in Reservoir Street, Surry Hills.

There has been an email from Elsie & George (Cooper Pedy). George has lost some sight and must sell opals. Good prices for quantities. Matrix around \$300.00, white opal with some colour around \$800.00 – all shapes and sizes. Some fiery prepared doublets around \$200.00 Other cut and polished opals on cards ready for setting. No decision on price – must be seen. Currently at Ettalong Beach – email [elgeo@bigpond.com](mailto:elgeo@bigpond.com)

A further email has been received from Gary Frame 02 6885 5487 or 0418 240 806 in regard to a "muster" at Dubbo on 15th Nov 2014. "We have lots of VIPs coming - Roothy's Unlock Australia group ([www.unlockaustralia.com.au](http://www.unlockaustralia.com.au)), the Shooters & Fishers Party, the SSAA, NAPFA ([www.napfa.net](http://www.napfa.net)), Brian Walters camping group, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority - AMSA, different departments from the NSW DPI and the list goes on. This muster (The 2014 Unlock The Bush Muster) is a chance for people to get together & put pressure on the Government to "Unlock" our National Parks & Forests and return some of the freedoms that we used to enjoy - within reasons." This muster (The 2014 Unlock The Bush Muster) is a chance for people to get together & put pressure on the Government to "Unlock" our National Parks & Forests and return some of the freedoms that we used to enjoy - within reasons." If interested in attending please contact Gary.

## **Club Dates to Remember**

24th Sept Mineral Group Meeting Mineral of the month - Marcasite  
28th Sept Supervisors lunch 12 noon - Master Builders  
26th – 29th Sept Tambar Springs ( 4 days)  
15th Oct General Business Meeting  
18th Oct Competition judges arrive - volunteers required to note marks given  
22nd Oct Mineral Group Meeting  
25th-27th Oct Wee Jasper or Muttama – quartz crystal  
1st-2nd Nov Gem and Mineral Show - Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto  
16th Nov Club Open Day at club, Meadow St, Tarrawanna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
15th-17th Nov Sofala for gold with Ern & Bet Stevens  
7th Dec Club Christmas party at Collegians

## **Other Clubs Dates to Remember**

19 – 21 Sept The Bead Show Sydney, Spring Show  
Marrickville Town Hall, 303 Marrickville Road, Marrickville. NSW. 2204  
<http://thebeadshow.com.au/the-bead-show/sydney-spring/>  
4-6th Oct GEMKHANA 201 4 Goulburn  
The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over NSW, presented by the Lapidary Council of NSW Inc.  
Goulburn Showground Recreation Area, Braidwood Road, Goulburn, NSW 2580. Labour Day Weekend. , Plenty of parking Adults \$3, Children \$1 , Families \$8.  
Contacts: Marilyn or John 02 9635 821 8 or Arthur 02 4572 581 2  
1 7-24th Oct Inverell and District Lapidary Club Inc Gem and Craft Show - There are also lots of fossicking trips planned