



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Social Meeting

The social night for 21st September was the annual display. There were as usual two sections, lapidary and specimen. The lapidary item being any item a member has created. We had items of silver jewellery and cabochon diachrotic glass. The specimens were examples of gypsum and various quartz. All displayed within a 40cm x 40cm square not using stands or display cabinets. Prizes are awarded for the best in each section and there an overall prize.

Mineral Group Meeting

Twelve members attended a very wet and wild night. After we had some hot food, Noel showed a DVD - "What's hot in Tucson 2016". Various dealers displayed and spoke about some of their beautiful specimens valued from five figures upward. Aaron reported on his purchases from the Sydney Crystal Show, now of course worth millions!!! The working Bee on Monday 19th September, 8.30am to 12pm finishing off boxing goodies for the exhibition. Members please consider giving some of your time on the club mineral table and elsewhere over that weekend. Please put your name in the book situated at the club. There may be another working bee on 24th October, if necessary, to finalise stock for the exhibition. Noel has asked members to think about what program they would like to have for 2017. Don't forget one specimen and three photos for the competitions due at the October meeting on 26th. The mineral ID identified ten minerals: barite, corundum - variety - ruby, pyrite, galena, beryl - variety emerald, mica group - variety lepidolite, garnet, fluorite, calcite and quartz. Noel asked members to say how they identified each specimen e.g. shape colour etc. To end the night Noel spoke about "mineral cleaning". Public enemy number 1 is dust. Noel explained the various methods to remove dust and how hard it can be. Public enemy number 2 is rust. Can be tricky to remove and you may deface good samples by trying to remove rust. Notes on both dust and rust were given to each member for reading. Various freebies supplied by Ann and Noel.

Fossicking Trips 2016

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.

Oct - Visit to Bob and Betty Hanson Sunday 2nd October 1 pm - Bob and Betty have lots of orchids that should be in beautiful bloom by then.

Oct - 15/21st Inverell. Inverell club are running their annual exhibition and fossicking trips. Trips are tag along to local fossicking areas for quartz jelly beans, sapphire, rhodonite and possibly other items of interest. Each trip involves a small fee to the Inverell club, previously \$10 per person.

For more information see their website:-

<https://sites.google.com/site/inverellsrocksandgems/home/gem-and-craft-show>

Dec - Christmas Party

Competition Judging

The club are hosting judges for the annual club competition on Saturday 22nd October. We need (minimum nine) volunteers for the task of recording and adding up the scores given by the judges. For those interested please contact Secretary John. It can provide an insight into what the judges are looking for under competition conditions.

General

If you use a saw, especially the large saws, please clean them after use. A paint brush is being bought to aid cleaning the large saws. The club executive have authorised the purchase of a new grinder to replace one of the old ones. The club has also bought a near new faceting machine recently. The old ones will probably be available for sale in the near future. Watch this space for more details! Finally one of the books out on loan for a very long time has been brought back. There are still others. Remember these books might be useful for other members so keep the loan period to a reasonable time.

Bob Webb won a Bronze Medal at the recent Mudgee Faceting Muster held by the Australian Facetors Guild in September. Well done Bob!

Exhibition

Volunteers are still needed to nominate in the book for time and day available to help with the exhibition. Brigitte needs to finalise a roster. All lights and display cases need to be tested and have a current safety tag. Testing is ONLY available at the club hall on Saturday 15th October between 9 am and 11 am.

General Business Meeting

1. Thanks to Chris Hatton for chairing meetings etc. whilst Rose was away.
2. Financial members as at today 179 and John Maley has suggested increasing Public Liability Insurance from 10,000,00 to 20,000,000. Members of other Lapidary clubs can join our fossicking trips as long as they have paid their PA insurance.
3. New pie warmer oven to be purchased.
4. John Maley has suggested forming a management committee to meet with executive once a month.
5. Hall hire next year on the 4th Saturday of the month for about 12 months. This means there will not be cutting classes for that day next year. The hirer is running first aid certificate courses and has offered a discount to members if they want to attend classes. There will only be cutting classes on the 3rd & 5th (if there is one) Saturdays.
6. Remember no cutting classes on the 4th Saturday this October or November.
7. Christmas Party 11th December @ Collegians.
8. Possibility for air conditioning to be fitted—Rose did obtain quote from Harvey Norman—lots of paper work to be completed for Council—to be followed up.
9. Rebecca Keough (gifted families support group) they were invited to exhibition & Stuart Park. As most live Batemans Bay area and talk was at Nowra University it may not be viable. They may contact us next year.
10. Betty & Bob Hanson have invited club members to visit their home on 2nd October, 1pm to view their beautiful orchids.

New Members inducted by Rose Cook — Melinda Fletcher & Tonille Smith. Welcome to the club and enjoy all the facilities that the club has to offer



Dates to Remember

28 Sep	6 30 pm Mineral Group
2 Oct	Visit Bob and Betty Hanson
15 Oct	9am to 11 am Tag lights/display cases
16 Oct	Supervisors lunch Master Builders Club 11.30am for 12 Noon
19 Oct	7 pm General Business 8 pm Social Cec Dwyer - Gemlight
22 Oct	Judges visit for competition items
30 Oct	Visit to Lapidary Club of NSW open day and Museum
5/6 Nov	Annual Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival - Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto

Dates to Remember - Other Clubs

1/3Oct	Gemkana-Hawksbury Showground, Clarendon
14/21 Oct	Inverell Gem & Craft Show
15Oct	Campbelltown & District Lapidary Club Open Day