



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### June 2014

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### Past Events

Sunday 25th May

The Open Day started off with few people but improved as the day went on and became quite a good attendance in the long run. There were two raffles on the day – Eva had a nice mineral specimen on her table and it was won by Tony from the Clear Water Fish shop in Corrimal (Ticket No. Purple 30.) making \$44.00 for the club. Dorothy had a clock set in amethyst (donated by Gary Farnham a while back) and it was won by Kyle (Bob Webb's grandson - Ticket No. Green 46.) and making \$45.00 for the club. Always nice to see a small income for the club.

The biggest morning tea for the Cancer Council, an annual feature of the open day, raised \$185.65 not least due to members donating some beautiful cakes etc.

David brought his BBQ in for the usual BBQ lunch and then donated it to the club. Thanks David we have been missing a BBQ for quite some time since the last one was scrapped.

### MINERAL GROUP

Meeting 28th May

Eleven members present and reports given on the open day at the Club on Sunday 25th, May. Aaron displayed his million dollar purchases (they are always worth a million to him). Don was at it again for the ID specimens which were; gypsum, datolite, stilbite and apophyllite and stilbite. Not many correctly identified. As an item of interest Ann discussed how mineral specimens not purchased immediately can be "the one that got away". In a magazine article it mentioned not buying a specimen sold as bustomite, that turned out to be not bustomite but a new specimen much rarer than bustomite.

Eva presented corundum as the mineral of the month. Corundum (AL<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, aluminium oxide ) is the second hardest natural mineral on the current mohs list of hardness (at Mohs 9 with diamond at Mohs 10). When someone lists the most famous gemstones such as diamond, topaz, aquamarine, emerald and garnet, corundum does not usually get mentioned. However, its two varieties are sure to be on any list of gemstones. The red variety of corundum is known as ruby and blue is usually called sapphire with all other colours being known as fancy colour sapphire.

Noel presented a power point presentation on micro specimens. He pointed out what, how and why they can be good specimens to collect, naming six reasons to collect. Working Bees have been set for 8.30 on 11th August, 22nd September and 13th October to box, label and price specimens for the exhibition. Freeby of opal, variety hyalite supplied by Ann and Noel.

### Classes

Members of the Lampwork Class

Jan Cahill is organising an in-house competition for the members of the lampwork classes.

Prizes will not be allocated but a certificate will be presented. The competition is limited to five (5) coordinated beads.

For more information please contact Jan on 42612258

Seed bead classes

On the fourth Saturday of each month, commencing on Saturday 26th July 2014 Jan Cahill will conduct a seed bead class.

Times will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for a period of four months.

Classes will only take place if enough members are interested in attending. Please notify Jan of your intention to attend.

Jan can be contacted on 42612258

**Please note** Friday night classes supervised by Brigitte Pickett and Tony Panozzo are **temporarily suspended** due to a lack of support. If any member is seriously interested in classes on a Friday night– and it will depend on numbers of members interested – please contact Brigitte on 42763742.

Careways Community will hold their 13th annual Dapto Art & Craft Show at the Ribbonwood Centre on the 30th & 31st August. Opening time 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information 'phone 42621918.

### Fossicking

5th Jul BBQ at David & Diana's  
20th Jul Visit to Joan Sheppard's Collection CANCELLED  
9th Aug Field Trip on Geology of the Illawarra – Bombo  
Quarry – Dr. Paul Carr  
Full details not yet known  
26th – 29th Sept Tambar Springs ( 4 days)  
25th & 26th Oct Wee Jasper or Muttama – quartz crystal  
15th -17th Nov Sofala for gold with Ern & Bet Stevens

### Message from Secretary

It is now time to update the master and submaster keys register. I will try and visit all classes. Please bring in your keys for registration. The other keys will not be updated at this stage. I will wait until the cupboards in the cutting room are finished and we are in a position to allocate the cupboards as required. You will be notified when this key register will occur. Dorothy

### General Business

Bob Hanson reported on the executive meetings proposal for a fee increase. There was some discussion on class fees from \$3.00 to \$4.00 or increase in membership fees. The matter to be held in abeyance for the time being. Information required on cost of Newsletter (mailing etc).

Three new members were inducted into the club:- Peter Walsh, Jasmine Gardner and Rachael Hornung. Welcome to the new members and enjoy the facilities and activities available within the club.

### Club Dates to Remember

25th Jun	Wednesday	7 p.m. Mineral Group - Beryl Workshop on Space, Gravity
5th Jul	Saturday	BBQ at David & Diana's Mineral and fossil collection plus more Time 10.30 am Meat provided at small cost Bring salad and/or dessert to share
16th Jul	Wednesday	7 p.m. General Business 8 p.m. Social Night - Video Opal Fever Pt 3
23rd Jul	Wednesday	7 p.m. Mineral Group
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### Other Clubs Dates to Remember

12 – 13th Jul Campbelltown & Districts Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show contact - Greg Percival  
Community Centre Cnr Oxford Rd. and Cumberland Rd.  
Ingleburn <http://www.campbelltownlapidary.org.au/>

16/17th Aug Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show  
Glenbrook Community Hall. Great Western Highway,  
Glenbrook, NSW  
<http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm>

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 2014 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 8218 or Arthur 02 4572 5812  
NSW Gem Show Goulburn 2014 Flyer

### Library

Janelle has bought a set of seven books at a cost of \$7.00 on Mineral/Mining – ex library books

### Garden/building

John has bought some new shrubs for the Western side of the building and electrical quote accepted pending WCC approval