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HELLO EVERYONE!

EXHIBITION

By the time you receive this newsletter, preparation for our Festival of Gems and Minerals on the 3rd and 4th of November will be in full swing. If you have a couple of hours, volunteer and really see what your club can do. Put your name on the roster which can be found on the silver room door.

For those on the Saturday roster we plan to have dinner at the Dapto Leagues Club after a hard days work- let Rose Cook know so she can book numbers.

Uncut Cakes and slices for sale at the exhibition would be gratefully accepted.

We will be having a post exhibition autopsy and debrief on the Thursday 8th November at the club rooms starting at 10.30. If you have any suggestions/ improvements please come along.

LAST MONTHS ACTIVITIES

The MINERAL GROUP

Only ten members attended on a cold spring night.

Reports given by Carol & Roly about recent trips.

WA1 9 was kyanite. Mineral of the month-diopside-CaMgSi₂O₆- green colour due to chromium but also comes in other colours.

Roly Smith gave a power point presentation on beryl-variety emerald. Roly spoke about the origin, colour, localities, appearance, properties & associates of emerald. Also discussed other beryl varieties with some nice photos of all the varieties. The freeby of the month was quartz from Kingsgate- 40 km. east of Glen Innes.

The ID exercise this month was to ID seven specimens, containing two minerals, from a list given to us by Noel. The minerals were: quartz/cassiterite, galena/rhodonite, calcite/fluorite, quartz/stellerite, calcite/sphalerite, barite/galena & fluorite/sphalerite. Most of the members identified all the minerals correctly.

The MINERAL GROUP – This Month

The October mineral group meeting on the 24th of October will be the last ID exercise for 2018 but the main event will be a DVD yet to be decided. The start time is 6 PM with finger food. Competition entries with photos and specimens are due.

Muttama Club Trip.

21st - 23rd September 2018

About 10 of us from the club made our way to Muttama for a fossicking trip to find some beautiful, clear quartz crystals. Some of us stayed in Cootamundra opting for either the hotel or the very well kept and well run Cootamundra Caravan Park (KUI Park), Bruna and John were fantastic hosts! A couple of hardy individuals decided to stay onsite for a bit of rough camping. We had a guest, Geoff, from the MINSOC club join us also.

There were some lovely pieces found over the weekend by everyone. The weekend was a very successful one!

This trip marked the official handover from Peter to Dave as trip leader. Thanks Peter.



DIY Trip to Emmaville

Sept - Oct

A few club members made their way to Emmaville to see the Emmaville Gem Show, see what was on offer and go on a field trip to an Emerald Mine. The Gem show was a rather small one with about 10 stalls, however, there were some goodies to be found and money to be spent.



The field trip out to the Emerald Mine was an interesting experience, even the property owner was very surprised at the amount of cars and people that turned up. Unfortunately, there were no Emeralds to be found, but there was a lot of rock cracking and Tin to be had



The highlight of the visit was the Emmaville Gem Museum. A fantastic place to see all sorts of gems and minerals and buy some to take home as well...more money spent.

D. I. Y. Tingha

After Emmaville, we made our way to Tingha where Citrine and Jellybeans were on the menu. As Tingha Sands is now closed to fossickers and thanks to Chris, we enlisted the help of a local with some knowledge of the area to show us a couple places. We were then digging away happily in no time!



Crystal tops



Tingha Jellybeans

There were also some very friendly members from the New England Lapidary Club with stalls, they also let us tag along on their club trip to Baradine. Many thanks to the club, they were all very friendly and hospitable!

Ed Note: Life seems pretty tough when you are the new trips leader, very jealous.

Chrysoprase Auction

We sold 13 of the 19 pieces on offer last night. They realised \$457.00 for the Club.

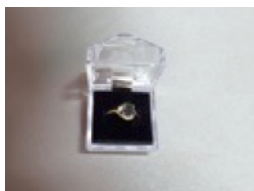
The 6 unsold pieces will be boxed, priced at whatever was on them last night plus about 10% then offered on the Club Table at the Show. If you missed out, there will be a second chance for early birds.

Thanks Noel for arranging this.

Raffle Prizes

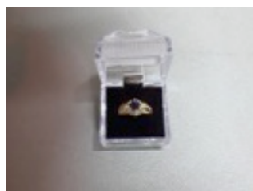
Only two weeks to go to the Exhibition. If you have only sold a few tickets, no problem, bring back the remainder of the booklet. They can be used at the Exhibition. Aaron tells me and everyone that he has sold 23 books already.

1st Prize



Manufactured by Herb Csellich
Csellich

1st Prize



Manufactured by Herb Csellich

2nd Prize



Manufactured by Herb

3rd Prize 4th Prize



Manufactured by
Herb Csellich

5th Prize



Donated by Lynne Webb
and Terry Hogarth



Donated by Mick Derrington

General Business:

Eva tells us that we have over 60 entries from members for the club judging on Sunday.

Social Programme for 2019.

January 16th- Allan House- Agate Creek Video.

February 20th- Noel Kennon- Quartz.

March 20th- AGM.

April 17th- Pick of the Table.

May 15th- Skite nite.

June 19th- Bill Pieterse- Opal Hunting part 2.

July 17th- Video Night.

August 21st- Gerroa.

September 18th- Annual Display Competition.

October 16th- Mineral Group.

November 20th- Joan Zealey- American Fossils.

December 8th- Christmas Party.

Social Meeting November - Ken Mitchell – my fossicking life - don't miss it

Workshops:

Wax Carving Workshop - October 27th – 28th - The course cost is \$20.00

The workshop book is full but if you are keen, put your name down if there is a late cancellation. Kathy Selwood from Orange will instruct.

Barry will purchase wax for us. Pay for what you purchase.

Kathy will bring some equipment but if you have your own Dremel, bits, a scribing tool, calipers, jewellery saw etc. then bring them as there is insufficient tools for all.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

27 October – Lapidary Club of NSW , October 28 , 136 Reservoir Street, Surrey Hills , then followed by a walk to the Australian Museum for a viewing of the Albert Chapman Mineral Collection. The train departs Wollongong Station at 8.40 AM

24 & 25 November – Weekend trip to Grabben Gullen for Sapphires.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

20th October – Campbelltown Club Open Day

3rd & 4th November - Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Heininger Hall, Dapto

10th & 11th November - Canberra Lapidary Club - Gemcraft & Mineral Show

10th & 11th November - Newcastle Lapidary Club - Gem and Jewellery Fair

25th November – Illawarra Lapidary Club – Open Day - Christmas Market

16th December 2018 - Christmas party at Illawarra Leagues Club -11.30 for 12 noon.

24th February 2019- Stuart Park Rock Swap.

