



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### **HELLO EVERYONE!**

By the time you receive this newsletter, entries for our Annual Club Competitions held in conjunction with the Festival of Gems and Minerals in November will have closed. If you have missed the bus then make sure that next year you have a go.

Thanks to Romina for the photos

### **LAST MONTHS ACTIVITIES**

#### **The MINERAL GROUP**

Fourteen members attended with reports given by Peter & Don. There will be a working be on Monday 10th September, 8.30AM to finalise boxes for the exhibition. It should only take about 2 hours.

What am I ?

No.8 was Celestine.

Noel discussed the program for next year getting ideas from each member as to content & time.

Ed did a power point presentation on "Dal'Negorsk", Russia. Ed spoke about the various minerals that are found in the mines, including diamonds, calcite, datolite, quartz, fluorite, sphalerite, opal & sapphire. Ending of his presentation was a display of some fine specimens from Dal'Negorsk,.

Noel asked members what they would like to have as the Christmas meeting task & the vote was for making a story/sentence/joke from the symbols of the periodic table. example-h, Be, Cr etc. Mineral of the month- okenite.

The ID exercise for this month was different, with 10 minerals displayed, two specimens of each & an additional two on the notes for members to eliminate. The results were pleasing. The minerals identified were: barite, calcite, diopside, gypsum, natrolite, prehnite, pyrite, quartz, rhodochrosite & topaz. The two wrong ins were: fluorite & rhodonite.

The freeby supplied by Noel & Ann: chalcopyrite, axinite, arsenopyrite & actinolite from Colebrook Hill Quarry, Tasmania.

Next meeting – Wednesday 26 th Sept. 6.30 - usual I. D. exercise.

## AN INVITATION

"My sister, Linda Mearing, is the manager of Coast Centre for Seniors, Little Bay. She was impressed by the stall holders at our club market day and wishes to invite anyone who would like to have a **FREE** stall at the Coast Centre fete day on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 2pm.

Located at the old Prince Henry Hospital site, Little Bay.

There is no charge. One table 1.7m x 0.8m and 2 chairs will be provided.

No individual stall holder Public Liability is needed as the Centre has P.L. Insurance."

Please contact Linda Mearing on 0409743166 or email [manager@coastcentre.org.au](mailto:manager@coastcentre.org.au).

## Sharon Birds Visit

What a delight it was to welcome her to our little club and to see her enthusiasm for our endeavours. A 15 minute visit for morning tea ran into several hours and a morning tea that approached lunchtime. She notes that her parents were into fossicking but, as she had reached adulthood moved on she never acquired the enthusiasm for this, jewellery however, is a different story. There is a promise to attend or exhibition and we have promised her that there will be a wide range to choose from. She is only too pleased to help with grants, can see why we do need them but has volunteered her staff will help us fill out the forms!



In the Silver room



President Rose presents Sharon with a small gift demonstrating our skills

## ANNUAL EXHIBITION

**- Our 56<sup>th</sup> Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival – November 3 & 4, 2018**

Calling all members to volunteer to help at your Exhibition. Remember, people who volunteer and help others live longer and stay happier and healthier. We all want that for you, so the Club is providing the opportunity for this from now until the Exhibition is over !!!



**The Roster** has now been placed in the Clubroom on the door of the silver room for you to put your name on.

Please place your name, phone number and e-mail next to the times you can be available for the jobs you are able and willing to do.

Do not expect to be just allocated a time, you should pick times suitable to you that are available to you. You will be sent an e-mail with the Roster confirming your times and dates.

Do not wait to be asked to help, put your hand up. If you are unable to call at the Club to put your name on the list, please ask someone to do it on your behalf.

If you are not sure what you can do or have any queries, please contact your Exhibition Co-ordinator, Rebecca O'Donnell on Ph: 0416 164 100 or e-mail [symcom@outlook.com.au](mailto:symcom@outlook.com.au)



We need **you** to make this Exhibition our best ever.

*If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is probably NOT for you.*

## Raffle Prizes

Only six 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 that he has sold 20 books already

1<sup>st</sup> Prize



Manufactured by Herb Csellich

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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



Manufactured by Herb Csellich

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize



Manufactured by  
Herb Csellich

4<sup>th</sup> Prize



Donated by Lynne Webb  
and Terry Hogarth

5<sup>th</sup> Prize



Donated by Mick Derrington

## General Business:

From our librarian

If you use the library, please fill out the cards so we know where the books are.

**Wax Carving Workshop - October 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

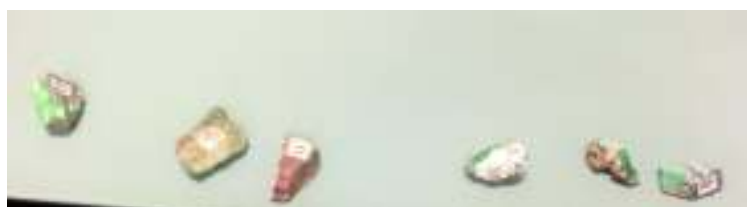
Barry will purchase wax for us. Pay for what you purchase.

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.

## Workshops:

Last Month's Sunday Intermediate Cabbings Day was great fun for the 3 members that attended. The workshop book showed a full class and there were more that were interested, but, unfortunately, some must have forgotten the date!

## **Pictures of Chrysoprase for sale**



It is now only a month away so please turn up to the October meeting and grab a piece at the silent auction to be held after that meeting.

Quotes to be obtained for two new Halls machines and consideration be given to another day to teach as we have had an influx of new members, all who want to learn the art of faceting.

Jan Cahill retires as supervisor of the Lampwork class, thank you from all involved Jan for the years of advice and instruction. Jenny Bult will now be the new leader of the group.

### **FOR SALE**

Sloping Showcase (the type the Club uses at the Exhibition), good condition, includes 2 different coloured lining choices \$50 - Phone Bernie or Allan on Ph: 42341478

## **COMMITTEE MEETING:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month – Committee Members wishing to attend should contact John Ph: 42675618 for details.

### **Congratulations to Lynne & Bob Webb ( not related )**

After winning the Novice Section of the AFG's competition last year, Lynne showed all and sundry that it was no fluke by winning this year's Intermediate Section of the AFG's competition with a 97.86 point stone as a highest score. To show the strength of our faceting group, I believe Bob Webb was placed second with a 92.12 point entry. I can only guess the hours of time and the degree of concentration that was required to achieve these results.

On behalf of the club, congratulations to you both.

26 August - Sunday coastal walk from Minnamurra to Bombo or Kiama, visiting Bombo Quarry taking the coastal walk with a few members attending. The columnar basalt in the now defunct Bombo quarry is an awe inspiring site which you often see as the background on videos of new releases of 4 wheel drives.

## **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

September – A DVD of the specimens from Daniel Trinchello from “Fine Minerals International” and part owner of the Pederneira Mine ( Tourmaline ) in Brazil – breathtaking specimens ranging from \$500 to \$ 4,000,000.00. The size and clarity of most specimens were jawdropping. The 46oz. Aussie crystal gold nugget certainly caught my eye. Thank you Noel.

### **Social Meeting - October**

The Display Competition to run concurrently with the Chrysoprase silent Auction.  
Two sections - Lapidary and Specimens.  
All to be placed on the table in an area about the size of a tea towel.  
Specimens to be labeled

Joan has prizes to be awarded in three divisions (lapidary, specimens and best overall), with judging by those present.

### **Social Meeting November - Ken Mitchell – Don't miss it.**

Has anyone seen a set of Allen Keys around the club rooms, call Bob Webb??



## **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:**

21,22, 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Weekend trip to Muttama for clear quartz crystals, talk to Peter about accommodation. This is Peters last as trips leader.

October - DIY week trip to Emmaville Gemfest, then Tingha Sands etc.

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- Shaun will be our guide for two days to the tailings dumps around Stannifer and he has some good, new sites in mind he tells me.
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27 October – day trip by train to Sydney for the Lapidary Club of NSW Open Day followed by a visit to the Albert Chapman Collection at the Australia Museum

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

## **MINERAL GROUP:**

1. Next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month) at 6.30PM. Noel running workshop on mineral photography & mineral display competitions. Usual ID exercise.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> October** – NSW Gemkhana 2018 – Hawkesbury Showground

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.** Supervisors Luncheon venue Illawarra Leagues Club - Please put names in book, all members are welcome. This is our thank you to those who give their time for nothing.

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Campbelltown Club Open Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November - Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Heining Hall, Dapto**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Canberra Lapidary Club - Gemcraft & Mineral Show

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Newcastle Lapidary Club - Gem and Jewellery Fair

**25<sup>th</sup> November – Illawarra Lapidary Club – Open Day - Christmas Market**

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018** - Christmas party at Illawarra Leagues Club -11.30 for 12 noon.

