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HELLO EVERYONE! Christmas approaches and the Silly Season will be on us soon enough. Compliments of the season to all our members and their families.

Many blank spaces in this newsletter – I had to delete a lot of photos to reduce the size otherwise I could not send it. There are a few full size newsletters at the club house

Don't Forget our Open day – Christmas Market

At the Club House Sunday 25th Nov.

Sausage sizzle, morning tea and treasures to buy for Christmas at unbelievable prices

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

24 & 25 November – Weekend trip to Grabben Gullen for Sapphires. Put your name in the trips book (a mud map is there for you to copy – photograph) or contact David on 0431598670 for more information.

Unfortunately this clashes with our Open Day which will leave some of our members with a difficult choice. Usually this trip was usually scheduled for the weekend after the exhibition but something to remember when scheduling events in 2019.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

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

16th January - Social Meeting – Agate Creek with mudmaps – Alan House

24th February 2019 – Stuart Park.

Membership fees are Due in January

It is over, done and dusted and put to bed for 2018

Our Gem and Minerals festival was another success, we had a great rollup. Thanks to all those who participated. I had a ball. It was a great club effort and you always feel better for helping out. That being so I think quite a few of us went home exhausted.

To our sponsors and those traders who were present, I hope you had a successful visit and that we see you again next year.

The numbers will be crunched by Eva over the next few days with a rough estimate to be presented , hopefully enough profit to continue our programme of renewal and purchase of new equipment for members.

A big thank you to Bec for a sterling effort as the organizer. Below a few photos.

Eva will have the final figures at the January Meeting.

The Mineral Group in setup



The Heininger Hall

A very popular event for the kids



One of the displays

LOST

at the Clubrooms on the 21st October - one pair of glasses with grey frames. If found please call Lynne 0481267781

Post Exhibition

The post exhibition autopsy and debrief on the Thursday 8th November at the clubhouse at 10.30 yielded up the news that we got **MOST** of it right but our Exhibition Convenor retired

It is where most of our funds come from.

If you want good, up to date equipment to work with or teach on, some one has to do it and, so, I have offered to put up my hand. As newsletter editor and possible President next year, as well as in charge this event, expect I will approach you with a specific task for the exhibition in 2019.

Lots of people visited and while Sunday afternoon is usually “slow” it was not so this year. Using the lucky door prize as a means of counting admissions we obtained fairly accurate numbers, so we have a target to surpass next year.

Signage and directions to us were the areas that need attention next year, but several good ideas were raised and will be implemented and hopefully we can remedy this. As has always happened people came “out of the woodwork” to lend a hand but one or two rosters were light in numbers and those manning the tables missed lunches or breaks as a consequence.

To those new members who helped, thank you. Many, that I spoke to, said they had “a good time”, “loved being included” and “yes I will do this next year” which is very encouraging. Many of our senior members, who do so much, need help and I will be looking to you younger members to do this.

With the advances in technology, I see many of the craft skills being lost in our lifetime unless we have younger people to take over and learn before there is no one left to teach and pass on that knowledge.

**I hate it when I see an
old person and then
realize that we went to
high school together**

LAST MONTHS ACTIVITIES

The MINERAL GROUP

Fourteen members attended this meeting & reports given by Peter Stanley & Carol Strachan.

Noel presented a DVD on a talk by Dr. Jeffrey Post , from the Smithsonian Institution, showing "American Mineral Treasurers". The institution has some 375, 000 specimens on display. Dr. Post displayed some beautiful specimens during his talk.

Noel confirmed WAI 10 as wolfenite & mimetite. Mineral of the month is vesuvianite. Freeby, schorl from Trial Harbour, Tasmania.

Twelve specimens indentified, which were not easy, stibnite, goethite, dravite, arsenopyrite, wolframite, monazite, anatase, biotite, lepidolite, rutile, cassiterite & bornite.

The MINERAL GROUP – This Month

No ID exercise this time, no, it's a Christmas party and awards

The MINERAL GROUP – Next Year (2019)

Every meeting will begin with reports and announcements,
Mineral of the Month, and a 'What Am I mineral',
then presentations by members, a DVD or Work Shop.
We will usually end with a significant mineral identification exercise
followed with freebies and supper.

January 23	Presentation 1 Noel Presentation 2 Roly	Principles of Identification Photography 1: Set Up & Composition
February 27	DVD	
March 27	Presentation 3 Ed Presentation 4 Roly	Daln'gorsk II Photography 2: Illumination & Lighting
April 24	Work Shop	Fossicking & Cleaning Minerals
May 22	Presentation 5 Noel Presentation 6 Roly	Formation of Minerals Photography 3: Macro Focussing
June 26	DVD	
July 24	Presentation 7 Adrian Presentation 8 Romina	Gold Molybdenite
August 28	Work Shop	Group Competitions
September 25	Presentation 9 Don Presentation 10 Bill	Pseudomorphs Orogenesis and the Gem Collector
October 16	Mineral Group presentation to the October Social Meeting	
October 23	DVD	
November 27	End of Year Celebrations	

CLUB TRIP.

A warm welcome home to our new trips master, David Hastings who disappeared into the great Australian bush in late September and has just surfaced at the mineral table on the opening day of our Exhibition. If I had not had an email every week or two I would have had great concerns – he may have run out of beer.

“We've found a few different things on our travels including, molybdenite, Wolframite, and Serpentinite. With the New England Lapidary Club we found leaf fossils, petrified wood and iron Stromatolites (very rare in Australia), which their trip leader was really excited about. He, a geologist, was very, very impressed with it and running further tests!”- says David.

I feel a Social meeting and presentation “ Rocks I have Known “ could be on the cards at some stage

Raffle Prizes

In the cabinet just after entry led to the undoing of many a closed wallet and purse.

The winners

First Prize : Pair of Gold and Sapphire rings - Kane Downie

Second Prize : Gold Bracelet - Dorothy ?

Third Prize : Silver Bracelet – Nicole Cabor

Fourth Prize : Ammonite - Vince Jackson

Fifth Prize : Leather and Silver necklace – Hat (Steve)

Most raffle tickets sold award goes to Aaron with 23+ books sold including the winners ticket, the fourth and fifth prize tickets.

*Mrs Murphy : I don't think my husband
has been faithful to me- the last child don't look
anything like him*

General Business:

President Rose inducted eleven new members to the club.

Linda Wiltshire

Jade Grant

Maria Lagondakis

Dion Brown

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Nellie Sheffield

John Gould

David Nancarrow

Michael Di Carlo

Jennifer Gould

Bill Van Brakel

A handful of people were overcome with our enthusiasm and handed over their joining fees at the exhibition.

A warm welcome to all, there is much to learn and there are always people who will show you – just ask. You have to have an idea of what you want to learn first but after that, it often takes on a life of its own and takes over yours. Enjoy the ride.

The club decided to donate \$200 to the “Buy a Bale” for a farmer run by the St George Bank

Fossicker of the year – Romina Di Nori – congratulations and well deserved.

ILC Competition 2018 Trophy Winners

<u>Cec Dwyer Faceting Trophy</u>	Lynne Webb	87.80 points
<u>Noel Causer Trophy</u>	Eva Auerbach	96.05 points
<u>Jack Hennett Jewellery Trophy</u>	Michael Derrington	87.60 points
<u>Frank Williams Casting Trophy</u>	Cita Seymour	86.35 points
<u>Dorothy Sefton Wire Wrapping Trophy</u>	Betty Hanson	90.20 points
<u>Shirley Cristenson Enameling Trophy</u>	Michael Derrington	87.25 points
<u>Wes Sweet Non Lapidary Trophy</u>	Erin Reynolds	81.00 points
<u>Jan Cahill Lampwork Trophy</u>	Brigette Pickett	89.00 points

Congratulations to all

Social Meeting November - Ken Mitchell – my fossicking life (Part 1)

This one should not be missed I said in the last newsletter and I was correct.
Part 2 is eagerly awaited

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.

Club Classes 2018 and 2019

Monday Classes	Finishes 3rd Dec
	Recommences 21st January
Tuesday Classes	Finishes 4th December
	Recommences 22nd January
Wednesday Class	Finishes 5th December
	Recommences 30th January
Thursday Facetting And Silver Class	Finishes 6 th December
	Recommences 24th January
Friday Class	Finishes 7th December
	Recommences 25th January

The Beading Classes will recommence at a date to be announced in March
when the weather gets cooler.

Workshops:

Wax Carving Workshop - October 27th – 28th - The course cost was \$20.00 and was worth every cent of it. Under the watchful eye of Kathryn Selwood on Saturday, we made wax models of a chunky ring (probably a mans dress ring) and on Sunday, a pendant. It was interesting to note that while we all copied a finished wax ring and pendant made by Kathryn, no two were the same – call it creativity.

Kathyrn's tips were the distillation of a lifetime of wax carving experience and it was a highlight. **See one, do one, teach one** was a great way of teaching the basics and one that we were all raised on in school in our younger days - the teach one may have to wait a while. To watch an expert resurrect a mistake was worth the price of admission alone. The most important point I think was "Polish out all the scratches in the wax because it is much easier than to do the same with silver." The lists of equipment, instructions, pictures and where to get what is necessary, was invaluable.

Thank you Kathryn, we all hope that you accept our invitation for an intermediate carving workshop next year. I will be there, and, I daresay that everyone else will too.



This is how it is done



Our creations

27 October – Lapidary Club of NSW club rooms, 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. Peter and Marie Stanley attended. A good day was had.

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Cnr George and Dight Sts. Windsor.

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25th December 2018 - Santa comes

24th February 2019 – Stuart Park Rock Swap

19 – 22 April 2019 – Gemborree Rockhampton



"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."

