



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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## **HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Presidents Note**

If you have stayed in a caravan park you will know about happy hour. Well the owner of Anakie Caravan Park dropped in at happy hour when I was there and produced these beauties, Six of the dozen largest gem quality sapphires known, it was very memorable.



In his hands



The Tomahawk Tiger



A 42 carat flawless yellow sapphire  
( Price US \$ 400,000 plus )



Green Sapphire

You will notice in the General Business section that Eva is arranging For judging in October with entries to close on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Not much time for you to "have a go."

## **UP-COMING EVENTS: WHATS HAPPENNING AT YOUR CLUB**

### **Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Donations of newspapers are needed and we would appreciate as many as possible being left at the Club Rooms as soon as possible.

Mulch is being delivered to the Club Rooms for the 30<sup>th</sup> and we need as many hands as possible to lay down paper and place the mulch throughout the garden to stop the weeds.

The Club will be putting on a sausage sizzle for lunch for all the workers. Please put your name in the Workshop Book so we know how many to cater for.

Please everyone come along, many hands make light work and we need your help. If you could bring some gloves and a shovel that would be great.

### **Gemkhana** – Saturday 28 & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Hawkesbury District Agricultural Show Grounds 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon.

Only 4 months to go to have your entries ready (entries close 16 August, 2019).

Competition schedule available on the Gem & Lapidary Council's Website.

### **Gemboree 2020** – Australia's National Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show – 10 – 13 April, 2020 at the Albury Showgrounds. There has been a Booklet placed on the Information Board in the Club Rooms regarding next year's show which has the Competition Schedule. You have a whole year to work on your entries.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

13 & 14 July, 2019 - Campbelltown Lapidary Club Exhibition and Sale  
Greg Percival Community Centre, Ingleburn

28 & 29 September – State Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Show – GEMKHANA  
Hawkesbury Agricultural Society Showground, Clarendon

2 & 3 November – Illawarra Lapidary Club's Annual Exhibition  
Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Highway, Dapto

## **General Business**

The problem with supervisors is getting critical. Thank you Joan for standing in for Veronica while she is on leave. Bob Hanson is having an eye operation soon. Please consider whether you can take up this role.

We are attempting to arrange a weekend for Kath Selwood to teach a work shop on stone carving- unable to arrange any this year suitable to her & the club. Will arrange for next year as early as possible, after January & February.

Eva to arrange Sunday in October for Judging with entries to be in by 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## CUTTING ROOM

Splash guards - if the splash guards become too loose to use or break, please do not throw them away. Please leave them in the silver room with a note for Barry. They are too expensive to keep replacing when they can be repaired.

## **Social Night - June 19th**

3. Skite night- Only 4 members participated-

Aaron Maley -5 items-metal dragon & camel with Swarovski crystals, Swarovski crystal flower & 2 specimens- grape amethyst & apatite crystal.

Michael Derrington- 6 prize winning enamel jewellery boxes.

Joan Zealey- 8 different sea urchins from Mannum South Australia.

John Gould- several fossils found whilst constructing a bridge near Nowra. The fossils were found in the clay deposits. Also quartz specimens found by specking at Tingha during a recent field trip & a cab made into jewellery by his wife- she wanted to skite about this because it was her first jewellery work helped by Mick.

Joan Zealey would like more members to participate in skite night as it has been lagging in recent years.

## **Fossicking Trips**

David is having a rest from fossicking this month but not for long, please check out the trips book

## **Proposed Workshops**

Below are our proposed weekend work shops for this year .**Put your names in the book**

under which course you want to attend and if there is sufficient interest then it will happen.

Gemstone carving

Polymer Clay

Cabachon Making ( 6 week class )

Wire wrapping

Basic Silverwork

Dichroic Glass

## **Interesting Letter**

For those who don't know, Roger Stockins arranges a package of stones to be sent to China for cutting. I have used it as well and have no complaints. I enclose a letter to Roger outlining a wider service. If you are interested contact Roger.

Hi Roger,

How are you doing? Hope everything has been going well. We just would like to let you know that we have a new line for jewelry settings as well. That means you send the rough to us, we cut and make jewelry (silver, gold) for you. Just show us the pictures, diagrams or provide the sample to us. If you have the mould that will be much better. We will keep going to provide you the best cutting services and competitive price, perfect products as usual. If you need any further information or have any concern about our cutting services, please feel free to contact us without any hesitate.

Thanks for your support and looking forward to having more cooperation with you

## Mineral Group

Hello All

Well we had a good time on May 22 didn't we. Roly finished up his series of talks on photography and we will soon see how many lessons you learned when you bring in your photos for the August 28 Workshop. Three photos each and one mineral specimen each. You should be working on those entries now.

The ID exercise was quite interesting. Ten specimens to ID and you were told that there was one common feature shared by them all. It wasn't until we were well into the answers that somebody twigged that they all started with 'C' – including the one that nobody managed to get. How many of you remember what it was ????

Next meeting on June 26 is a DVD evening, starting off with a finger food meal at 6.00pm. So, all please bring a plate – half of you to bring sweet and half to bring savoury. At 6.30 we will start the DVD on "Adventures in Mexico's Great Specimen Mines" which was presented by Dr Peter Megaw at the Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium of 2014.

This month we are back to one only specimen to identify. It is a nice specimen and is attached for you to work out – answers back to me please.

Cheers,

Noel



