



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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## **HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Presidents Note**

The Exhibition is only days away, I hope that all of you come along, see what we can do and lend a hand. The last page is an A4 flyer about the exhibition, I would like everyone to print at least one copy and give it to their neighbours, local shops or send it on to their friends. Also attached a flyer for our open day.

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

#### Saturday 19th October – 8.30am to 12pm - Electrical Inspection

By law, all electrical equipment used in public places must be inspected, tested and tagged each year. All members with showcases, extension leads, lights, power boards and any personal electric tools or equipment that maybe used at the Exhibition or at the Clubrooms are asked to bring this equipment to the Clubrooms for inspection and tagging.

Special arrangements can be made for extra large showcases and equipment by contacting Greg.

#### Please help:

We still need more volunteers for the many tasks required for a successful Exhibition on the weekend.

If you are new or old to the Club and not sure what you can do and would like to help please contact me, Chris Hatton, you will enjoy being part of the Club experience or pop into the Clubrooms and leave your name against any jobs where you can assist. The Roster is on the Silverwork Room Door. It is so much easier for the organisers if you pop your name on the Roster instead of saying "I will just turn up and do something" – just turn up and I will have a job for you.

#### Wednesday 30th October - 9 am

Dichroic Glass firing at the club rooms

#### Thursday 31st October - 10am:

We need able-bodied people to move equipment from the Clubroom in Tarrawanna to the Heininger Hall at Dapto. Please let me know if you can help.

#### Friday 1st November – 8.30 am:

Setting up at Heininger Hall. This entails setting out the tables, chairs, flower displays, Club Displays and Personal Showcases. Dealers will start setting up at about midday.

Donations of cakes, biscuits and slices for sale during the show are appreciated. Cakes and slices should remain uncut please and delivered to the kitchen on each day.

### Saturday Nov 3 – from 8.30am:

People will be working on the door, at the sales table, sand sieving, fossicking table, raffles etc.

Please wear your Club Badges while at the Exhibition (you can collect these at the Hall on Saturday). Whenever you are just walking around (boys and girls!) wear one of our fluoro vests and keep an eye out for wrong doers or light fingers. A visible presence helps with security and public relations. These are to be found in the kitchen – please ask.

Saturday Night after closing the Exhibition for the day - Everyone is invited to dinner at the Dapto League's Club. Vice President Rose will need to make a booking so if you wish to attend please let her know as soon as possible. This is a great unwind after a hectic day and a great social evening.

### Sunday 4 Nov - 2.30pm:

The Exhibition will be over BUT please don't rush home. We will need lots of able-bodied people to clear everything away by 4pm.

All members are asked to take a bag of tablecloths for washing and return to the Clubrooms. Many hands make light work. All Club property needs to be packed up and returned to the Club Rooms with enough members at the Club Rooms at Tarrawanna to be able to put them away.

Please put your hand up to help, we need to be finish and the hall clean and swept out by 4 pm.

### Guessing Competition:

If you haven't picked up a Raffle Book to sell, please do so, they are on the front table at the Club Rooms. We have some great prizes again this year. Please return all Books and Money by the beginning of the Exhibition. Don't worry if you haven't been able to sell them all, just pop the books back and they can be sold at the door at the Exhibition. Photos of prizes attached.

Don't forget to pick up some Exhibition Flyers from the Clubroom and pass onto your relatives, friends and neighbours. Also ask your local shop to display them. Pop some in your Tourist Office. If you can't come to the Clubrooms, you can download a copy of the Flyer from the Website to hand around.

### POST EXHIBITION MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am at the Clubrooms.

This is a get together for all to give constructive feedback, good or bad, for the success of future Exhibitions. If you are unable to make the meeting and have something to bring up, pop something down in writing and e-mail it or send it to John Maley, so it can be brought up at the meeting.

### OPEN DAY – CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9am to 2pm. Pick up a bargain Christmas present.  
If you would like a table you are too late. All available have been taken.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY – DAPTO LEAGUES CLUB, DAPTO

8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – Illawarra Leagues Club – 11.30am for 12pm

As this will be the last social event of the year put it in your diary now! Come along and enjoy this year's final lapidary event with lots of lapidary friends. Pop your name in the book in the clubrooms now so we can book numbers – don't miss out!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Dichroic Glass firing** - Wednesday 30th October - 9 am at the club rooms

**Exhibition** - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Ribbonwood centre , Dapto

**Canberra lapidary Club** – Gemcraft & Mineral Show – Mallee Pavillion, Exhibition Park, Canberra

Sat 9th – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Open Day** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 9 am till 2.00pm - at the club rooms

**Rock Swap** - 23 February 2020 – Stuart Park

**Gemboree** , Easter 10 – 13 th April 2020. Albury Showgrounds,

Great time of the year to visit the Murray as well.

## **General Business**

John insurance investigations – Contact with our broker revealed that for **club events** members who sell are covered by **club insurance**. If you sell at another event not associated with our Club you do need your own public liability insurance

Dogs on trips – this vexed problem was returned to the management committee with a motion to alter our fossicking regulations so that dogs be allowed under certain circumstances. Watch this space.

New power deal to save \$ 100 P.A.

Judging in the club competition was completed on Sunday, the numbers tallied and Eva is in the process of awarding prizes. Overall the numbers were down with a total of 58 entries. We will address this in 2020. For all those newer members the judges offer several points of critique on your work which should be taken as areas to improve. Your work and marks will show the improvement.

Facetors, girdle thickness and failure to remove surface debris are two areas

Cabochons, poor polishing and rear bezel size cause a marked loss of marks which I noticed while helping to tally the marks.

A full list of winners and placings will be published in the November edition of this newsletter – you will have to come to the exhibition if you want to know sooner.

**Thank you Eva for all the effort involved in organizing this event**

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

Mineral Group with several speakers took the floor and gave a detailed expose on what they did, what they had learned and what proposed for the future. I like the pretty pictures titled WAI ( What am I ) that Noel sends me for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you are a new member interested in minerals and specimen collections, this group would be a definite must and even if this is not your thing, a look rather than instant dismissal is advised. It sounds like a fun group in any case. They meet at 6.00 – 6.30 on Wednesdays a week after the business meetings

## **Proposed Workshops**

The Wax carving class is scheduled for early April 2020.

If you are into casting, it is a must Put your name in the book

## **Other Upcoming Activities**

**Social Night** Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Ken Mitchell – My Fossicking Life ( Part Two )

## **Past Activities:**

Gemkhana - a number of members attended this year's Gemkhana at Richmond. The change of dates from the long weekend was a success with a larger crowd in attendance than in previous years. On Saturday night there was a food festival held at the Showground just near the main hall, with around 40 different vendors selling a huge amount of different foods. This provided a carnival atmosphere which spread through the whole gem show. A number of other Lapidary Clubs had tables selling lapidary items, there were Inside and Outside Traders and with the great weather it was a fun weekend.

Impact of Digitalization and automation... Lollll



Cheers

Chris

# GUESSING COMPETITION PRIZES







**ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC.**

**2019 – 57<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION**

## **JEWELLERY GEMS & MINERALS FESTIVAL**

**SAT 2 NOVEMBER 9am – 4pm  
SUN 3 NOVEMBER 9am – 2.30pm**

**HEININGER HALL, 109 PRINCES HIGHWAY, DAPTO  
PART OF THE RIBBONWOOD CENTRE**

**\*\* Parking access from Heininger Street, off Fowlers Road \*\***

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### **FEATURING . . . . . TRADERS SELLING**

- \* Fossicking Information
- \* Jewellery Valuations
- \* Gemstone Faceting
- \* Cabochon Cutting
- \* Club Information
- \* Mineral Group
- \* Refreshments
- \* Kid's Games
- \* Silvercrafts
- \* Guessing Competition

- Lapidary Supplies \*
- Jewellery \*
- Minerals \*
- Findings \*
- Fossils \*
- Beads \*
- Opals \*



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## **OPEN DAY – CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

At Club House 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna  
**9am—2pm**

🌿 **Stalls selling** – Gemstones, crystals, fossils, rough, minerals, handcrafted jewellery and books

🌿 **Morning Tea** – Home made cakes & goodies

🌿 **Lunch** – Sausage sizzle and drinks available

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