



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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### HELLO EVERYONE!

### Presidents Note

The Exhibition is done and dusted for another year and I have so many people to thank that I don't know where to start but here goes.

Thank you to those who perform and who are rarely seen or acknowledged. To everyone in the kitchen staff, well done. The decision to ask all of the dealers to order lunch, then deliver it was greatly appreciated. To the VP who has taken on the jobs of arranging future raffle prizes I believe I have left this task in very capable hands.

To the front door staff, the two stalwarts who recorded the numbers and sold raffle tickets to anyone who had a pulse and did so for the entire weekend with assistance from numerous people who helped out in response to my calls to "put their names on the roster" – Thank you.

Those club members who conducted demonstrations, gave out information, ran stalls, helped clean up and pack up – Thank You. It all came together on the weekend and we had a successful Exhibition and a bit of fun as well. The final say will be with Eva who will crunch the numbers over the Christmas break and let us know at the January meeting.

Thank you to all those who placed corflute signs around the Illawarra, they were indeed a great success. Our message got "out there". Anyone who has not yet returned them to the club rooms do as soon as possible

With that support I will have another crack at being the coordinator in 2020, it has got to get easier with experience.

### UP-COMING EVENTS: WHATS HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB

#### 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.  
( See the flyer on the last page ) **Donations of cakes gratefully accepted.**

#### 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!

I know it is Christmas but the rumour is that the silver and the faceting group pay for the party.

## **POST EXHIBITION MEETING**

Lots of suggestions were offered and the feedback raised ideas which will be used to make the next exhibition better than the last

**If you could not make it to this meeting and you have a suggestion, contact me.**

## **NEW CONSTITUTION- FAIR TRADING MODEL**

An extraordinary meeting will be called on Sunday 10 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at the club rooms at Tarrawanna to discuss and vote on adoption of this change.

At the same time a secret ballot will be conducted to settle the dogs on trips issue.

Please do not ignore this.

## **FOSSICKER OF THE YEAR**

A tie between Carol and Romina - well done to both of you

## **MINERAL GROUP- CRAZY HATS THEME**

6.20 PM 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

This will be our Christmas Party of course so we will all be bringing in a plate. A Christmassy savoury from some and a Christmassy sweet from the others please. The party will follow the meeting and be organised by Coral and Carol who I hope will be there a little early to receive the plates and do what has to be done. Tea and coffee will be provided but if you would like something else to drink please bring it along with your plate.

So, I am looking forward to seeing **all of you** coming through the door at about 6.20 (pm) with your plate, your book, your pen or pencil, your reference books, a box and whatever else you may need, tucked under your arm and wearing your (decorated) hat for the competition – (another prize).

Cheers  
Noel



The Exhibition in Pictures - Thank you Lynn



Barry and Maureen at the club Jewellery table



Betty and her cabochons / jewellery



Sandy is just wild about the exhibition



Jenny B , beautiful hand made glass



Ken – rocks , rocks



Bridgett and Erin and the team from the  
Treasure Hunt and Lucky Dip



This is going to be a HUGE diamond ....Quentin







Marie and Dorothy at the Front door



Thelma and Alistair at the raffle table



Eva checking on the facetors Quentin and Dennis



Sapphires and Opals - beautiful

### **Business Meeting.**

I have thought long and hard about the motion to change our fossicking rules on bringing dogs on trips and the propensity that it has to cause dissent in the club if carried or lost. Head counts of those for and against in both the management meeting and in the last business meeting was so close that another way was needed.

I have returned the motion to the proposer and seconder with the proviso that they draft the proposed new clause to be placed in the rules. I will present it to the Extraordinary General Meeting we will have in February which will be called to accept the new constitution or otherwise.

I will ask that they decide this issue as well. The motion will be decided by secret ballot supervised by our returning officer Bob Webb.

The Thirroul library has showcase space – anyone interested?, it is a great opportunity for free advertising for the club.

The saw in the cutting room is still being subject to rocks greater than it is capable of cutting . The continuous damage is now becoming an onerous burden on our maintenance team and funds replacing damaged saw blades.

Another nine new and returning members joined the club last night, welcome to you all and while I have been in contact I hope to catch up soon.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

**Business Meeting 2020** – 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Social meeting** – 15th January - Bill Petersie – Opals Part 11

**Extraordinary General Meeting** - 10 AM Sunday 2 Feb 2020 - Club Rooms

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

**Dichroic Glass firing** – will start again after summer ? March, watch this space

**Enamelling Classes** - will start again in March, put your name in the book,

No names, then these classes will be abandoned.

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

Book now, entries for camping on site close end January 2020.  
Visit website for further details.

**Gemkana** – Last Weekend in Sept 2020 and **NOT** the October long weekend

### **Club classes closing and opening dates over new year**

<b><u>Monday Classes</u></b>	Bob – closes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	restarts 20 <sup>th</sup> January
<b><u>Tuesday Classes</u></b>	Rolly - closes 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	restarts 21st January
<b><u>Wednesday Classes</u></b>	Veronica - closes 4th Dec ,	restarts 29th January
<b><u>Thursday Classes</u></b>	Barry – closes 5th Dec	restarts 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b><u>Friday Classes</u></b>	Eva – closes 6th Dec	restarts 24thJanuary
<b><u>Glass Class</u></b>	Jenny B – closes 26 th Nov	restarts 21stJanuary
<b><u>Facetting Class</u></b>	Bob - closes 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	restarts 23 <sup>rd</sup> January

## Grabben Gullen Club Trip October 2019

The second last club trip of 2019 found 8 ILC members on their way to private property in Grabben Gullen for along weekend to try their luck hunting for Sapphires. The majority of the club members stayed on the private property, whilst others chose to stay at the pub. The cows at the camp site weren't interested in us much.

Day one, the club members made their way to the camp site, once setup, it didn't take anyone long to start fossicking. Day one had club members finding things...like Spinels and snakes...SNAKES!? Two black ones to be more accurate 🐍.

Day two proved to be more successful with NO snakes and some sapphires found. A light sprinkle of rain and some wind did nothing to deter our keen fossickers! Thankfully neither the sprinkles, nor the wind continued for very long!

A brilliant, handmade Willoughby by Bob, made finding sapphires so much more easier. It worked like a charm! Thanks Bob, back breaking work was made much easier!

Day three found club members sneaking in some very early morning, successful fossicking before packing up to go home late in the afternoon.

If anyone is interested, Optus and Telstra had absolutely zero coverage at the camping and fossicking spots. One could only hear the sounds of nature, the "tink" of a shovel and the occasional, "I found a green one!"

Overall, it was quite a successful club trip with everyone finding at least a couple bits of colour and a lot of Spinels.

A very big thank you to the owner who allowed us to camp and fossick on their land.

*The adventures continue on the last ILC trip of 2019 in Inverell. See you there!*





## Inverell Trip November 2019

A group of 8 club members made the final fossicking trip of the year to Inverell. This fossicking trip found the members fossicking for a various things.

Day 1 found the club members at the Inverell Lapidary club where we were all made to feel more than welcome! Thanks to Annette for the coffee and the delicious homemade pikelets with jam and cream - YUM! After having a look at the many minerals on display and a delicious morning tea. We went to view a private collection at a club member's house their display of minerals was beautiful, many which were local, it was outstanding and inspiring for all of us!

We thank the Inverell club members for their hospitality. We were definitely inspired for the rest of the trip! The club and club house is well worth a visit if you are up there.

Day 2 started at 7am and found us searching for Crystals and Diamonds at Staggy Creek and Copeton Dam. It was a very, very hot day, unfortunately no Diamonds were found, but some beautiful candle quartz crystals were found. Anyone wanting to visit Copeton Dam, bring a Tick deterrent, they were BIG, they were FAST and they were on the HUNT...

Day 3 started at 7am again, however this time our club members took a trip up to Wallangra in search of Crystals and Tourmaline (Schorl) on quartz. No one was disappointed. Just an FYI, the Ticks were out again, in full view, on the ground, on your leg, on your pants, on your arms... :/

Day 4 included a trip into Stannifer to try our luck finding crystals and jellybeans. It was an extremely hot and smoky day. Unfortunately, there weren't that many crystals to be found.

Day 5 found us closer to Inverell, We took a break from finding crystals and tourmaline and tried our luck with sapphires. In the sweltering heat, only a couple of sapphires were to be found. We had to bring our own water at the creek was bone dry. No ticks today- hooray!

Overall, this was a great last trip to end the year, everyone found different things to add to their collection.







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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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