



## Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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**HELLO EVERYONE!**

### Presidents Note

Welcome to the first rains of 2020, lets hope that the year continues to improve for all of us.

The Special General Meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> February resolved not to change our fossicking rules to include dogs, by a wide margin. While I had a large group together I called for input on our proposed new constitution and was gratified that several well thought out contributions were offered for consideration.

Membership fees are due and Eva wants to see you before the end of February. While many have already paid, remember, if you are not financial you cannot vote in the March elections, your newsletter delivery will be cancelled, and your names removed from the register of active members at the end of this month.

The AGM and election of office bearers will be held at next months meeting. There will be no social meeting. If you can help out with the running of the club, please volunteer.

Kangaroo Valley trip - 9th February – washed out and cancelled. Sad but we needed the rain. David tells us that it will be done at a date to be announced.

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

If you are going on any trips put your name in the book

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March. - AGM 10 – 13 April –

Easter Weekend – Gemboree Albury Showground.

March 13-14-15 Minerama Glen Innes DIY

March 21-22 NELFC Annual show Armidale DIY March 28-29

Canberra Rock swap DIY - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

### CARVING WORKSHOP ( see below )

Thursday 30 April - First Dichroic Glass Firing for 2020

3 May - Open Day - Club Rooms

## **Business Meeting**

The police assessment of the break and enter is “ that someone at the club can help with their enquiries” does not engender a pleasant feeling or promote the harmonious working of our club. Thankyou to Bob Strachan who has supervised the necessary repairs and for his investigations as to how the locks were sheared.

The hall is to be painted, the painters will be assessing the size of the works so no classes next Thursday until after 10.30 AM.

Given our collective ages John Wiltshire suggested a portable defibrillator be obtained. John is now investigating so we will soon hear of the possibilities.

A new computer and projector is a must and Roly, being the mineral group’s technology wiz, has been charged with sorting this out.

## **CARVING WORKSHOP**

Kathy Selwood from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW will be guiding us in this weekend workshop. As this workshop is limited to 10 people, you must be amongst the first 10 with payment of their money to Eva (Treasurer) to ensure your position. Please leave your e-mail or contact with Eva to enable confirmation of your placement in the workshop. The monies are non-refundable. Please note the dates are during school holidays and includes Anzac Day. If you miss out, please register your interest with Eva so you can be contacted if a vacancy does arise.

Time: Saturday 25th - 9am to 4pm and Sunday 26th - 9am to 3pm

Cost: \$50 per head for the weekend. Non-refundable

You will need to bring:

1. Full front apron
2. Face Mask P2 (these may be provided, please check)
3. Safety Glasses
4. Electric Drill if you have one
5. Your Morning Tea and Lunch

Please wear old clothes as they will get dusty. Closed in Shoes are a must. Hebal/Eco Blocks and Rasps will be supplied.

**Rock Swap** - 23rd February 2020 – Stuart Park The weather was kind, lots of interested passersby and happy faces amongst those selling made it a great day for all. The rock scramble was divided into two sections, little kids and Teenagers and all were well behaved and had a great time. Pictures next newsletter.

## **Planned Fossicking Trips for the next six months**

March 13-14-15 Minerama Glen Innes DIY

March 21-22 NELFC Annual show Armidale DIY

March 28-29 Canberra Rock swap DIY

April TBA Tambar Springs April 10-13

56th Gemboree Albury DIY May 16-17

Gemfest Lismore DIY May 15-16-17

Oberon Combined trip with MINSOC Trip to Agate Creek is on the cards in May / June

## **Mineral Group**

The Mineral Group meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> when Bill will be screening a DVD on some aspect of stuff that concerns us. We will start at 6.00pm with a light meal of finger food so bring an appropriate plate of savoury or sweet. The DVD will commence at about 6.30. Then there will be the usual WAI, Mineral of the Month, Kwik Kwiz 2, reports, announcements and so on all leading to the Identification Exercise for the month. This month it will be ID exercise number 12 as you all know.

Kwik Kwiz No 2 will be me but don't panic, it won't be too hard. . WAI 2 is attached – take care as it could be tricky.



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dichroic Glass firing – will start again on the 30<sup>th</sup> April and will continue on the fifth Thursday of each month until the summer heat returns.

Enamelling Classes - will start again in March, put your name in the book, No names, then these classes will be abandoned.

Canberra Rock Swap - Sat 28 to Sun 29 March

Gemboree , Easter 10 – 13 th April 2020. Albury Showgrounds, Visit website for further details.

Open Day - 3 May - Club Rooms

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

### **Thought for the Day**

As a wise man once said,

“Of all man’s inventive genius, bacon has got to be right up there with the wheel”

Cheers

Chris