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### **HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Presidents Note:**

I hope you enjoyed yourselves with the **April Newsletter Extra** and it put your brains to work, and, you had a good laugh as well. I received a lot of emails to that effect. I will send another "Extra" at the end of May containing the correct answers to April's quiz and puzzles, as well as a few more bits of the same.

Hopefully, we have passed the worst of what Covid-19 has to offer, but, I still cannot get passed the fact that a vaccine is yet to be developed, yet alone proven to be successful and safe. The savagery of this virus which targets our demographic with such lethal intent is well displayed on the nightly news. With only rare survivors in our age group, it makes me very cautious. Never met anyone in my Medical Practicing life that held up their hand and exclaimed "**Pick Me First**".

That being so, we are now entering the time envelope as to whether we will be able to conduct our Exhibition in November or not. This is mainly due to whether the rules on social distancing may **still apply** or be **reapplied** if there is a second wave of infection. It is this uncertainty to which there is no answer. Anyone who has seen the Mineral group table on Saturday morning will know exactly what I mean.

I have had a dreadful time with a Mac update which rendered all my programs defunct, my Microsoft Office needing an upgrade to work which has to be purchased again, and, as far as the newsletter is concerned, does not allow me to cut and paste pictures that are sent to me as the version before did. The printer did not work and needed an expert so it has been a frustrating time. I cannot recommend any updates of anything based on the expense and "agro" that I have endured. Hopefully I am now back on top of it.

If you have news, items, gossip, photos or jokes that you wish published send me an email.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS: WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB**

Not much at all.

## Mineral Group

### From Noel With Love

Here it is with one third of the year gone. We do hope that you have all navigated that 1/3 well and truly well and looking after yourselves and family with top of the line health and plenty to do to use the isolation time profitably.

Not all of you devoted a little bit of that time to sorting out WAI 4.2. Twelve of you successfully solved 4.1 but this time only nine had a go at 4.2 and all got it right. Of course, it was hematite and I show you again in Attachment 1. Notice the spelling. Once upon a time it had an extra 'a' as in haematite but not now. The authority for the names of minerals and the spelling of those names is *Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species*. This authority is accepted in the Western World but not followed explicitly by all (tourmaline for example). Several years ago one entry in Fleischer was for 'sulphur' then it became 'sulfur' and now both spellings are accepted. And so it goes. If you are unsure about the spelling of some mineral, just google your guess and if it is not right Mr Google will offer you the correct spelling as an alternative.

Now on March 1 we turn our attention to WAI 3 which is Attachment 2. This is a truly spectacular example of this bright blue mineral. And, NO it is NOT azurite. It is the other blue one. You will need to do a bit of digging around to solve the ID and so you may well come across some other examples of this very attractive species. I will be pleased to receive more than 12 responses.

Please don't let me down. Noel



WAI 4.2.



WAI 3

## Joan Zealy - Skite Night

### David and Romina's Entry



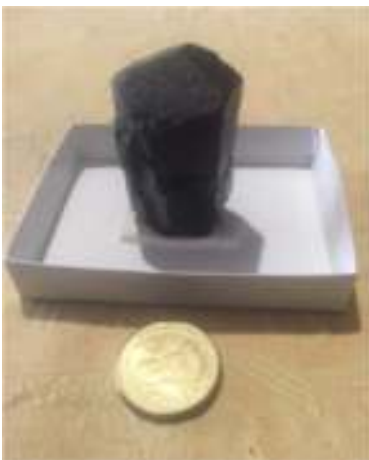
### Bob and Carol's Entry



Dravite crystal. Given to me by a former member

Gypsum. Collected in different locations on our travels.

### Chris Hatton's Entry



A couple of Tourmaline Grenades swapped for a couple of

Zircon crystal tops

This space is reserved for all those who did not participate.

Please send your apology to Joan

## A LOOK AT SOME GOOD TIMES GONE BY:

Some photos of our 1992 Rock Swap at Stuart Park when things were not so serious and we all partook in games like Gumboot Throwing and Sack Races - those were the days . . . .



Guess who (with not so many tables) and the rock scramble happening in the background



Gumboot throwing - at least it's going in the right direction!!!!  
Some old faces in the background.

PUNOGRAPHY: To be read as a quiz to family or friends – they will hate you

- I tried to catch some fog. I ..... mist.
- When chemists die, they .... barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the ....wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a ...seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can ...stop any time.
- How does Moses make his tea? ....Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it ...dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never .... met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't ...put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a ...play on words .
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was ...a type-O.
- This dyslexic man walks into a ...bra.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it ....grew on me.
- When you get a bladder infection, ..... urine trouble.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes.... back four seconds..
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.... Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are .....pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? ..... A thesaurus.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does ..... have a Liverpool .
- I used to be a banker, but then ..... I lost interest.
- I dropped out of communism class because of .....lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in London police stations have been stolen. Police say they have....nothing to go on.
- I took the job at a bakery because I .....kneaded dough.
- Velcro - .....what a rip off!
- Cartoonist found dead in home..... Details are sketchy.

Stay safe,

Editor Chris