

# Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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## **HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Committee of Management / President's Report**

When I took over as President in 2019 I planned only one major report.

That would be delivered in March 2022 at the end of the three years that I said that I would serve in this role. Last year was an abbreviated one - this one with a little more substance.

Why the change of heart you ask – the answer is Covid -19.

It was one year ago at the 2020 AGM and after the election of Office Bearers where I asked the audience for a show of hands in support of a directive to shut down the Club - there was 100% acceptance. I did not see a dissenting voter. Thank you for your support.

Covid – 19 was inflicting devastation on the elderly of the world and we are a Club of, mainly young at heart, older people and at high risk. Looking forward I could see the possibility of losing members to this virus which was a burden almost too onerous for me to contemplate. We have been in self imposed quarantine until January 2021 and we have not lost anyone to the virus.

It is good to see the Club open once more and the continual increase in patronage by members returning in increasing numbers every day.

The loss of contact however, was a great concern as, to many members, a weekly social visit, a cuppa and chat with friends and acquaintances of many years duration was now closed to them. It was often their only social outing. That loss of social contact for people in lockdowns around the world and the long term effects have yet to play out, I believe.

I sent out a monthly “Newsletters Extra” with a dash of humour, jokes, memes, puzzles etc. in the hope that it would continue to satisfy the members that we were still a club with a pulse. Those who gathered in Stuart Park to the “Bob is Lonely” get togethers, which was supported with ever increasing numbers over the later months of 2020, was indeed gratifying.

We are continuing to press on with equipment renewal but at a less frantic pace. This year will be marked with our new Constitution.

Our club rules will also need attention.

Thank you to the Club Secretary, John Maley who has been a tower of strength and energy during this trying time. He is the axle around which this club revolves and his efforts would be best acknowledged with applause.

To Rose Cook, Senior Vice President, a font of knowledge and Club history as well as a sounding board for new ideas - thank you. To Greg Cook for your offer of help with the exhibition again - thank you.

To our Publicity Officer, Lynne Webb for her support and help with the newsletter, always dotting the I's and crossing the T's that I forget to do – thank you.

To Bob Webb who has come out of “retirement”, was instrumental in re-establishing the social side of our Club rooms with the “Bob is Lonely” meetings in Stuart Park as well as instigating and leading a lot of our recent dealings with Council – thank you.

To David and Romina – the Fossicking Trips have given our Club another dimension which has encouraged many new members to join us – thank you.

There are numerous other Club members - the supervisors and regular members who have taken up jobs for the Club to whom I give a collective thank you.

In conclusion, it is the little things that I see and hear that make me smile when I am here. For instance the peels of laughter from Gossip Corner or Micks donated culinary efforts. The fig and ginger jam for instance – with this last attempt being the best so far.

Let us see what we can achieve in the coming 12 months

President, Chris Hatton

### **Executive Committee (Office Bearer's of the Club) elected at the Annual General Meeting are as follows:-**

<b>President</b>	Chris Hatton
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	John Wiltshire
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Bob Webb
<b>Secretary</b>	John Maley
<b>Treasurer</b>	Vicki Randall

### **Committee of Management elected:**

(Above Office Bearers), Rose Cook, Robert Hanson, Lynne Webb, Barry Young, Maureen Young, Joan Zealey and Veronica Baker

### **Other positions:**

<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Vacant
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Veronica Baker
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Lynne Webb
<b>Ass. Publicity Officer</b>	Vacant
<b>Lapidary Officer</b>	Veronica Baker
<b>Ass. Lapidary Officer</b>	Robert Hanson
<b>Catering Officers</b>	Carol Strachan Robert Hanson
<b>Webmaster</b>	Romina Di Noro

<b>Festival Co-Ordinator</b>	Chris Hatton
<b>Ass. Festival Co-Ordinators</b>	Rose Cook, Greg Cook
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Romina Di Noro
<b>Programme Secretary</b>	Joan Zealey
<b>Ass. Programme Secretary</b>	Vacant
<b>Public Officer</b>	John Maley
<b>Hall Booking Officer</b>	John Maley
<b>Librarian</b>	Janelle Bydder
<b>Ass. Librarian</b>	Vacant
<b>Sales Officers</b>	Barry Young, Robert Hanson, Terry Hogarth, Lynne Webb
<b>Trips Leader</b>	David Hastings
<b>Ass. Trip Leader</b>	Vacant
<b>Faceting Officers</b>	Peter Walsh
<b>Silver Craft Officers</b>	Mick Derrington
<b>Silver Casting Officer</b>	Barry Young
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Maureen Young
<b>Competition Officer</b>	Eva Auerbach
<b>G &amp; L Delegate</b>	Joan Zealey
<b>Enamelling Officer</b>	Michael Derrington
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Michael Yearsley
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Chris Hatton
<b>Ass. Newsletter editor</b>	Lynne Webb
<b>Mineral Group Convenor</b>	Noel Kennon
<b>Ass. Mineral Group Convenor</b>	Don Anderson
<b>Ass. Library Officer</b>	Vacant
<b>Grant's Officer</b>	Vacant
<b>Property Officer</b>	Vacant
<b>Webmaster</b>	Romina Di Noro
<b>Ground's Officer</b>	Vacant
<b>Ass. Ground's Officer</b>	Robert Hanson Barry Young
<b>Maintenance Officers</b>	Robert Hanson Barry Young

There are a few vacancies.... If you wish to help your Club, please take up a job. Give Secretary John or myself a call.

## Upcoming Activities:

### Business/Social Meeting - 15 April, 2021 – 7 pm

Our next Social Meeting will be a Skite Night - bring along an article/s or specimen/s found, made, bought, dug that you wish to brag about or just showoff to the members. This is a great, fun evening with lots of stories and great items being shown. This is an especially fun night for New Members.

### Enamelling Class

The enamelling classes will commence on the 7th of April. They will run for the first 2 weeks of each month until the hot weather returns. Could you please put your name in the classes book at the front of the hall so we can determine whether there will be enough people to run the classes.

### Dichroic Glass Class

There is a dichroic glass making class on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The class starts at 9.00 am sharp as it takes a while to get the glass ready to be fired and the kiln program runs for quite a long time. Please put your name in the book at the front of the hall. We have been able to purchase both the clear and black bullseye glass so you will just need to bring your own dichroic glass.

On a safety issue. Please do not put anything (tables, etc.) in front of the fire extinguishers as we use a lot of naked flames in the hall and we should have access to the extinguishers at all times in case of an emergency.

### Fossicking trip – Tambar Springs – 15 – 18 April

"Get ready for it!"

The second club trip of the year will be to Tambar Springs from the 15th - 18th April 2021.

If you are interested in going, please email David at [illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au](mailto:illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au) to register your interest and receive the finer details!"

Put your names in the trips book.

**They finally made a jacket**



**Just for carrying rocks!**

## **OPEN DAY MAY – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021**

The Open Day is happening and we are able to hold our Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. Those wishing to set up a stall inside should contact Secretary John on Ph: 42675618 otherwise setting up outside is on a first in best dressed basis.

**Please note everyone**, this year there will be a fee charged on all stalls of \$5.00 per table (i.e. \$5.00 for each 2 metres or part thereof).

## **Past Activities:**

### **Business Meeting – 17 March**

Be advised that your membership expires on the 31st of March if you are non-financial, **No newsletter , no use of the clubs equipment etc.** Contact Vicki or deposit your subs on line.

We will recommence our social meetings this month with a Skite Night. Anyone wishing to give a presentation or know of someone that could give a talk to the Club, or suggestions on what you would like to hear about at a Social Meeting, please let our Programme Secretary Joan Zealey know. I will be talking about Mudtank Zircons in July.

**Mudgee Gemboree** Easter 2022. We are involved in positioning the campers (caravans, tents, motor homes etc) for the weekend and taking camping fees. Can you help? This would mean joining us on site of the Gemboree a number of days early to guide the campers to their spots. You will find it quite a blast. For those newer members, the Gemboree is the Australian National Gemstones & Jewellery, Gemcraft & Beads, Minerals Show held annually in a different state of Australia each year. It is being held in Tasmania this year and Mudgee next year where the Club will be helping out.

Safety – please do not obstruct the path to the fire extinguisher. There are very heavy penalties if the authorities call and find that the safety rules have been contravened.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

The Fire Extinguishers were replaced in March. There is a sign above each stating what sort of fire they should be used for. Please make yourself familiar with what they can be used for (as this may have changed).

## **Fundraiser – BBQ Bunnings**

A successful day, thank you to everyone who assisted with this event. A club profit of close to \$1000 is to be applauded. Well done John for having the courage to arrange this.

## **Defibrillator Training**

Wednesday 10 AM 24<sup>th</sup> March Gerry Van Duin walked us through how to use the defibrillator but the attendance was poor with only a dozen club members there to learn. Once you deploy the pads it walks you through the steps

## Mineral Group

Hello All,

April will be upon us soon and so will be the inclement weather. So, as well as staying safe and getting your vaccine shot when it is offered, now is the time to stay warm and dry.

First of all, let me address WAI 3 (attached). I had only a very few responses to this WAI with only one correct answer. You will remember WAI 1 and 2 in February. One was green and the other yellow and both were pyromorphite - correctly answered by many. Pyromorphite occurs in three main colours, one is green, another is yellow and the third is brown which was the colour of WAI 3 which was, of course, pyromorphite. There is a large specimen with this particular colour in our mineral cabinet that many of you saw when here for the Xmas party. These are the sort of things you should remember when looking at a collection. WAI 4 is attached.

There were eight of us at the March meeting with 6 apologies so we are well on the way back to a degree of normality. Most stayed for supper. The DVD that we started with was a presentation about the mineral collection in the Natural History Museum in London. Some great specimens for our enjoyment.

The ID exercise No 3 was well answered with an average of 7 to 8. Well done. For April it will be No 11, so prepare as you think will be necessary. You will not need gloves from now on. The presentation will be given by Ed on Microminerals, and the Quiz will be on Minerals and colour.

We will finish with freebies and supper, but all will need to bring their own as, at the moment, all the Club can provide is the hot water. Same as last month.

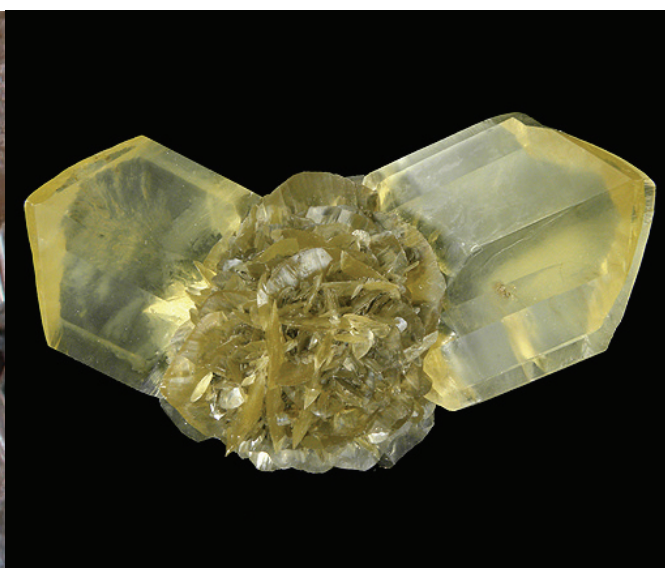
Something for your diary – our first Working Bee to prepare material for the Show will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of April. We will start at 8.30 and be on our way home by midday. There will be the usual break for morning tea but, again, please bring your own.

We look forward to seeing many, most, or all on March 24 at 6.30pm.  
Until then,

Noel



WAI 3



WAI 4

## The Founder Remembered

I am certain that a number of our senior members will remember her fondly and may wish to attend



## Water Damage

We did not escape the ravages of the recent weather event. There was water damage at the front door and front of the hall floor probably due to rain being forced under the door by the wind.

Many of the log books in the silver room were also saturated as well.

Thank you to the guys that cleaned up the mess.

### **Dates to Remember:**

2 to 5 April – Gemboree, Hobart, Tasmania

7 April – Enamelling Classes start up again subject to numbers.  
Please put your name in the book

15 April – Business/Social Meeting and Skite Night, Club Rooms at 7pm

15-18 April – Field Trip, Tambar Springs

2 May – Open Day at the Club Rooms.  
Donations for morning tea going to the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea

15 & 16 May – Lismore Gemfest, Lismore Showground, Lismore

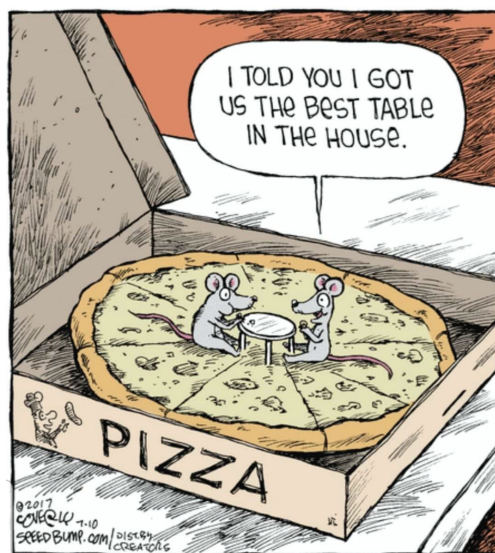
24 & 25 September – Gemkhana, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

6 & 7 November – Annual Exhibition, Dapto

Cheers

Chris Hatton

Editor.





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# OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 2nd MAY, 2021**

At our Club House

51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna

**9am—2pm**



## Stalls selling –

Gemstones, fossils, rough, minerals, handcrafted jewellery, books & more

## Morning Tea –

Home made cakes & goodies — all the proceeds from morning tea go to the Cancer Council

## Lunch –

Sausage sizzle and drinks available

**Proceeds of Morning Tea go to the  
CANCER COUNCIL'S BIG MORNING TEA**



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