



Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

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HELLO EVERYONE!

Presidents Note:

The Club is open, and, for the first week business was slow, but, I am hoping for a roll back of the Government's social distancing restrictions that will lift the numbers. Bob H reports that three turned up on Monday morning (18th) but no one on Monday night.

Roly went home after no one turned up on Tuesday (19th).

Thursday (21st)there were four for Mick's silver class and four casual visitors (John Barry, Bob and myself) and six this Wednesday (2 outside in the hall) and couple in the cutting room with Veronica and a few visitors as well. Today Micks class had three.

Thursday the facetors' returned with seven members. Their plans are for future classes will be on how to set stones that they have cut, computer lessons for Gemcad and Gemray as well as visiting experts on faceting.

I know that when the Gossip Corner (AKA beading) opens, we will be back to normal. It was pleasing that Aira came today, so come along and keep her company next week.

Eva on Friday reported two members on Friday 22nd, two have been booked on Friday 29th but call her about **Friday 5th Feb** as the hall is scheduled for fumigation to combat our crawling pests. It was pleasing to note that all the Covid 19 directives were followed and the Supervisors reported good compliance with all the visitors to the Club.

UP-COMING EVENTS: WHATS HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB

Rock Swap, Stuart Park, North Wollongong – Sunday 28 February, 2021.

I will publish an updated Covid plan for the Rock Swap next week to keep everyone in the loop, but, this will include stall holders having anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitiser on their tables for the public to use. Marquees will be required to be set apart from each other to allow for social distancing between stalls. Flyer is attached, please print and pop in shop windows or give to friends.

Business Meeting

We have continued the bi-annual subscription to The Australian Journal of Minerology. There are beautiful photos and it is very informative. If Minerals are your interest, then these are a must look.

A decision was made about the Annual General Meeting in March in that if there is a deterioration in the Covid 19 status and the meeting has to be cancelled then all Office Bearers will remain in their current roles until the Annual General Meeting can be re-scheduled.

Secretary John has now prepared multiple Covid Safe Plans and has one for every possibility including earthquake.

Current Covid-19 documents related to the Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc, can be found via our website www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au or directly at <https://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/covid-19/>

Up-coming Fossicking Trip to Oallen Ford – 7 February, 2021



Oallen Ford 2020

With magnification there are specks of alluvial gold to be seen

The fossicking trip for Club Members is still on for the 7th February, attendees must confirm that they are going before the day and will receive an email confirming the details of the trip. Bring detectors, gold pans, implements of destruction, a strong back and a positive mindset not disposed to disappointment.

There will be a Sausage Sizzle for \$5 per person and any proceeds will go to the club.

Call/SMS David on 0431598670, further details will be provided to those who have confirmed that they will be attending. So far we have 9 members attending.

Mineral Group:

Our meeting went well with Ann and I and eight members of the Mineral Group including two from Sydney. It was decided as follows.

1 While it is permissible, we will hold monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday starting at 6.30 pm and lasting for about 2 hours.

2 Starting in February, we will each bring our own provisions and have supper after a meeting.

3 The program for the year will be essentially the same as the abandoned 2020 program but with a few necessary adjustments.

4 Members who are reluctant to attend meetings early in 2021 will be welcome to join the Group when they are ready to do so.

5 On the advice of John Maley, we will plan for an Annual Show by preparing material for the Club Table.

So, it was, and will be, essentially business as usual for the Group. Other than the necessary malarky before the meeting and no supper, everything we did was no different from what we have been doing for 17 years.

Cheers
Noel

Membership Fees are now due:

Annual Subscription Fees are as follows:

Renewal of Membership per person: \$20 + \$4 compulsory insurance

Renewal of Family Membership: \$45 (minimum of 3 people) + \$4 per person compulsory Insurance

Concession (Senior/Student/Pensioner) per person: \$15 + \$4 compulsory Insurance

Junior (12 – 18 years) per person: \$15 + \$4 compulsory Insurance

New members (people joining for the first time) need to add an additional \$10 joining fee to the above amounts.

Fees can be paid to Treasurer Vicki, or, preferably deposited directly to the Club's Account as follows:

Lapidary Club Account Details

Account Name: Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc

BSB: 062-528

Account Number: 00902992

Do not forget to put in your name so we know who has paid.

Classes:

Dichroic Glass firing – will start again on the 31st Mar and will continue on the fifth Thursday of each month until the summer heat returns. Contact Veronica.

Lampwork - Starts on the First Tuesday in Feb (2nd). Contact Jenny B.

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

PAST ACTIVITIES:

Muttama November 2020

The land owner told us he has never ever seen this much grass on his property.



I have never seen this amount of Patterson Curse either.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7th February – Field Trip to Oallen Ford
- 28 February – Rock Swap – Stuart Park, North Wollongong 8am to 2pm
- 13 & 14 March – Canberra Rock Swap, Parrot Park, Exhibition Park Canberra (EPIC).
Please note change of venue to Parrot Park
- 2nd to 5th April – Gemboree, Hobart, Tasmania, visit website for further details.
- 24 & 25 September – Gemkhana, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

Cheers

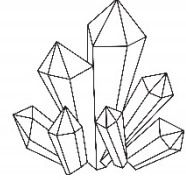
Chris Hatton

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Rock Swap



Sunday 28th February, 2021
Stuart Park, North Wollongong
8 am to 2 pm



Stalls selling
Crystals, Minerals, Fossils,
and Jewellery
Equipment and Books
Information: John Maley 42675618

Covid-19 Plan will be in place