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President's Notes:

Looking at the nightly news, an easing of restriction was certainly welcome in Sydney.

I am looking forward to next Monday when travel restrictions are removed. I can travel to the bank, Professor Murphy, to the club house in Tarrawanna and my daughter can come home to visit. We took her to Sydney on a Thursday with a car full of her chattels. Greater Sydney lockdown started the next day.

It seems like a long time ago when the easing of restrictions were mooted. I was very interested in the statements from the then Premier that there would be a spike in numbers of Covid cases and deaths. These will be foremost on the minds of the committee when we meet again (Three of us are still under restriction orders and it is illegal to travel to Tarrawanna until next Monday).

I have said in previous newsletters that we are the target demographic and that seems to be confirmed by the findings from overseas in countries that have already opened up. If you wish to read further google "Israeli Covid experiences" and put on your seat belt.

You will be pleased to know that John M and Bob W have been very busy with plans for the clubs' future which will be confirmed by the committee when we meet next. I will ask Romina to send out a special note to all members with the results of that meeting and our opening agenda.

Stay safe,

Cheers,
Chris

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ILC Facebook Auction

Our second auction was a great success! Up for auction was a pre-owned Robilt, rotary tumbler. Congratulations to the lucky winner, who won it for \$138.



A big thank you to those who participated in the auction!

Our next auction is up already for a jar of beautiful Opal chips, so, for those who missed out on the first auction, don't worry you can bid now!

An easy way to find out more and be notified of this online auction is by liking and following the ILC's Facebook page that can be found on the below link!

<https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraLC>

ILC Business Meeting and Social Night



We still don't have a date set for the club's next Business or Social meeting. The next meeting to be held in the clubrooms at 51 Meadow St, Tarrawanna will depend on Covid and members will be contacted with further information.

The last business meeting was held on the 16th June. Minutes from the meeting are available at the club in the Silver room (when it is open again). The July, August, September and October business/social meetings we cancelled due to Covid.

What's on next...

I keep mentioning that our next social meeting will star none other than our President Chris, talking about his annual trip to Mud Tank. It will happen, really... 😊

ILC Mineral Group

The Mineral Class will not meet at the club this year, Noel will let everyone know if the class will go ahead in January 2022. The last class was held on the 26th of May and was well attended. Details of this meeting can be found in June's newsletter.



WAI 13

WAI 13 and 14: Noel sent out the following with these two WAIs. *"They are two different minerals. They are unrelated to each other. They are common minerals. You have seen minerals of these two types in the ID exercises we managed to fit in 2020 and 2021 before we were closed down. So, you are familiar with both. Now, what are they? Here is my challenge to each of you. Send Noel your two answers before his birthday."*



WAI 14



WAI 11.1

WAI 11.1 and 11.2: For those following the WAI each month, last month we had WAI 11.1 and 11.2. Clues given for WAI 11.1 and 11.2, were that, *the images were in black and white and if Noel has sent them in colour, you would have no problem in guessing.* If you had said that WAI 11.1 and 11.2 was Fluorite, then you would have been correct!



WAI 11.2



WAI 12.2

WAI 12.1 and 12.2 The other two WAIs that Noel snuck in, in September. No clues were given. If you had said that WAI 12.1 and 12.2 were both Rhodochrosite, then you would have been correct!



1WAI 12.1

If you are interested in learning more about minerals in person, join the Mineral Class every fourth Wednesday of the month (covid pending), everyone can attend and it is definitely very interesting!