

In Memory - Wolfgang Kwiatkowski

Older members of the Illawarra Club will be saddened by the news that Wolfgang Kwiatkowski peacefully passed away on 30 September aged 91. Wolfgang was a Past President and Life Member of the NSW Lapidary Club but had a special affinity for members of the Illawarra Club. In the late 1900's he was a regular visitor to our Club, Rock Swaps, Open Days and Shows, travelling from Sydney by rail and always accompanied by his special friend Shirley Harris. Wolfgang and Shirley accompanied us on several trips and he gave at least one talk to our Club.

He will be remembered as a gentleman, kindly, always happy, always friendly and always willing to help in any way possible. When our members attended the NSW Open Days he was always there to welcome us and help us appreciate the displays and enjoy our visits.

It is doubtful that many of us will remember his surname for he was known as just Wolfgang by all, but however we remember him, the lapidary community is diminished by his passing.

- Noel



Exhibition Guessing Competition and Prizes

Just a reminder that the raffle for the Guessing Competition that was to be drawn at our Exhibition on the 7th November 2021, has been postponed and will now be drawn on the evening of the 16th March 2022, at the clubhouse. If the covid lockdown restrictions are lifted, tickets will be available to purchase from club members, starting mid January 2022 at the clubhouse. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the club's Rock Swap, which will be held at Stuart Park, Wollongong, on the 27th February 2022. A big thank you goes to those who donated some of the prizes!



1st Prize: Horse & Pumpkin carriage, made by members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club in sterling silver. It is 99mm long, 23mm wide, 45mm high. Valued at \$1800

2nd prize: Agate pendant. sterling silver wired pendant set on a 42-centimetre sterling silver link chain, donated by Veronica Baker, valued at \$600.

3rd prize: Enamelled sterling silver pendant, handmade and donated by Michael Derrington, valued at \$280.

4th prize: Amethyst specimen, from Mexico. Donated by Ken Mitchell, valued at \$150

5th prize: Enamel disk flower pendant, handmade and donated by Michael Derrington, valued at \$150.

Your Club needs your help!



We still have positions in the club that have not been filled. If you have some spare time to give, we still have some spots within the club that we would love members to volunteer for. Please have a look below and see if there is anything you can help us with.

Two specific spots we need to fill as a priority and both being very important ones, are the roles of **Treasurer**, which has recently become vacant and **Grants Officer**. The role of the Treasurer is to keep a proper book of accounts, recording the assets and liabilities and all financial transactions of the Club etc. The role of the Grants Officer is to look for, respond to and write grant applications for funding for the ILC. Please consider volunteering for these roles, your club would really appreciate it as they are an integral part of the club!

The following positions also currently require filling:

- **Treasurer** (as mentioned above)
- **Grants Officer** (as mentioned above)
- Assistant Programme Secretary
- Assistant Competition Officer
- Membership Renewals Officer
- Assistant Library Officer

Please let us know if you can fill any of these positions, your help would be appreciated by your Club!



Gemboree 2022 Mudgee

Dates: Fri, 15 Apr 2022 – Mon, 18 Apr 2022

Location: Australian Rural Education Centre (AREC)

You may remember from a past newsletter that I mentioned The Gemboree in 2022. I thought I would just bring it back up as a reminder and a heads up for our new members. This is something that the Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc. will be part of, that means if you (any member new or existing can put their hand up to participate) are interested in travelling to Mudgee around Easter time next year, you can be part of it too! Volunteers will also be needed a couple days before the show starts. A group from ILC went up to Mudgee to have a look at the showground where the Gemboree would be held, they reported back that there is PLENTY of space for traders and tailgaters inside and out and lots of parking spots too! Camping spots for the ILC will be close to the front gates to assist us with our task. It would be a good time to go, as next year, it is closest to us, Last year it was in Tas, 2023 it will be in QLD, 2024 it will be in SA, 2025 it will be in Victoria and 2026 it will be back in Tassie!

In regards to the Gemboree, ILC will be in charge of escorting people to their camping spots when they arrive and on Sunday morning, the Men's Shed will be providing breakfast.

If you would like to volunteer and help our club out, please let us know, the more the merrier! Even if you are only interested in going overnight, book now to avoid missing out.



Next Month's Newsletter content submissions

In Next month's newsletter, we'll be looking at **Grabben Gullen**, a place the club goes to often to find sapphires around this time of the year. If you would like to show off your sapphires from Grabben Gullen with a line of text explaining the photo, or any other finds of yours from Grabben Gullen, please attach them to an email and send it to: illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au with the subject "newsletter submission". I would love to include photos of your experience!

Next month, will also be something that everyone in the club can contribute to! Our last newsletter of 2021 will be featuring **your** most single, **favourite specimen**! It can be something you fossicked yourself or something that you fossicked for with your wallet. Please email your most favourite **one** through to the above email address by Friday the 12th November 2021.

Dates to Remember

Your Club

TBA: Covid Pending

7 – 8pm: Business Meeting

8pm: Social Night



A “talk on Mud Tank and Zircons by our very own President, Chris. I could turn into a fossil by the time we’re allowed to hear his talk.

January 23rd 2022:

Club Field Trip

Oallen Ford – Gold hunting & Social BBQ
9am –

Let David know via the club’s email address by the 16th January if you plan to come along, so your name can be put in the field trip book for insurance purposes. BBQ \$5 p/p, proceeds to go to the club. Further info will be provided to those who are going closer to the date.



27th February 2022:

ILC Rock Swap

Stuart Park, North Wollongong

8 – 2pm

Other Clubs

October 2nd – 3rd: Deferred until the new year

Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association
54th Annual Open Jewellery, Woodwork and Patchwork/Quilting Exhibition

They are open for entries if you are interested.

<https://ferrypark.net/>

~~30th & Sun 31st October:~~ **CANCELLED**

~~Canberra Lapidary Club~~

~~Spring Show:~~

~~Sat: 10am to 5pm~~

~~Sun: 10am to 4pm~~

25th – 28th February 2022:

WW2 Exhibition

Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road

For all dates, please check with the show’s organisers to ensure they are still going ahead. Covid may find some cancelled.

For all DIY and Club trips, please add your name to the trip book or let David know via the club’s email address when each trip is coming up.



Buy/Sell/Swap

Do you have anything to list in the buy/sell/swap section?
Please send us as email to have it included in the next newsletter!

How does it work?

If you are interested in advertising/buying something,
please email illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au
a photo (if possible) of the item you would like to buy/sell/swap with a
short description and the price if applicable.

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expenses arising from or in any way connected with such right, claim or actions.

Hopefully, everyone is getting their newsletter via email, if not and you are reading a hard copy, please add the club's email address (see below) to your Address Book or Contacts. Also, if you have changed your email address, please let us know by sending an email to: illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au so you can continue to receive updates about events and our newsletter. The monthly newsletter can also be found on the ILC website under News.

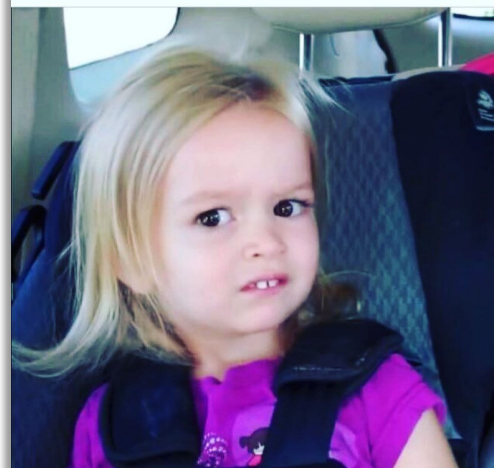
If you would like to submit articles, tips and tricks, step by step photos of what you've been working on, or anything lapidary related to the newsletter. Please send an email to illawacq@illawarralapidaryclub.com.au with the subject "newsletter submission". We would love to include it!



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When someone tells you that crystals are just pretty rocks.



May your rough always shine, Romina :)