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COUNCIL MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE - Meet monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month, 1pm, at Clubrooms,
Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullager Rd, Wentworthville NSW

Visitors welcome to attend

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday June 24th at the Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,
73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville

Please attend - you will be made very welcome

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 ISSUE

August 19th (third Wednesday of the month)

ATTENTION: CLUB EDITORS

Please add me to your mailing list to receive your Club newsletters, Ed:)

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COUNCIL NEWS & INFORMATION

At the General Meeting of Wednesday, July 22, it was noted that almost all the regional Clubs had paid their membership fees. Inverell Club advised it no longer has the fossicking lease at Elsmore. Future fossicking MUST be arranged with the landowner.

J&R Report

Judges are being allocated for Hunter Valley Gemology judging on Saturday Sept 5, GEMKHANA Sunday Sept 13 (at Parramatta-Holroyd), Central Coast on Saturday Sept 26, Illawarra on Saturday Oct 24, and Parramatta-Holroyd on Saturday Oct 31.

Barbara thanked Arthur for arranging the judging sheets for Hawkesbury Show judging. Arthur noted fossil and mineral judges are needed for GEMKHANA judging at Hawkesbury.

Editor's Report

Sandra's circumstances have changed and caused her to resign after producing the July issue. Therefore, we are now urgently in need of another editor. The magazine is an excellent avenue for the Council and Clubs to pass on information and it would be a disaster to lose it.

Education Report

Following the release of the new judging manual, Barbara is planning to hold a Manual Appreciation course for judges, competitors and other interested members as soon as possible. The first one is likely to be at the Central Coast Club for its judges and those in the north, and one in the metro area for those in the metro and southern areas.

GEMKHANA® Report October 3-4-5

1. TVS has been recommended as an alternative to WIN TV (coverage is from west to Lithgow) and GEM (Canberra and Goulburn) and metro channels that we cannot afford.
2. Hawkesbury Tourist office will be followed up.
3. Hawkesbury Council has three sets of poles where banners may be hung, but we have only been allowed the use of one set, so chose those in North Richmond.
4. The Show Society will attend to the amenities at the cost of \$100.
5. The deposit for the use of the showground is paid, and the balance is due when we get there.

6. Presentation of trophies will be at 10am on Monday.
7. Tables are booked to arrive at 9am on Thursday.
8. Col has found a group (Macquarie Town Centre Arts) that appears willing to lend us six screens 6'x5' on legs to raise them to 6'. Yet to be advised whether free or for a small fee. They need to be collected on Tuesday and returned on Tuesday. John will take his trailer up early.
9. No raffle prizes received yet.
10. Where can Competition committee paraphernalia be stored? Perhaps the trailer will be suitable.
11. How many people can be available on Tuesday (29/9) to fit lights into the showcases? Arthur, Col, John, Mick & Alex. Mick will bring four tables to work on, and Arthur has two more if needed.
12. Re displays offered: Arthur, Pam & Alex, Una – 2 showcases.

GEMBOREE® 2017: Lithgow – Easter

We have a registrar. Brian and Margie Foster of Central Coast Club.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on August 26 at 11am (before the regular monthly meeting). All welcome.

The booklet is now a priority. Annette Clarke has been in touch with trophy donors. Forms need to be drawn up. The cover design needs to be considered.

Only one dealer is yet to reply to the letter of interest, then contracts can be sent out.

The floor plan will be drawn up shortly. All Fired Up Pizza is yet to be contacted. Col has quotes for portable toilets and showers.

Tony asked for help cutting and polishing the rhodonite for the trophies. Ron and John offered.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Lilly advised NSW is presently revising its constitution; will hold an open day, linked with the garage sale trail on August 10 and will hold its annual exhibition on October 24 and 25.
2. Una noted the highway is again open through Bullaburra, and Blue Mountains Club will soon set a date for its annual exhibition.
3. Arthur reminded us he will not accept nomination for secretary at the AGM. We MUST have a secretary.
4. We are in urgent need of a new editor.

5. The AFLACA Historian, Janett Maunder, asked if a list is available giving dates when each NSW club began. Probably not. Secretaries are therefore asked to tell Arthur (4572 5812) or Marilyn (9635 8218) when their club began. Janett also asked if anyone has old GEMBOREE photos. If so, please send them (or copies) to her at 9 Caithness Crescent, GLEN WAVERLEY Vic, 3150.

The meeting closed at 2.15pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 1pm, August 26, at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville

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Keep in mind that material sold at the free tailgating stall MUST be Club material - that is, it is not to be owned by an individual. It is aimed to benefit the Club as a whole.



Hand-shaped wire-wrapped fire opal pin brooch with soldered chain links made by the Editor

GEMKHANA ~ OCTOBER 3-5

GEMKHANA is an annual State Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over NSW, presented by the Lapidary Council of NSW. This year it will be held over the Labour Day Weekend, October 3-5, at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon, NSW.



GEMKHANA dates and times are: Saturday October 3 from 10am to 5pm, Sunday October 4 from 10am to 5pm, and Monday October 5 from 9am to 12 noon. Camping is available at \$15 per night.

This year's GEMKHANA features displays and demonstrations, a wide range of lapidary products from commercial traders, as well as excess rocks, minerals and handcrafted items from Club member tailgaters.

The competition sections include: cabochons and freeform, carving and engraving, enamelling, faceting, fossils, gem trees, jewellery including cast metal, soldered and wire-wrapped pieces, minerals, novelty gem craft, tumbled stones and polished faces, and showcases. If any Club members have created something amazing or found an exceptional specimen, consider entering it into this state-wide gem and lapidary competition.



Postal entries and entry forms for all sections must be received by the Competition Committee by Friday 28th August with entries in person being accepted between 1pm and 4pm on Saturday 29th August 2015 at the clubrooms of the Northern Districts Lapidary Club at the rear of the Beecroft Community Centre, Copeland Road, Beecroft NSW 2119. Late entries will not be eligible for competition and will be returned.

For essential information about competing in this year's GEMKHANA, check out the information on the Gem & Lapidary Council's website:

<http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana>

GEMKHANA

The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries
from all over NSW, presented by the Lapidary Council of NSW Inc

HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND Clarendon

Just a short walk from the Clarendon Railway Station (between Windsor & Richmond Stations)



Labour Day Weekend – October 3-4-5

Saturday	Oct 3	10am-5pm
Sunday	Oct 4	10am-5pm
Monday	Oct 5	9am-12 noon

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- Traders from throughout Australia will display and sell the best in lapidary requirements: Ready-to-wear jewellery, gems, mountings, minerals, fossils, crystals, turquoise, jade, beads, gift items, books, equipment and tools.
- Club members will tailgate/sell excess material from their own fossicking trips. Great gem and mineral specimens are available, as well as hand-crafted items and much more.
- Raffle and attractions for everyone of all ages
- Plenty of parking and refreshments available

Adults \$3 Children \$1 Families \$8

Contacts: Marilyn or John 02 9635 8218 or Arthur 02 4572 5812

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Australia's Hidden Wealth... Across the Red Centre, narrated by John Stanton, 90mins VHS

Gemstones of America, hosted by Efreem Zimbalist 60mins VHS

The Stewart Tourmaline Story, Pala 57mins WHS

Fossicking for Topaz, Mt Surprise, Central Qld, John Taylor 37mins

Wire Jewellery

Cuttlefish Casting, Nelson Robertson

Mt St Helens (90mins) & Kilauea (30mins) volcanic eruptions WHS

The Broken Hill GEMBOREE Centenary 1983, BETA

Diamond Setting – Bead & Bright Cut, (2 hours)

Pearl & Bead Threading, with Henrietta

The Tucson Experience, The Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Gemstone Carving

Does your Club have a video or DVD on any lapidary topic that others are likely to find of interest?

The Council is happy to consider it for inclusion in its audio/visual library. If you do have something, please contact the Secretary. If you find anything you think worthwhile adding to this list, please let the Council know by contacting the Secretary or someone listed on our contacts page. ◆

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REMINDER

Please forward all details of elected officers to the G&L Council Secretary following your local Club AGMs. Also, if your Club has a webpage or a facebook page, make sure you inform the G&L Secretary to ensure that the NSW G&L Club Index page is current.



Members of the Lismore Club speccking at Emmaville (from May Club Newsletter)

CLUB NEWS

Many Clubs have their AGMs coming up. All Club members are requested to attend their AGMs, and elect an executive and committee who will act in their interest. Nomination forms are available from Club Secretaries.

Mitchelton & Districts Club are holding a mid-year workshop clean-up this month. They are also in preparation for their annual Club competition night held in October, where their Club members can display their works and compete in ten categories graded by popular vote.

The Orange Club have had electricians in to replace power-points and create drop power-point access from the ceiling for the work tables in both rooms. This has made the workshop environment more accessible and safe for their members.

Long-time Bundaberg Club member, Ross Keppell, has passed away. Our condolences go to his wife, Lois, and their family.

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G&L NEWS EDITOR

Hello from your new Editor, Theresa Mason. I have been editor of the Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club newsletter since March, and am looking forward to the extra challenge of also editing the *G&L News*. On behalf of the Council and myself, I'd like to thank Sandra Maher for her wonderful editorship of the *G&L News*. It's a huge task to undertake each month and Sandra has done a fantastic job. I will aim to do my best to uphold the standard expected by our broad membership.



G&L News is an excellent asset for information-sharing between Clubs. Please submit any articles, stories or pictures of

interest to other Club members. We all share a wonderful common interest in our diverse love for rocks, minerals, and/or jewellery-making. If your Club or membership has anything of interest to our readership, please consider submitting an article or contacting me with a story suggestion. Your ideas, experiences or discoveries might inspire others. Remember, this publication is both for your interest and for the sharing of information of interest to other Club members. Please contribute. Even a brief paragraph would be great.

Submission deadline is the third Wednesday of each month. There is some flexibility around this, so please don't be put off by feeling you have missed a deadline. The *G&L News* is an excellent way to promote your Club. Use it to your advantage, and/or please draw my attention to any items of interest.

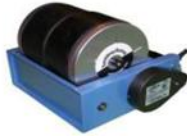
Like most of you, I have a strong love for all things gem and lapidary. My husband and I have been members of the Lismore Club for about four years. I love nature, and going fossicking or specking and/or camping is one of my favourite things to do. Since joining the Club I have made cabochons, done free-form faceting, cast silver, enjoyed silver wire-wrapping, learnt silver-soldering, designed and made jewellery, gone on many great fossicking trips, and helped out at Gemfest with Bob Maher on the fossicking site for the past three years. The positive aspects of being in a gem and lapidary club are amazing. I have met some wonderful people, learnt some incredible skills, and been able to share in a truly creative environment of like-minded others. I hope you will find connection through this publication ♥

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EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

August

1	Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Show	Ipswich Showgrounds, Qld
1	Innisfail Club Gem Show	Clubrooms, Innisfail, Qld
6-9	Anakie Gemfest	Allan King Memorial Park, Anakie, Qld
15-16	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Show	Glenbrook Community Hall, NSW
15-16	Central Qld Gem Show	Gladstone Showgrounds, Qld
22-23	Carlingford Gem & Mineral Fair	Roselea Community Centre, Carlingford, NSW
26	G&L Council Meeting, 1pm	Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, NSW
29	Waterloo Bay Gem Show	Hemmant Community Hall, Qld

September

12-13	Bribie Island Gem Festival	Clubhouse, Bribie Island, Qld
26	Caloundra Gem Show	Caloundra State School, Qld
26-27	White Cliffs Gemfest & Carboot Sale	White Cliffs Community Hall, NSW

October

3	Beenleigh Gem Show	Beenleigh Showgrounds, Qld
3-5	GEMKHANA	Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon, NSW
10	Nambour GemFest	Nambour Showground, Qld
10-11	Central Coast Lapidary Show	Mingara Sport & Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi, Qld
24-25	Toowoomba Gemfest	Centenary Heights High School, Toowoomba, Qld

November

7-8	Illawarra Gem Show	Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto, NSW
7-8	Bundaberg Gem Fair	Civic Centre, Bundaberg, Qld
7-8	Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show	Mallee Pavilion, Canberra, ACT
7-8	Zeehan Gem & Mineral Show	Zeehan Primary School, Tas
13-15	Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club	Exhib. Clubhouse, Wentworthville, NSW
14	Suncoast Gem Show	Mooloolabah State School, Qld
14-15	Newcastle Jewellery & Gem Show	Club Rooms, Adamstown, NSW
14-15	Launceston Gem & Mineral Show	Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston, Tas
28-29	Windsor Gem & Mineral Fair	Windsor Function Centre, NSW

December

5-6	Nepean Lapidary Club Show Day	Nepean Club House, St Marys, NSW
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**NEXT BIG EVENT
FOR
GEM & LAPIDARY COUNCIL**



GEMKHANA

October 3-5

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon NSW