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## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday August 24, at the Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd  
Lapidary Club, 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, 1pm

Please attend - you will be made very welcome ♥

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## **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 ISSUE**

August 17 (third Wednesday of the month, plus a few days grace)

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# G&L COUNCIL NEWS & INFORMATION

## Minutes from G&L Council Meeting, July 27, 2016

The meeting was opened at 12.50pm by President, Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following Clubs: Minsoc (Arthur Roffey OAM), Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Col Wright), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent) and Parramatta-Holroyd (Ron Jones and John & Marilyn Behrens). **Apologies:** Bankstown (J Ball OAM), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane & Una King), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), NSW (Lilly Murphy).

**J&R Report:** Judges have been allocated for the following judgments: Hunter Valley - 27 August; GEMKHANA - 10 September at Parramatta-Holroyd; Central Coast - 17 September at Central Coast; Northern Districts - 15 October at NDLC; Illawarra - 22 October; Parramatta-Holroyd - 23 October (Sunday) at Parramatta-Holroyd; GEMBOREE 2017 - over two weekends - 18 & 19 February 2017 at Parramatta-Holroyd and 25 & 26 February at Central Coast Lapidary Club. The GEMBOREE 2018 competition schedule still has not been approved.

**G&L News:** Barbara thanked Theresa and Marilyn for their work in getting the *G&L News* out.

**Education Report:** Nothing to report.

**GEMKHANA® Report October 1-2-3:** G&L Council is co-ordinating the GEMKHANA, but will need help at the show. Competition closing date 19th August; judging September 10th - already 25 entries received. Thank you all for the lovely raffle prizes. A few promised are still coming. Barbara will approach Mars Foods about a hamper again. Although there will be some newspaper advertising, some of it will be replaced with letters to schools and community groups and bookmarks to libraries etc in the area. Advertising is already on lots of websites and requested for Metal Stone & Glass and Gold Gem & Treasure. Notice is already in the Hawkesbury Tourist Office and on its website. The Mayor has been invited, but cannot reply until after the election on 2nd Sept. Dealers are finalised. Receipts and a letter about drapes will be sent shortly. Arthur has arranged to hire speakers. Several demonstrators have agreed, others yet to be asked.

**GEMBOREE® 2017:** Information bags: Lithgow Council will supply 400. Tony has been in touch with a few people about items for the information bags. Also about wine and cheese. Marilyn has asked about items for the bags. Barbara is also enquiring about vouchers etc for the bags. Colin will give Arthur a map to print for



the bags and to send to dealers. A note of local churches and Easter services will also be put into the bags. The Age of Fishes has been advised of approximate space available to them. Need actual dimensions later. Barbara and Tony are having the main raffle prize valued. Daily early access will be available to dealers. The meeting gave Barbara approval to have the medallions made by the man who made them for Bathurst, since she cannot get a response from Amanda. Catering is still progressing. Barbara will follow up with the Portland Scouts re having the amenities cleaned. Plenty of garbage bins are available. Agreed to have a senior, junior and tiny tot princess. Since the Enfield tiara is no longer able to be used at GEMBOREEs (insurance is too costly), a rhinestone tiara is used for the senior princess. The junior princess has the Beenleigh tiara (silver and moonstones). Discussed the possibility of a lapidary tiara for the senior princess - in the future, too late for this time. There are capes for each of the princesses. Trophies are in hand. Please tell the Registrar, John has the campsite discs. Portable toilets need to be off the showground by 10am on Tuesday. Barbara will draw up a tailgating form to be sent to Clubs with the minutes, noting that this offer is only to Clubs that give substantial help, and ALL goods must be the property of the Club. This offer is not for the benefit of individual members. Please remember to book early - Lithgow already nearly booked out.

**General Business:** Gem & Bead Show - 2-4 September: Marilyn and John will set up our display but would like some help, please. The meeting agreed to buying a pull-up sign for use at indoor events such as the Gem & Bead Show. The magazine and newsletter competition has died, unfortunately. Many newsletters now are not monthly which makes it very hard to judge monthly issue and quarterly issues. The Editor's competition also appears to have failed because there are so few stories to include.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 1pm, at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville. Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

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ALFACA's website is [www.alfaca.org.au](http://www.alfaca.org.au)





# GEMKHANA NEWS

## GEMKHANA 2016

October 1st-3rd at  
Hawkesbury Showground,  
Racecourse Rd, Clarendon  
(Clarendon is two stations  
Sydney side of Richmond)



NB: Camping is available on the Showground, at \$20 per night.

All the planning is just about finished. Now we start on promoting the show on TV, on the radio, in newspapers, and with letters to local groups. If you hear or see any of it please let us know.

The layout of the halls is drawn up and dealers decided. The competition will have pride of place – don't forget your entries! We are looking forward to lots of entries so visitors will see a good variety of the work we amateurs can do. There are some trophies to compete for a lot of different sections – maybe you'll win one or maybe even two. I hope your entries are nearly ready because the closing date is getting close – Friday 19 August by mail, Saturday 20 August by hand.

The number of tailgaters is looking good again. I think you will all know Council cannot now offer the daily rate of insurance cover, but you can take out a policy directly with Webster Hyde Heath for \$130 to cover you trading at any gem show, anywhere in Australia. Contact Tracey at TraceyP@whhib.com.au or 08 8362 5553. Of course, if you wish you may choose another insurer.

Evening entertainment is arranged: Saturday guest speaker, Ernst Holland, and Sunday BYO BBQ. Join us and share the camaraderie.

Marilyn Behrens, Secretary

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## CLUB NEWS

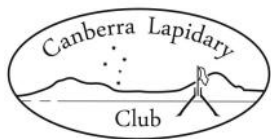
**Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club** have their annual Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show on this month from 20-21 at the Glenbrook Community Hall, 8am-4pm daily. There will be displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales. Refreshments available. Members are required to assist with various duties. Preparations are well underway, with showcases being renovated and made available for members. A watercolour has been kindly donated as a raffle prize, but more prizes are needed. The Club are currently awaiting several new grinding wheels which will be installed by the workshop manager once they arrive.

**Campbelltown Lapidary Club** is turning 50 this year, with an anniversary dinner being planned for later in the year in place of the Christmas party. Members are asked to put their names down on the list, as numbers are needed for booking a venue. Congratulations are extended to the Club for its 50th anniversary and to long-term member, Bob Pullen, who was awarded a certificate of recognition for outstanding service to the Club. Last month the Club held a rubber tubing necklace workshop. Silver classes are in recess and will resume in September.



Members are reminded that membership fees were due on 1st July. If you are not financial, you cannot use the equipment.

The **Canberra Lapidary Club's** last social meeting featured a guest speaker from Geoscience Australia, who gave a presentation covering space, time, and formation of the Canberra region, including what rocks, minerals, fossils, meteorites, tektites, and other Earth processes, are



found in the Canberra area. Fourteen people attended the June field trip to the Shellharbour region south of Wollongong to admire the geological features in the area, and try their luck collecting various minerals and other geological





items of interest from the various sites visited. Entries are invited for the 2017 Royal Canberra Show Crafts Expo (Lapidary & Allied Crafts), organised and sponsored by the Canberra Lapidary Club. The show dates are 24-26 February 2017. Club members are encouraged to enter. The Club is currently organising separate judging courses for cabochons and faceted stones. Anyone interested in being a lapidary judge at the Royal Canberra Show Craft Competition, sponsored by the Canberra Lapidary Club, will be very welcome (NB: the courses will be free for any future show judge volunteers). The Club would like to extend grateful thanks to the Webb family for their donation of their many lapidary and fossicking finds and mineral specimens acquired over the course of many years, including their travels throughout Australia.

The **Goulburn Gem Society** have a new-look newsletter, with Club newsletters now being available by email in glorious colour. The Club recently had a couple of working bees, one to sort out the library area and a second to sort through rocks. Thanks to those who were able to help. Members are reminded that membership renewals are due by the 19th August. The Club

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HARVEY LOWE PAVILION  
10AM-4PM \$5 ENTRY**



library is being revamped making it easier to see what is available, to browse through at the Club, or borrow for some late night home reading. Members are asked to check their shelves for any outstanding books you may have borrowed.

**Inverell & District Lapidary Club** have their annual Gem & Craft Show coming up from Friday the 14 till Friday 21st October at various locations around Inverell. The Show opens at the Inverell Pioneer Village, and features fossicking excursions, demonstrations, traders, tailgaters, and a mystery tour.



**Inverell Club members fossicking Copeton Dam**

Opportunities are available to visit Inverell's historic mineral fields, fossick for crystals, honey citrine, smoky quartz, jelly beans, silver, molybdonite, rhodonite, diamonds, fossils, marble, serpentine and more. Registration is

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required for all fossicking tours. Information, tour advice and the itinerary is available from the Clubhouse or Pioneer Village. Last month's 'Digging the Dirt' member profile features Ross, who has been fossicking for 40 years. His favourite find is a 50 million years old piece of fossilised catfish, his favourite lapidary craft is opal work, and for fossicking tips he says the best specimens are always at the bottom, so dig deeper.

**Lismore Lapidary Club** extends a reminder that membership fees were due on July 1st. Due to insurance requirements, membership must be renewed before using the workshop. Work is underway on the new sanders, ready for the change to 'all diamond'. All users will be required to receive instruction before using the new disks. The Club received a wonderful letter of thanks and congratulations from a Broken Hill-based first-time tailgater to the Lismore Gemfest. As the Club newsletter editor states, 'Gemfest is a lot of hard work, but is absolutely essential to the finances of the Club, and having someone write such a tribute is the "icing on the cake" and helps make everything feel even more worthwhile.' In a month or so, preparations will begin for next year's Gemfest, including replacing the old heavy-weight tables with lighter ones to help avoid over-stressing our ageing helpers, and make all tables uniform in width.

**Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club** have their annual Club exhibition coming up on 11-13th November. This month the Club has its AGM, and there will be a field trip to Mulbring quarry looking for marine fossils. ♦



# GEMBOREE 2017



The annual National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE, will be held next year over Easter, April 14-17, at the Tony Luchetti Showground, Lithgow, NSW.

Planning is coming together nicely, and there should be lots of events to keep you busy for the whole weekend.

Camping is available on the Showground. The registration form is on the AFLACA website: [www.aflaca.org.au](http://www.aflaca.org.au). There are still plenty of camping sites available, but other accommodation around Lithgow is filling quickly and the Lithgow Tourist Office is helpful in finding it for you. The competition schedule is also on the AFLACA website. Entries close 11th February, 2017.

Tailgating forms are also on AFLACA's website. Remember, everyone now needs their own insurance. Council is no longer able to offer the daily rate. If you don't already have your own policy, Webster Hyde Heath is offering a policy for \$130 per year to cover you at only gem shows anywhere in Australia. Contact Tracey at [TraceyP@whhib.com.au](mailto:TraceyP@whhib.com.au) or 08 8362 5553. Of course, if you wish you may choose another insurer.

Don't forget, all Clubs that help in planning and running the GEMBOREE are being offered free tailgating space. Your own Club's Public Liability policy will cover you for this stall, and we will require a current certificate of currency. Please fill in a tailgating form and send it to the Tailgating Chairman, Ernst Holland. The form is on AFLACA's website.

The GEMBOREE Promotions/Publicity Officer, Alan McRae, issues a monthly newsletter available by email. If you would like a copy, just ask Alan, at [amcrae@lisp.com.au](mailto:amcrae@lisp.com.au), to add you to the mailing list.



Some of the award-winning entries from GEMBOREE 2016

## GEM & LAPIDARY COUNCIL NSW NEWS

We are fortunate to have been invited to have an information booth at the Gem & Bead Show, 2-4 September, Castle Hill Showground. It is a great opportunity for us to set out a variety of lapidary work and demonstrate some of our arts, and to promote the GEMKHANA. If you have time, call in and say g'day to us.

Also coming up is an outing to Cumberland State Forest, Castle Hill Rd, Pennant Hills, on 30 October. This is a great day out in the forest, where we have our own stall. Here we set up a showcase of a variety of lapidary work, a few pretty stones to catch the attention of visitors, and hand out literature on any Club that sends us their info. This is a family event and children especially are always attracted to the colours of the stones we display. You can send your Club's info to us anytime (or bring it to a meeting), so we can help promote your Club and its activities - at the GEMKHANA, the coming GEMBOREE, and any event we attend.

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## August

- 5-7 Kybong Rock & Mineral Festival Cooloolo Rocks & Minerals, Kybong, Qld  
6-7 Sydney Crystal Show Fraser Park, Marrickville Road, Sydney, NSW  
12-14 Anakie Gemfest, Festival of Gems Allen King Memorial Park, Anakie, Qld  
20-21 Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show, Glenbrook Community Hall, NSW  
20-21 Ballarat & District Gem Club Show, Invermay Park, Ballarat, Vic  
27-28 Carlingford Gem & Mineral Fair Roselea Community Centre, Carlingford, NSW  
27-28 Frankston & Peninsula Lapidary Club Gem Show, Cranbourne Public Hall, Vic

## September

- 2-4 Gem & Bead Show Castle Hill Showgrounds, NSW  
3-4 Mildura & District Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, Sunraysia Centre, Irymple, Vic  
10-11 Bribie Island Gem Show, Arts Centre, Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, Bribie Island, Qld  
17-18 Waverley Gem Club Exhibition Brandon Park Community Centre, Waverley, Vic  
24 Caloundra Gem Show Caloundra State School, Caloundra, Qld  
30-2 Oct, Broken Hill Mineral Show Memorial Oval, Broken Hill, NSW

## October

- 1 Beenleigh Lapidary Club Gem Festival, Showgrounds, Beenleigh, Qld  
1-3 GEMKHANA Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon, NSW  
8 Nambour Gemfest Nambour Showgrounds, Qld  
8-9 Central Coast Gem and Mineral Festival, Mingara Club, Tumbi Umbi, NSW  
8-9 Combined Gippsland Gem Show Lucknow Hall, Vic  
15 Campbelltown & District Lapidary Club Open Day, Macquarie Fields, NSW  
14-21 Inverell Gem & Craft Show Various locations around Inverell, NSW  
15-18 Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Dorset Primary School, Croydon, Vic  
22-23 Toowoomba Lapidary Club Gemfest Gem and Jewellery Show, Centenary Heights High School, Toowoomba, Qld  
28-30 Northern Districts Lapidary Club Gem and Lapidary Show, Beecroft Community Centre, NSW  
29-30 Canberra Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show, Mallee Pavilion, EPIC Arena, ACT

## November

- 5-6 Zeehan Gem & Mineral Show Zeehan Primary School, Tas  
12-13 Launceston Gem Show Elphin Sports Center, Launceston, Tas  
12-13 Bundaberg Gem and Mineral Society Gemfair, Civic Centre, Bundaberg, Qld  
19 Suncoast Gem & Fossicking Club Show, Mooloolaba State School, Qld  
26-27 Windsor Gem & Mineral Fair Windsor Function Centre, Windsor, NSW

**NEXT BIG EVENT  
FOR THE  
GEM & LAPIDARY COUNCIL**



**GEMKHANA**

**October 1-3**

**Hawkesbury Showground, NSW**

