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**Visitors welcome to attend:)**

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## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 27th September 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 OCTOBER 2017 ISSUE**

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# G&L COUNCIL INFORMATION

## Minutes from GENERAL MEETING of Wednesday, 23rd August 2017.



The meeting was opened at 1pm by A Roffey (OAM Life Counsellor) who welcomed delegates from the following Clubs: Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill, Shirley & Ainslie Flynn), Port Hacking (Bob Mclean & Wally Dove), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Parramatta-Holroyd (John & Marilyn Behrens), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), NSW (Lilly Murphy).

**Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Una King), Port Hacking (Colin Wright), Northern Districts (Barbara Try), Central Coast (Tony Try), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent).

**J&R Report:** Judging dates for the following shows: Hunter Valley Gemmology 2nd September; Central Coast 23rd September; GEMKHANA 9th September; and Illawarra Sunday 22nd October.

**G&L News:** nil

**Editor's Report:** Secretary to open account with National Library so it can receive *G&L News* electronically. To remind Officeworks to reduce intensity of darkness on *G&L News* printing. The Editor's Award to be reinstated. The Editor to choose a story from a club magazine or newsletter. To be presented at GEMKHANA.

**Education Report:** The meeting accepted Barbara Try's proposal to make courses more readily available particularly to smaller Clubs. Details will be sent with the next issue of the *G&L News*.

**GEMKHANA Report:** Raffle prizes still needed - all donation gratefully received. A number of dealers have confirmed attendance and some still to be followed up.

**GEMBOREE® Report:** Very few camping spaces available so please get your registration in ASAP.

**General Business:** Treasurer to look at feasibility of paying the annual website fee by direct debit. In view of a conversation between John Vincent and John Behrens this morning, the Association Insurance needs to be reviewed.

**The meeting closed at 1.45 pm**

**Next meeting:** 1pm Wednesday 27th September at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville.



## CLUB NEWS

**Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club** are looking at conducting lapidary classes for school pupils during the school holidays. There will be a minimal charge and participants will need to become a junior member of the Club. Members are reminded that GEMKHANA is on over the October long-weekend. As well as being the annual gem and mineral show and competition for lapidaries from all over NSW, professional dealers and all sorts of traders will be there, including demonstrations by hobbyists, so there is plenty to see and do throughout the weekend. The Club has their Open Day, Displays and Demonstrations & Garage Sale at the Clubhouse on Saturday 4th November, from 8am to 2pm. All welcome to attend.

**Campbelltown Lapidary Club** thank everyone who made the Club's 39th Exhibition a great success. The inaugural members sales table turned out well, with nine members participating with a large assortment of handmade items. The Club welcomes new members interested in lapidary, fossils, gems, crystals, beading, silversmithing or lost-wax casting to join classes and benefit from other members' experience. Members have excellent skills and knowledge gained through years of practice, and are happy to help. The AGM is on this month, where the Club's Father's Day raffle will be drawn. The newsletter reports next month the Club has a field trip to Lightning Ridge "fossicking on the big Mullock heaps at the Grawin and doing some fossicking along the road... seeing some of the attractions and hopefully going out to the Cookoran Opal fields to have a look at Daryl's mine. There are a lot of things to see in the ridge if you aren't keen on fossicking."

**Canberra Lapidary Club** are running a six-week Introduction to Mineralogy and Gemmology course from the end of this month. Entries are invited from Club Members and other interested parties for the 2018 Royal Canberra Show Crafts Expo (Lapidary & Allied Crafts), organised & sponsored by the Canberra Lapidary Club. Entry sections will include jewellery, faceting, cabochon and grand champion.

**Goulburn Gem Society** has some new cabbing grinders. Members are reminded that membership renewals were due at the end of August.

**Inverell & District Lapidary Club** members are busy preparing for their Annual Gem & Craft Show coming up next month on 13-15th October at the Pioneer Village in Inverell. This is a big event for the Club, and all hands are needed on deck.

**Lismore Lapidary Club** have a field trip to Goolmangar Creek planned for this month, with a long-weekend trip to the New England district planned for next month. The newsletter reports last month's successful trip to Hogarth Ranges, with some small but nice finds of labradorite being unearthed, the largest being 50 carats. The Club welcomes the new committee after their recent AGM.



**Newcastle Lapidary Club** have their annual Gem and Jewellery Fair coming up soon from 11-12th November at the Basketball Stadium in Broadmeadow. Parking and entry is free, and there'll be demonstrations of jewellery-making and faceting, as well as many stalls selling a variety of tools, jewellery, craft and gems and minerals. This is a new venue with more stalls in an indoor, spacious, well lit location with plenty of all weather parking. Canteen facilities are available throughout each day. Members have made and donated two more beautiful pieces of jewellery for raffle prizes to raise funds for the John Hunter Hospital Kids' Club.

The **Lapidary Club of NSW** have their Annual Show coming up from the 28-29th October, at the Lapidary House in Surry Hills.

**Northern Districts Lapidary Club** report a successful year full of many wonderful events, activities and workshops. The



Northern Districts Club member, Bert, operating the centrifuge, melting the silver, and spinning the drum

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newsletter reports that there were 946 entries in the national GEMBOREE lapidary competition, "and 27 members of our club competed which was far more than any other Club. NDLC came in a close second to Western Suburbs for the Champion Club." The Club is still looking for a Club tumbler controller to turn ordinary stones into things of beauty. The Club are planning a three-day R&R trip to Laurieton in November. Members are reminded that the Club is a 'not for profit' entity and our Constitution does not allow for members to manufacture items for personal financial, or 'commercial' gain.

**Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club** report that a "new gutter for the front of the grinders is being organised, belt on the new grinder is being re-tensioned, some sanding wheels have been changed, saws 4 & 5 have been cleaned, the belt is off saw 5 to attend to the arbor." President, Brian, reports that, "there has been a lot of innovation this year by new members to this committee and with the help and advice from previous members from past years I believe it will be another outstanding success." Annual awards were presented to members at the recent AGM. The Club reports it was a good year financially, with a surplus of income over expenditures, and sales from the Club store were much higher than last year. Some members are planning to attend next years GEMBOREE at Willunga, South Australia. ♦



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# GEMKHANA 2017

GEMKHANA, the annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of lapidaries from all over New South Wales, is on at the end of this month, from 30th September to October 2nd, at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.



The Show will feature gem and mineral displays, and traders and tailgaters selling specimens, jewellery, stones, tools etc.

There's lapidary demonstrations, and activities for children.

Refreshments are available.

The venue is wheelchair accessible, and has plenty of parking.

Make sure you come along and support this major competition and showcase event, and enjoy the best in lapidary skills that GEMKHANA 2017 has to offer.



## GEM & JEWELLERY SHOW

**30th September to 2nd October**

**Hours:** 9am to 5pm Saturday & Sunday  
9am to noon Monday

**Location:**

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Grounds at Clarendon, near Richmond



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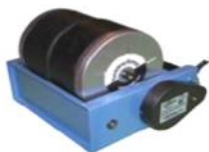
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# EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS



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## September

- 2 Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Show, Silkstone Primary School, Qld
- 2-3 Mildura & District Gem & Mineral Club Annual Exhibition & Jewellery Show, Sunraysia Masonic Hall, Irymple, Vic
- 9-10 Bribie Island Gem Festival Lapidary Club Show, Banksia Beach, Qld
- 9-10 Blue Mountains Gem & Mineral Club Show, Clubrooms, Bullabura, NSW
- 23 West Australian Lapidary & Rockhunting Club 'Bring & Buy' Market Day, Riverdale, WA
- 23-24 Caloundra Gem Show Caloundra State School, Qld
- 23-24 Waverley Gem Club Exhibition, Brandon Park Community Centre, Waverley, NSW
- 30-Oct 2 **GEMKHANA**, Hawkesbury District Showgrounds, Clarendon, NSW

## October

- 6-8 New Zealand National Gem & Mineral Show, North Shore Events Centre, Glenfield, NZ
- 7 Beenleigh Gem Festival Beenleigh Showgrounds, Qld
- 14 Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day, Clubhouse, Macquarie Fields, NSW
- 14 Nambour Gemfest Nambour Showgrounds, Qld
- 14-15 Central Coast Lapidary Club Annual Gem Festival, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi, NSW
- 14-15 Mordialloc Lapidary Club Gem Fair, Moorabbin Senior Citizens' Hall, Vic
- 21-22 Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Dorset Primary School, Croydon, Vic
- 21-22 Toowoomba Gemfest, Centenary Heights High School, Toowoomba, Qld
- 28-29 Lapidary Club of NSW Inc Annual Show, Lapidary House, Surry Hills, NSW
- 29 Warragul Lapidary Club Rock Market, Logan Park, Warragul, Vic
- 28-Nov 5 Grafton Gem Club Display Jacaranda Festival, Grafton, NSW

## November

- 4 Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club Open Day, Clubhouse, Eglinton, NSW
- 4-5 Bundaberg Gem and Mineral Society Gemfair, Civic Centre, Bundaberg, Qld
- 4-5 Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Heininger House, Dapto, NSW
- 11-12 Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gem Show, Mallee Pavilion, Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT
- 11-12 Newcastle Lapidary Club Annual Gem and Jewellery Fair, Newcastle Basketball Stadium, Broadmeadow, NSW

## December

- 2-3 Nepean District Lapidary Club, Gems Out West, St Marys Memorial Hall, St Marys, NSW

## 2018

### March

- 9-11 Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery Show, Glen Innes, NSW
- 30-2 April **GEMBOREE**, 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, Willunga, SA

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# **GEMKHANA**

**September 30-October 2**

Hawkesbury Showground

Clarendon, NSW

