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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd November at the Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, 1pm

Please attend - you will be made very welcome ♥

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2017 ISSUE

November 15th (third Wednesday of the month, plus a few days grace)

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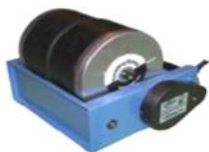
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G&L COUNCIL INFORMATION



Minutes from GENERAL MEETING of Wednesday, 25th October 2017, held at the Richmond Showground.

The meeting was opened at 12.55pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following Clubs: Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Mineralogical Society (John Behrens), Central Coast (Tony Try), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), AFG (Col Wright), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Parramatta-Holroyd (John & Marilyn Behrens), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn and Marcia Hill) and Life Councillor Arthur Roffey.

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Una King), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), NSW (Lilly Murphy)

J&R Report: All judging for 2017 now completed. Thanks to all judges involved.

G&L News: Results of GEMKHANA competition and raffle results given to the Editor.

Education Report: Newcastle Club recently ran a very successful cabochon cutting course.

GEMKHANA Report: The President sends thanks to all who helped make the GEMKHANA so successful. There were 22 indoor traders. 18 outdoor traders including 3 club tables. 90% of traders were happy with the weekends result. Aussie Opals to be refunded \$90. In future Traders to stay open until advertised closing time. Other suggestions advertise on the internet instead of newspapers and talk to Allan McRae for other ideas. Bob McLean has agreed to be co-ordinator for GEMKHANA 2018. Consideration was given to holding the monthly meeting at the GEMKHANA next year, probably as the show closes.

GEMBOREE Report: Clubs are asked to advise how many GEMBOREE books they require for Rockhampton 2019.

General Business:

- Association Insurance: Council has advice that this insurance is no longer needed in NSW. Delegates are concerned – this insurance covers all Council officers (delegates, teachers, judges, etc) for legal fees should an



action be brought against them – and will investigate further before cancelling Council's policy.

- Clubs' officers are reminded to update their details on Council's website. We are advised the info of several clubs is out of date – clubs can check on gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au and advise the webmaster at webmaster@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au
- A few updates are to be made to the Constitution, and delegates are asked to consider any additional changes that may be needed for discussion at the November meeting.
- Costs to be obtained for blue polo neck shirts with the Council logo on back and pocket with names embroidered - Mick Lane to follow up.
- Testing and tagging of electricals to be done next October prior to GEMKHANA.
- John offered to draw up a list of meeting dates for next year.

Meeting dates 2018: January 24th, February 28th, April 19th (Anzac day 25th), May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September during GEMKHANA, October 24th, November 28th, December 12th.

Please note December 2017 meeting starts at 11am with a special general meeting to vote on changes to Constitution, followed by a general meeting, then the AGM.

Meeting closed 2.20pm.

Next meeting, Wednesday 22nd November 2017



Award-winning GEMKHANA 2017 entries in N253 section, Wenshuai was awarded second prize for this commercial mount cabochon pendant, and Carrie scored first prize for her cabochon ring. Pics by Brian Beauchamp



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Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club have their Open Day on Saturday 4th November from 8am to 2pm, with displays, demonstrations and a garage sale at the Clubhouse in Park Street, Eglinton. This is a combined project by the Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club and the Bead & Wirecraft Guild, and will include stamps, coins, collectables, fossils, lapidary displays, and demonstrations of lapidary and jewellery making (indoors). Outside will have items for sale with members and others selling their unwanted collectables and goods. All welcome to attend:) The newsletter reports a successful GEMBOREE, with a number of Club members taking part. The AGM will be held this month, with the Club Members' Family Christmas Party planned for next month.

Canberra Lapidary Club have their Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show on 11-12th of this month at the Mallee Pavilion in Exhibition Park. There will be gem, mineral, jewellery and lapidary dealers, as well as minerals, fossils, jewellery, rough and cut gemstones, lapidary equipment and supplies, opals and beads, and displays of members' collections, including demonstrations of cabbing, faceting & jewellery making. Food available. Open 10am-5pm. \$5 adults, \$10

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family, \$2 children/concession. Regular working bees are held on the first Saturday of each month, starting this month, to help keep the Club area a clean and safe working environment for all. Repairs have been made to the skylight, the draw cable, and pull chain, and plumbers were called in to fix the toilet. Last month's field trip to Oallen Ford panning for gold, happily yielded successful small finds for everyone. 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, which runs from 23-25th February.



Fairfield & Districts Gemstone Club report that one of their Club members travelling up north was able to visit Rubyvale for their gem show.

Lismore Lapidary Club has a silent auction and BYO BBQ coming up in November, with a Christmas Party planned for December.

Newcastle Lapidary Club have their annual Gem and Jewellery Fair on this month from 11-12th at the Basketball Stadium in Broadmeadow. Parking and entry is free, there's lucky door prizes, 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. Details are on the Club's facebook page.

The **Northern Districts Lapidary Club** Christmas Party is being hosted at a members house this year, with the buffet lunch, tea & coffee provided by the Club. Santa will visit the children, and there'll be hampers and the Club's Tombola prizes (recycled & re-gifted suitable items) to be won. Judging for the Club's annual WOW Awards for unique outside-the-box lapidary items will take place. Members are urged to finalise their entries. Judging by applause:) This month, members are taking an annual R&R trip to Laurieton.

Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club are planning a Christmas lunch next month with hamper raffles to be won. Thanks are extended to members for their donations of a new fridge and freezer, and a display case for the library. Support and assistance from Club members will be needed for some new classes to add to next year's list. The garden committee issued thanks to all members for their donations and assistance. This month's general meeting will feature a sales table, and a guest speaker will talk on Machu Picchu. A few sections were not contested in this year's Club competition, and it is hoped more members will consider exhibiting their work and entering the competition next year.



GEMBOREE 2018

The 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, **GEMBOREE 2018**, will be held in Willunga, South Australia, from 30th March—April 2nd.

Willunga is on traditional lands of the Kaurna people, who were hunter-gatherers and efficient fire-stick farmers. According to Wikipedia, smallpox and typhoid outbreaks, and conflict and displacement led to the cessation of many traditional cultural

practices, and traditional objects are extremely rare. Hundreds of objects sent to the 1887 Paris exhibition were never returned, and today there's less than fifty objects in the South Australian Museum (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaurna>).

The Gem and Mineral Clubs Association of South Australia Inc (GMCASA) report that with five months until GEMBOREE 2018, all is going well, with the GEMBOREE Committee busy confirming site bookings, allocating dealers with hall space, planning and organising field trips, and attending the hundreds of small important details that make GEMBOREES so successful.

The Committee hope that Competition entries are being worked on (due date is 15th January 2018), as judging will take place from mid-January. It is anticipated that the quality of the competition lapidaries will create a spectacular display for the upcoming 54th national GEMBOREE Gem & Mineral Show.

The Committee say 'volunteers for setup and various other tasks throughout the weekend will still be needed as always, so volunteers will all be welcome.'

The GMCASA GEMBOREE Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Willunga Park Reserve at Easter 2018:)

NB: GEMBOREE is the national gem and mineral show run by the Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations Inc (AFLACA).

For more information on the upcoming GEMBOREE and information on entering in this **national competition of lapidaries and associated craft**, check the AFLACA website for the competition schedule: <http://aflaca.org.au/>

NB: Entry forms, fees, and entries with return postage, must be received by 15 January 2018.

Challenge yourself!



Carving from GEMBOREE 2015



GEMKHANA 2017 COMPETITION RESULTS ♥

O-1A-1 Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Agate

1st	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	99.90
2nd	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	99.60
3rd	Dave Radke (Toowoomba)	99.50
HC	John Behrens (Parramatta/Holroyd)	96.85
HC	Sue O'Neill (Goulburn)	96.45

I-1A-2 Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Agate

1st	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	94.25
2nd	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	93.70
3rd	Alex Coloma (Northern Districts)	92.50
HC	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	81.70

N-1A-3 Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Agate

1st	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	99.95
1st	Vinson Zhang (Northern Districts)	99.95
2nd	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	99.50
3rd	Vinson Zhang (Northern Districts)	98.55
HC	Amy Cheung (Northern Districts)	97.35

J-1A-4 Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any material

SA	Walter Latham (Goulburn)	82.00
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O-1B-1 Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	97.00
2nd	John Behrens (Parramatta/Holroyd)	90.50
2nd	Eric Thomas (Bankstown)	90.50
3rd	John Behrens (Parramatta/Holroyd)	88.00
HC	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	85.45

I-1B-2 Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	96.97
2nd	Alex Ergul (Port Hacking)	89.75
3rd	Alex Ergul (Port Hacking)	88.15

N-1B-3 Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Kimberley Burgess (Independent)	88.10
2nd	Roger Smith (Port Hacking)	82.40
3rd	Ranil Mallawa (Bankstown)	81.25
HC	Bruce Tindale (Port Hacking)	81.00

O-1B-5 Fancy Cabochon-A/A-Petrified Wood

SA	Howay Louie (Northern Districts)	95.40
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**I-1B-6 Fancy Cabochon-A/A-Petrified Wood**

SA	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	91.50
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N-1B-7 Fancy Cabochon-A/A-Petrified Wood

SA	Liz Weatherburn (Lismore)	84.35
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O-2A-1 Double Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Dave Radke (Toowoomba)	99.95
1st	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	99.95
2nd	Eric Thomas (Bankstown)	94.75
3rd	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	88.85
HC	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	82.00

I-2A-2 Double Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

SA	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	97.90
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N-2A-3 Double Standard Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

SA	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	95.50
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O-2B-1 Double Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Eric Thomas (Bankstown)	98.50
2nd	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	86.75
3rd	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	81.25

I-2B-2 Double Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

SA	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	96.50
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N-2B-3 Double Fancy Cabochon-Craftsmanship-Any Material

SA	Jeffrey Tan (Bankstown)	77.50
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O-3-1 Freeform-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Liz Weatherburn (Lismore)	95.40
2nd	Water Dove (Port Hacking)	93.00
3rd	John Behrens (Parramatta/Holroyd)	89.50
HC	Walter Dove (Port Hacking)	86.00

I-3-2 Freeform-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Colin Wright (Port Hacking)	98.00
2nd	Jeffrey Tan (Bankstown)	93.00

N-3-3 Freeform-Craftsmanship-Any Material

1st	Nick Boes (Port Hacking)	92.00
2nd	Marguerite Burgess (Independent)	86.00
3rd	Alex Ergul (Port Hacking)	85.50
HC	Bruce Tindale (Port Hacking)	83.00

O-4A Opal Doublet

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	89.25
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O-5A-3 Carving 3 Dimensional Hardness 4 and over

SA	Michael Burgess (Independent)	96.50
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N-5A-4 Carving 3 Dimensional Hardness 4 and over

SA	Matthew Burgess (Independent)	90.00
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O-5E-1 Carving Any Hardness

SA	Kathy Selwood (Orange)	89.15
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O-8B-1 Standard Round Brilliant Faceted Girdle MM Col CZ

1st	Colin Wright (Port Hacking)	94.74
2nd	Paul Sabolta (Parramatta/Holroyd)	92.18
3rd	Colin Wright (Port Hacking)	90.94
HC	Kevin Fletcher (Orange)	80.33

N-8B-3 Standard Round Brilliant Faceted Girdle MM Col CZ

SA	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	63.50
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O-9B-1 Square Step Cut with C/Crns MM Col Spinel

1st	Colin Wright (Port Hacking)	94.81
2nd	Colin Wright (Port Hacking)	93.19
3rd	Paul Sabolta (Parramatta/Holroyd)	90.58
HC	Kevin Fletcher (Orange)	82.44

N-9B-3 Square Step Cut with C/Crns MM Col Spinel

1st	Debra Thompson (Port Hacking)	90.00
2nd	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	55.45
3rd	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	54.72

O-10-1 Mod Std Cut Hexstar 1 MM Col CZ

1st	Bob McLean (Port Hacking)	87.25
2nd	Kevin Fletcher (Orange)	86.05
3rd	Paul Sabolta (Parramatta/Holroyd)	84.09

I-10-2 Mod Std Cut Square Cushion Brilliant MM Col Corundum

1st	Kevin Fletcher (Orange)	94.21
2nd	Cathy Fisher (Port Hacking)	89.85
3rd	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	63.00

N-10-3 Mod Std Cut Square Brilliant MM Col Corundum

1st	Tony Offord (Port Hacking)	87.83
2nd	Bob Webb (Illawarra)	86.92
3rd	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	52.89

O-11-1 Fancy Cut Linda MM Col Corundum

SA	Kevin Fletcher (Orange)	74.42
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N-11-3 Fancy Cut Old Mine Barion Any Quartz

1st	Mandy Tang (Port Hacking)	80.15
2nd	Debra Thompson (Port Hacking)	74.30
3rd	Joseph Romer (Northern Districts)	62.08

O-12A-1 Tumbled Stones Preformed Shape Group or 3

1st	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	94.00
2nd	Colin Russell (Port Hacking)	92.88
3rd	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	92.07

O-13-1 Polished Face Flat Surface Craftsmanship

1st	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	99.00
2nd	Ross Lester (Parramatta/Holroyd)	98.50
3rd	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	97.00
HC	Ross Lester (Parramatta/Holroyd)	94.00

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N-13-2 Polished Face Flat Surface Craftsmanship

SA	Russ Chappell (Port Hacking)	86.50
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N-17-2 Novelty Gemcraft

SA	Russ Chappell (Port Hacking)	80.00
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O-18A-1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery without Lapidary Fossil or Mineral

SA	Nilo Zambalo (Bankstown)	85.00
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O-18B-1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with Lapidary Item Cut/Set by Entrant

1st	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	91.30
2nd	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	90.90
3rd	Nilo Zambalo (Bankstown)	84.60
HC	Nilo Zambalo (Bankstown)	77.95

O-18E-1 Wire/Wrap Jewellery with Lapidary item Cut/Set by Entrant

1st	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	95.47
2nd	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	93.65
3rd	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	93.12
HC	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	89.45

N-18E-2 Wire/Wrap Jewellery with Lapidary item Cut/Set by Entrant

1st	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	93.62
2nd	Amy Cheung (Northern Districts)	92.50
3rd	Sue O'Neill (Goulburn)	91.75

O-20A-1 Cast Jewellery using natural objects No Lap/Foss/Mineral

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	87.75
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O-25-1 Comm Mount Jewellery with Lap item Cut/Set by Entrant

SA	Honway Louie (Northern Districts)	98.42
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N-25-3 Comm Mount Jewellery with Lap item Cut/Set by Entrant

1st	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	92.75
2nd	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	91.50
3rd	Carrie Wang (Northern Districts)	88.45
HC	Wenshuai Tan (Northern Districts)	85.75

O-26A-1 Enamelled Jewellery in Commercial Mount

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	90.55
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O-26B-1 Enamelled Jewellery without Mount

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	92.65
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O-26C-1 Enamelling- Non Jewellery

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	92.90
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O-32A-1 Fossils Non Display Any type Australian

1st	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	95.00
2nd	Luke Boyd (Newcastle)	86.00
3rd	Luke Boyd (Newcastle)	85.00

O-32B-1 Fossil Non Display Group of 3 Invertebrates

SA	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	96.66
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O-34A-1 Mineral Non Display Single Specimen Cab/Size

1st	Arthur Roffey (Mineral Society)	99.00
2nd	Arthur Roffey (Mineral Society)	98.50
3rd	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	98.00
HC	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	97.50

O-34B-1 Minerals Group of 3 Any Locality

1st	Arthur Roffey (Mineral Society)	98.32
2nd	Arthur Roffey (Mineral Society)	98.00
3rd	Barbara Try (Northern Districts)	97.83



Award winning GEMKHANA entries include Eric's double cabochon heart, Barbara's enamelled box, and Michael's carved fish. Pics by Brian Beauchamp

BRAGGING RIGHTS:)

Having a partner who also does lapidary work has many fantastic fringe benefits, from a shared love of camping and being immersed in nature fossicking or specking, to shaping and setting finds. This three-storey beauty is Phil's first attempt at faceting. Lucky for me he completed it just in time for my recent round-figure birthday:)



This is a spray cut 64-facet 7.4ct topaz, set in a commercial silver ring setting.

Many thanks to Crystal from Lismore Lapidary Club for teaching him gem faceting:)

He has certainly set a very high bar amongst all my married mates:)

#loveislove ♥



GEMKHANA 2017 RAFFLE RESULTS

Saturday

1st Prize Oil Painting — from the Estate of Betty Boughton, Bankstown Lapidary Club

Won by Julia — Port Hacking Lapidary Club

2nd Prize Black & Gold Chain Mail Bracelet — Donated by Sue O'Neil, Goulburn Gem Society

Won by Lynn Peel

3rd Prize Polished Agate Face — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won By Lynn Peel

4th Prize Electro Plated Agate Pendant — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won by Ahleena Pilgrim

5th Prize Silver Chain Mail Earrings — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won by Sue Green — Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club

6th Prize Azurite Sun — Donated by Dehne & Maureen McLaughlin, Azurite Sun Miners

Won by Julia — Port Hacking Lapidary Club

7th Prize Faceting Rough (Lemon Quartz & Blue Topaz) — Donated by Glenn Huntley, Quality Gem Rough

Won by Regina McLean — Port Hacking Lapidary Club

Sunday

1st Prize Howlite Beaded Necklace — Donated by Marilyn Behrens, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club

Won by Mrs Hollingworth

2nd Prize Petrified Wood Pendant — Donated by Sue O'Neil, Goulburn Gem Society

Won by Lorraine — Bankstown Club Lapidary Club



3rd Prize Enamelled Earrings — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won by Tina Hendersen

4th Prize Enamelled Small Bowl — From the Estate of Betty Boughton, Bankstown Lapidary Club

Won by Alex

5th Prize Silver Chain Mail Earrings — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won by Steve R

6th Prize Azurite Sun — Donated by Dehne & Maureen McLaughlin, Azurite Sun Miners

Won by Elaine Dean – Campbelltown Lapidary Club

7th Prize Quartz Crystal — Donated by Peter & Debbie Beckwith, Crystal Habit

Won by Gwen Jones – Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club

Monday

1st Prize Wire Wrapped Tiger's Eye Pendant — Donated by Marilyn Behrens, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club

Won by Emily May

2nd Prize Black & Silver Chain Mail Bracelet — Donated by Sue O'Neil, Goulburn Gem Society

Won by Liam Healey

3rd Prize Polished Agate Face — Donated by Barbara Try, Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Won by Leesa – CWA Richmond

4th Prize Enamelled Plaque — From the Estate of Betty Boughton, Bankstown Lapidary Club

Won by Jane Ewald

5th Prize Azurite Sun — Donated by Dehne & Maureen McLaughlin, Azurite Sun Miners

Won by Joey Muir

6th Prize Pyrite Ball — Donated by Greg Dainty, Blue Gems

Won by Colin Booth – Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club



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EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS



November

- 4 Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club Open Day, Clubhouse, Eglinton, NSW
- 4 Cessnock Gem and Mineral Club Annual Rock Auction, Hall Park, Cessnock, NSW
- 4-5 Bundaberg Gem and Mineral Society Gemfair, Civic Centre, Bundaberg, Qld
- 4-5 Geelong Gem & Mineral Club, Gem, Crystal & Jewellery Show, Town Hall, Geelong West, Vic
- 4-5 Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Heininger House, Dapto, NSW
- 4-5 Southern Rockhounds Gemfair The Log Cabin, Christie Downs, SA
- 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
- 18 Sunshine Coast Gem Show Mooloolaba State School, Qld
- 19 Cheong Park Gem & Mineral Club Rock Swap & Treasure Market, Cheong Park, Croyden, Vic

December

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

2018

January

- 6-7 Warrnambool Gem Club 50th Anniversary Gem Show, Warrnambool Public School Hall, Vic
- 20-21 Warragul Lapidary Club Gem Show, Yarragon Hall, Vic

February

- 23-25 2018 Royal Canberra Show Crafts Expo (Lapidary & Allied Crafts), Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT

March

- 9-11 Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery Show, Glen Innes, NSW
- 10-11 Combined Victorian Gem Clubs, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show (GEMKHANA), Hungarian Community Centre, Wantima, Vic
- 17-18 New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc, 27th Annual Gem & Craft Show, Armidale Showground, NSW
- 24 Campbelltown & Districts Open Day, Clubhouse, Macquarie Fields, NSW
- 24-25 Devonport Lapidary Club Jewellery, Gem & Mineral Fair, East Devonport School Gymnasium, Tas
- 24-25 Grafton Gems, Minerals and Fossils Show, Grafton Showground, NSW
- 30-2 April **GEMBOREE**, 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, Willunga Park Reserve, SA

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Willunga, SA

