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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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## **NB: CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE G&LC NSW**

**Gem & Lapidary Council NSW, PO Box 163, Wentworthville NSW, 2145**

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## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 25th October 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 NOVEMBER 2017 ISSUE**

October 18th (third Wednesday of the month, plus a few days grace)

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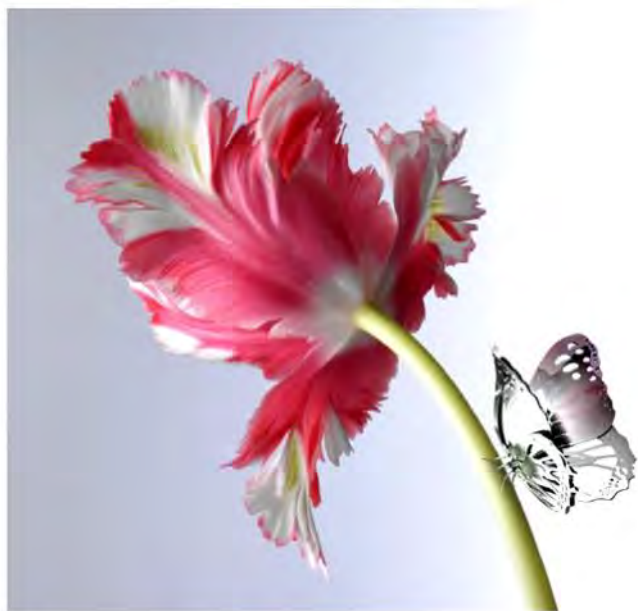
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# G&L COUNCIL INFORMATION

**Minutes from GENERAL MEETING of Wednesday, 27th September 2017, held at the Richmond Showground.**



The meeting was opened at 3.05pm 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), Australian Facetors Guild (Col Wright), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens).

**Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Una King, Mick Lane), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), NSW (Lilly Murphy), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn, Marcia Hill).

**J&R Report:** Just about finished judging assignments for the year - only Illawarra in October.

**G&L News:** As mentioned, the *G&L News* now goes to the National Library electronically. Editor Theresa reported there are still some printing quality issues. Officeworks can be asked to do a test run of one copy to ensure print quality is to a professional standard. The Editor's Award is running again, with this year's award to be presented at GEMKHANA.

**Education Report:** A letter has been sent to clubs offering new arrangements regarding classes. Today further discussion was about how Council can further assist clubs – some of the ideas were in regard to all aspects of lapidary arts: providing teachers and also for providing teachers for teachers; management skills; skills to produce a club newsletter; perhaps providing guest speakers. Council will be happy to talk to clubs about their ideas too. Another suggestion was would clubs be willing to promote the ideas of having a Competition Liaison Officer.

**GEMKHANA Report:** There will be 20 inside and 10 outside dealers. Competition is in hand. Camping is \$20/day/site. Registration is \$5/each. The majority of the old cotton covers, the purple, red and green covers are to be disposed of. This year we will try the jersey material. It appears to have good non-crush-ability. The GMB covers will go into the lock-up. A new 3-wheel trolley is to be purchased (suitable for use on steps/stairs). The big 3-phase powerboards are to be disposed of. Consideration was given to holding the monthly meeting at the GEMKHANA next year, probably as the show closes.



**GEMBOREE® Report:** Next year's booklets will be available on the Club Table.

**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](http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au) and advise the webmaster at [webmaster@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au](mailto:webmaster@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au)
- John offered to draw up a list of meeting dates for next year.

**Meeting closed: 4.20pm**

**Next meeting: 1pm Wednesday 25th October 2017, at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville.**

## **GEMBOREE 2018**

GEMBOREE is the national gem and mineral show run by the Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations Inc (AFLACA). The 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE 2018, will be held in Willunga, South Australia, 30th March—April 2nd.

AFLACA is comprised of state associations and member organisations from around Australia. State members include lapidary clubs, gem clubs, gemstone clubs, mineral clubs, craft clubs, collectors clubs, fossil clubs, jewellery clubs, plus faceting, carving, enamelling, silver, arts, crafts, and other clubs, groups, societies and associations across Australia. State members include: Australia Facetors' Guild (AFG), Gem and Lapidary Council of New South Wales Inc (G&LCNSW), Gem and Mineral Clubs Association of South Australia (GMCASA), Lapidary Association of Western Australia Incorporated (LAWA), Queensland Lapidary and Allied Craft Clubs Association Incorporated (QLACCA), Queensland Gem Clubs Association Incorporated (QGCA), Tasmania Lapidary and Mineral Association Incorporated (TLMA), and Victoria Gem Clubs Association (VGCA).

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

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

## CLUB NEWS

**Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club** have their Open Day, with displays and demonstrations & Garage Sale, at the Clubhouse in Park Street, Eglinton, Saturday 4th November from 8am to 2pm. All welcome to attend.

**Campbelltown Lapidary Club** have an Open Day on Saturday 14th October from 9am-2pm at the Clubhouse, Lot 1 Bensley Rd, Macquarie Fields. There'll be rocks, rough, gemstones, fossils and minerals, as well as handcrafted jewellery, market stalls and demonstrations. Refreshments will be available, including homemade cakes and slices, sausage sizzle, and hot and cold drinks. This month the Club has a field trip to Lightning Ridge with fossicking at Grawin and Cookoran Opal Fields, and other activities such as visiting art galleries, visiting mines and the Chambers of the Black Hand, and swimming in hot springs. The Club newsletter, *The Rockgrinders Gazette*, has had a change of editor. Suzy issues thanks to everyone for their support over the past few years. She has enjoyed writing the newsletter and is sure her successor, John, will find the job equally challenging and rewarding. Last month Club members learnt how to wire wrap a tree of life onto a cabochon.



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**Grafton Gem Club** are holding a display cabinet competition during this month's Grafton Jacaranda Festival, which runs from October 28th to 5th November, with Club members demonstrating and displaying their own gem, mineral, crystal & rock collections. There's a fossicking bin and lucky dip activities for the children. Open daily from 9am to 5pm.

**Inverell & District Lapidary Club** have their Annual Gem & Craft Show this month from 12-15th October at the Pioneer Village in Inverell. This is a big event for the Club. The Club welcomes a new committee after the recent AGM. The Club are considering renaming their leased site, The Inverell Lapidary Complex, and are investigating appropriate signage, complete with a large specimen. Stage two of the Clubhouse is being completed this month, with the opening date set for October 6th, with a brief formal ceremony, followed by a sausage sizzle barbeque. Later this month the Club are holding a field trip to Boggabri.

**Lismore Lapidary Club** have ordered some new sanders for the workshop. Last month members lined the inside club room walls with timber from the old trestle tables, making it better insulated for summer, and giving the room a trendy, Scandinavian, modern-rustic look. Members are needed to pack away the workshop area for this month's North Coast National Show (on 19-20th October), where the Club will feature a sales table and lapidary demonstrations. The Club are planning a Silent auction and BYO BBQ, Sunday November 12, and a Christmas Party for December 3rd.



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**Newcastle Lapidary Club** have their annual Gem and Jewellery Fair next month 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 on the 28-29th of this month, at the Lapidary House in Surry Hills. Come along:)

**Northern Districts Lapidary Club** had a successful clean-out and auction of unwanted equipment following August's working bee and AGM. The old dopping bench was lowered, cupboards cleaned out and reorganised, and the display cabinet glass was measured in preparation for the manufacture of wooden storage cases with handles. Members using the cutting room need to ensure they leave equipment clean after use. Club members are planning a three-day R&R trip to the Laurieton region next month.

**Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club** extends thanks to all Club members for the various roles they undertake that keep the Club working as a productive team. Awards for the annual exhibition were given, with more members encouraged to participate next year. The Exhibition Committee remind members that, 'with the commitment and dedication of a small number of Club members we were able to stage a successful Exhibition once again. The Exhibition is an annual event meant to be a vehicle to hold the Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club in-club competition, display and demonstration of the work done by the members of the Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club throughout the year, promote good public relations and membership activity for the local community, and be a fundraiser for our Club... [The Exhibition] funds the operation and upkeep of the clubroom and machinery necessary for a successful lapidary Club... The weekend was both socially and financially successful. Thank you to all those Club members who were involved in any part of the organisation. The weekend Exhibition could not have been such a success without your help.' This month the Club has a week-long field trip to Inverell for its annual Gem & Craft Show. ♦

This rare meteorite is currently on display at the Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba until 2018. (<http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/news/2017/09/queensland-museum-acquires-rare-meteorite>)



## GEMORAMA

The first Annual GEMORAMA will be held at Emmaville, 9-11 June 2018, 8.30am - 5.30pm, with daily field trips, traders & tailgaters, Saturday night lamb & pork spit roast, live music, and donations to Local SES, Glen Food Hub & Frontline Forces United. The public announcement comes after approval was granted by local government, and it promises to be a brilliant weekend for fossickers & families. Enquiries - 02 6734 7330 or 0436343935 or search facebook event.

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## 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, NSW

## 2018

### March

- 9-11 Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery Show, Glen Innes, NSW
- 17-18 New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc, 27th Annual Gem & Craft Show, Armidale Showground, NSW
- 30-2 April **GEMBOREE**, 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, Willunga Park Reserve, SA

### June

- 9-11 GEMORAMA 5304 Strathbogie Rd, Emmaville, NSW



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