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| AFLACA delegates | Barbara Try (voting) and Tony Try (non-voting) |
| AFLACA J&R delegates | Barbara Try (voting) and Arthur Roffey (non-voting) |

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 28th February at the Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, 12 noon

Please attend - you will be made very welcome ♥

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2018 ISSUE

February 13th (third Wednesday of the month, plus a few days grace)

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G&L COUNCIL INFORMATION



Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Wednesday, 13th December 2017, held at the Parramatta-Holroyd Clubrooms.

The meeting was opened at 2.40pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Mineralogical Society (Minsoc) (John Behrens, Arthur Roffey OAM), Central Coast (Tony Try), Australian Facetors Guild (Col Wright), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), NSW (Lilly Murphy), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Una King), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn & Marcia Hill).

Election: Arthur Roffey was Returning Officer and declared all positions vacant. The following were elected:

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| President: | Barbara Try (Northern Districts) |
| Vice-President | Colin Wright (Port Hacking) |
| Vice-President | Tony Try (Central Coast) |
| Secretary | |
| Treasurer: | Bob McLean (Port Hacking) |
| Minute Secretary | Mick Lane (Blue Mountains) |
| Assistant Treasurer | Arthur Roffey (Mineralogical Society) |
| Committee | Sue O'Neil (Goulburn) |
| | Kathy Selwood (Orange) |
| | Alec Gardiner (Blaxland) |

Barbara thanked Arthur.

APPOINTMENTS:

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| Public Officer | John Vincent |
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| Editor | Theresa Mason |
| G&L News mailout | |
| Webmaster | Lilly Murphy |
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| Equipment Officer | John Behrens |
| GEMBOREE Co-ordinator | |
| GEMKHANA Co-ordinator | Bob McLean |
| AFLACA delegates | appointed last month: Barbara Try (voting) and Tony Try (non-voting) |
| AFLACA J&R delegates | appointed last month: Barbara Try (voting) and Arthur Roffey (non-voting) |

GENERAL BUSINESS: As nominated last month: The meeting agreed to nominate Graham McLean (QLACCA) for President of AFLACA. As nominated last month:



The meeting agreed to nominate Barbara Try (G&LC) for Senior Vice President of AFLACA. As nominated last month: The meeting agreed to nominate Ray Medew (VGCA) for Vice President of AFLACA. Annual membership fee remains unchanged at \$70. The joining fee has been discarded. Subscription rates for the *G&L News* remain unchanged. Advertising rates for the *G&L News* remain unchanged. Signatories to our bank accounts will now be Barbara Try (President), Bob McLean (Treasurer), Arthur Roffey (Assistant Treasurer), Colin Wright (Vice President) and John Vincent (Public Officer). John and Marilyn Behrens are no longer signatories.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Unless otherwise advised, the next Annual General Meeting will be on 12th December 2018, at 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville.



WANTED: EDITOR FOR *G&L NEWS*

Unfortunately, due to changed work commitments, I will have to step down as Editor of the *G&L News*. The editorship would suit someone who has fair literary skills and an interest in lapidary. The *G&L News* is produced using Publisher, which is like a fancy Word program. It's very easy to learn, very user-friendly, and you'll find that putting together each edition is both enjoyable and rewarding. NB: you do not have to attend any G&L Council meetings, as editorship is an appointed position. While I can linger for another few issues, this position **must be filled asap**. If you are interested, please contact the G&LC Editor. I am happy to assist with the transition process. If your interest is sparked, please seriously consider taking on this worthy position! Thanks, Theresa ♥

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 13th December 2017 held at the Parramatta-Holroyd Clubrooms.



The meeting was opened at 12-noon by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Mineralogical Society (Minsoc) (John Behrens, Arthur Roffey OAM), Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Col Wright), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), NSW (Lilly Murphy), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Una King), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn & Marcia Hill).

J&R Report: • New judges have been appointed to AFLACA. • A submission has been made to the AFLACA J&R Panel to change Group 23 to include, "natural objects" to be used as patterns. • The 2020 GMB competition schedule is to hand and is being perused by our J&R delegates. • VGCA has asked for help



with mineral and cabochon judging courses. Colin Wright agreed to become part of the NSW J&R Panel.

Webmaster Report: • Lilly will introduce “Captcha” to avoid the recent spam bot intrusions on the website. • Advertising on the website will in future be limited to only club events • and limited to only one club event per year • and the information must be received in text form, ie no flyers or pictures – a memo to be sent to clubs.

Education Report: A memo to be sent to clubs further explaining financial assistance for classes.

GEMKHANA Report: • The contract for outdoor traders was adjusted to show sites will be 3m x 3m, @ \$20/day or \$50/weekend, plus \$5 for each additional metre. The contract can now go onto the website, as previously, without showing venue or date. • Goulburn (being considered for 2019) basketball stadium hire detail listed last month. • Orange (being considered for 2020): The club could possibly get a grant and hire reduction from Orange Council. • Correction not made to last month’s minutes was that the decision was to hold 2018 GMK at Richmond. • The booking for Richmond has been confirmed.

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•Sharon, Basically Crystals, will work on publicity with Bob McLean, the GMK coordinator.

GEMBOREE Report:

From last month – members are asked to advise how many 2019 GMB booklets they will require.

GENERAL BUSINESS

•Constitution Review: Several changes are proposed to update the Constitution in line with Sept 2016 changes by the Dept of Fair Trading, and a few others to overcome anomalies. A copy will be sent to all clubs with the aim of having the changes accepted at the meeting on 28 February, 2018.

•Association Insurance: In accordance with the Sept 2016 update from the Dept of Fair Trading, Council will have further discussion with the insurance broker (Webster Hyde Heath) about the necessity of retaining this policy. If it is found to be unnecessary the policy will not be renewed next year.

Meeting closed 2.15pm

Next meeting, Wednesday 24 January 2018

Meeting dates for 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. ♦

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The meeting was opened at 1pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Mineralogical Society (Minsoc) (John Behrens, Arthur Roffey OAM), Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Col Wright), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens), Orange (Kathy Selwood) and Blue Mountains (Mick Lane).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Una King), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), Port Hacking (Wally Dove), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), NSW (Lilly Murphy).

J&R Report: • The competition schedule for GEMBOREE 2020 has been perused and returned with recommendations. • Barbara Try will do cabochon judging course in Victoria on March 24-25. • Council has agreed to judge enamelling for the Victorian GEMKHANA early in March. • Kathy Selwood was presented with an AFLACA Certificate for enamelling judge. Congratulations! • Col Wright was presented with an AFLACA certificate for faceting judge. Congratulations! • Barbara brought in show dates from QLACCA. Copies to go to editor and webmaster (done).

Education Report: A carving course is being planned for Byron Club in late August -early September.

GEMKHANA Report: • The competition schedule will be on the website shortly. • 50 dealers have been sent expressions of interest letters. • Joe O'Neil was asked to see if Goulburn-Mulwaree Council would lock in quotes for 2019, even though Goulburn isn't yet the confirmed location for the 2019 GMK. • The *facebook* site set up for GMK is sure to attract requests for other people – it was decided that all requests should be referred to a meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS • Waiting on response from clubs to the proposed changes to the constitution - sent last month. • Outside dealer contracts ready to go onto the website (inside contracts available from GMK chairman) • Delegates decided to cancel the association insurance policy – see memo attached to these mins • Sue O'Neil agreed to take on the mailing of the G&L News. To be printed by Goulpress, printers in Goulburn, at a quoted cost of \$77. • Delegates accepted the invitation for a stall at The World of Craft show, 20-22 April, at Sydney-Homebush Showgrounds. Arthur Roffey offered to man the stall. Need to check if table covers are provided and if parking is available. • Kathy Selwood today took over the role of Secretary. When Kathy arranges the new post office box, notification needs to go to clubs, webmaster and editor.

Meeting closed 2.05pm

Next meeting, Wednesday 28 February, 2018.



CLUB NEWS

Email: editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

Bankstown & District Lapidary Club have their Annual Exhibition coming up on 2-3rd June at the Arena Sports Club, Yagoona. This is a major fundraiser for the Club, and there'll be jewellery and lapidary items for sale. The newsletter reported a successful year with some fun field trips, members entering and doing well gaining prize-places in the GEMBOREE competition, members travelling to GEMKHANA, and some new machines installed at the Club.

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables & Lapidary Club held a field trip to Grenfell during December, with a Sunday field trip planned for this month. The Club recently acquired an illuminated magnifier for enlarging gems and mineral specimens etc.

Campbelltown Lapidary Club have had their silver polishing machine and bench drill press serviced and relocated.

The **Canberra Lapidary Club** newsletter reports another successful Spring Gem Show, with a new visitor attendance record. Thanks were extended to all members who volunteered their time for the diverse range of jobs, particularly those who put in long hours to help make the show a success. The Club will have a stall & demonstrations at the Craft Pavilion of the 2018 Royal Canberra Show Crafts Expo (Lapidary & Allied Crafts), which runs from 23-25th of this month. Helpers are needed for this event. Next month the Club are holding an Outdoor Rock Swap at EPIC on 17-18th March. The whiteboard has a list of current little jobs that need to be done by somebody. Anybody can do them:). After about seven years on the job, the Club's Publicity Officer has retired. Chris made a significant contribution to the Club, including standardising the publicity requirements and distributions, thus making it easier for someone to step into this position. The Club's annual awards night went well, with raffles and prizes which included categories such as the field trip find of the year, purchase of the year, and an award for best allied craft. A great time was had by all attendees:)



Winning entries for Artefact of the Year (top), and Purchase of the Year

Illawarra Lapidary Club Inverell & District Lapidary Club report some issues with the newsletter not getting through to members, as the service provider seems to think it is spam. Last month's social meeting was a 'skite night', where members bring a lapidary item that is of interest to others.

Lismore Lapidary Club's recent field trip to Eureka was well-attended, included two keen visitors from Gatton Club in Queensland. After a lovely day searching for chalcedony and jasper in the wash sections of Coopers Creek, everyone went home satisfied with some nice finds.



Lismore Club's field trip yielded a good variety of chalcedony, as well as jasper and carnelian

The Club's popular annual GEMFEST is coming up from 19-20th May.

Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club report issues with their website going down, however this is being looked at. The Club have a range of classes coming up, including bead enamelling, talc carving, turquoise cabbing, bonded cabbing, chain making, and etching on copper. Last month the Club held a week-long field trip to Tingha and Inverell, looking for quartz and sapphires with plenty of socialising and swimming on the hotter days. A talk on Machu Picchu will follow this month's general meeting. Since 1960, the Club has been running an annual President's Award, where entries are judged against a standard of features by an impartial judge. Entries consist of three stones: a standard cabochon, a fancy cab, and a freeform. The juniors' section is a single standard cabochon, with a minimum cab size of 25mm diameter or 30x25mm oval. The Club also hosts their own intra-Club Competition on a wide variety of lapidary items in readiness for the Club's Annual Exhibition which runs from 14-16th September. Members are busily working on their lapidaries. ♦

EDUCATION COURSES

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL

Many of the smaller clubs particularly those in regional areas, have difficulty in funding required courses, ie tutor costs, etc.

The Gem and Lapidary Council NSW is suggesting that clubs in this situation detail their requirements and problems and make a submission to the Council, which will then assess each situation on its merits to see if it can assist.

Barbara Try, President Gem & Lapidary Council NSW



GEMBOREE 2018

The 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, **GEMBOREE 2018**, is on at the end of next month, held this year at Willunga in South Australia, from 30th March—April 2nd.

GEMBOREE is the national gem and mineral show run by

the Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations Inc (AFLACA).

It is anticipated that the quality of this year's competition lapidaries will be quite spectacular.

Volunteers for GEMBOREE are always needed, and the Committee welcome helpers.

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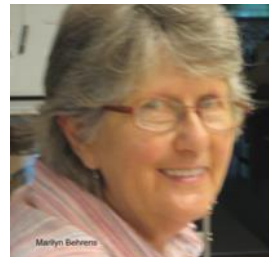
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“THANK YOU” TIMES FOUR ♥

Two of the Gem & Lapidary Council's long standing members have decided to take a break from Council duties. John and Marilyn Behrens have decided to take time off for some travelling, time for themselves and holidays. While it is with regret that we see them go we do also understand that people need a break and to be able to enjoy themselves.



Former Secretary, Marilyn, and husband John, have retired from the Committee to enjoy some well-earned holidays

John has been our Treasurer for the last few years and Marilyn has been our Secretary – both of which are essential and important parts of the Council's make-up and ability to function.

They have also, over the years, held a number of other prime functioning roles within the Council, so from me – “thank you” for all you have done over the years and I hope that you now enjoy your travels:)

Their absence has meant that two very important positions had to be filled quickly. I am very pleased to say that this has been done, and I would like to say “thank you” to Bob McLean who has taken over the role of Treasurer, and Kathy Selwood who has taken over the role of Secretary. Your assistance in taking on these roles is greatly appreciated.

As we all know the Gem & Lapidary Council meets once per month in the clubrooms of the Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club at Wentworthville. Meetings normally take between one and two hours. The current make-up of those who regularly attend meetings come from Orange, Goulburn, Central Coast, Port Hacking, Katoomba, Richmond, Blaxland, Surry Hills, Wentworthville, Croydon Park and Londonderry. While the editor who is in Lismore does not attend meetings she sends in regular reports and is in constant touch with the committee. I thank you all for your input and efforts in keeping the Council alive and well. However, there are many other lapidary clubs that are situated much closer to where we have meetings but do not see fit to have a Delegate attend, although they do like the assistance of the Council when it comes to training and running of various courses. It would be nice to see representatives from these clubs attend meetings and have an input into how the Council can further assist member clubs in their various activities.

Barbara Try
President Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW



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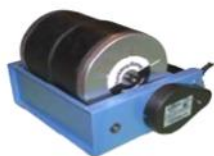
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February

- 23-25 2018 Royal Canberra Show Crafts Expo (Lapidary & Allied Crafts), Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT
- 24 Gatton Gem Mineral & Fossil Show Shire Hall, Gatton, Qld

March

- 2-4 World of Craft Brisbane RNA Showgrounds, Qld
- 3-4 North Brisbane Lapidary Club Gem & Jewellery Festival, Bracken Ridge High School, Bracken Ridge, Qld
- 10-11 Combined Victorian Gem Clubs, Gem Mineral & Fossil Show (Gemkhana), Hungarian Community Centre, Wantirna, Vic
- 17-18 Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap, EPIC, Canberra, ACT
- 17-18 Hobart Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Hobart Showground, Glenorchy, Tas
- 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 Gem & Lapidary Club Gems, Minerals and Fossils Show, Grafton Showground, NSW
- 30-2 April **GEMBOREE**, 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, Willunga Park Reserve, SA

April

- 20-22 World of Craft Sydney Homebush Showgrounds, NSW
- 21-22 Wanganui Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show, Wanganui City College Hall, NZ

May

- 5-6 Diamond Valley Gem Club Annual Show, Masonic Centre, Greensborough, Vic
- 5-6 Redcliffe Peninsula Lapidary Club Gem Show, Southern Cross Catholic Campus, Kippa-Ring, Qld
- 19-20 Lismore Lapidary Club GEMFEST, Lismore Showgrounds, NSW
- 26-27 Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Gem Show, Mallee Pavilion Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT

June

- 2-3 Bankstown & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Arena Sports Club, Yagoona, NSW
- 16-17 Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club Gem & Mineral Fair, Windsor Function Centre, NSW
- 23 Gold Coast Lapidary Club Gem and Craft Show, Clubhouse, Miami, Qld
- 29-1 July World of Craft Melbourne Showgrounds, Vic

July

- 21-22 Enfield Gem & Mineral Club Biennial Gem & Mineral Show, Enfield Primary School, SA

NEXT BIG EVENT

54th National Gem & Mineral Show



GEMBOREE

March 30-April 2

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