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Visitors welcome to attend:)

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18th April at the Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd
Lapidary Club, 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, 1pm

Please attend - you will be made very welcome ♥

DEADLINE FOR MAY 2018 ISSUE

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

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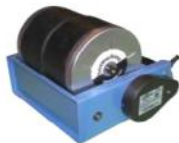
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New Editor of G&L News:

Hello Everyone!

Thank you so much for your kind words in the last newsletter, Theresa ... I hope I can adequately fill your shoes.

I am looking forward to the role of editor of the G&L Newsletter. I have always had an interest in lapidary, though no skills in working with stones.

I also have a keen interest in the editing process. My background is in language and Languages. I trust that the transition from Theresa's editorship.

There was no meeting last month, so there are no minutes to report in this newsletter. Minutes of the April meeting will be published next month.

Best regards

Suzanne

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Bankstown & District Lapidary Club have their Annual Exhibition coming up from 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.

Lapidary Club of NSW wish to announce that the scheduled talk by Palaeontologist, Dr Ian Percival on April 7th is booked out. There is no space for any extra people at the venue, and they wish to avoid turning people away.



Lismore Lapidary Club have their General Meeting on Monday April 16th at 7pm. Junior Rockhounds meet Saturday April 7th, 1pm to 3.30 pm. There is no field trip in May, due to Gemfest. Next field trip on the June long weekend to Lionsville -- details available in their next newsletter.

Northern Districts Lapidary Club members are preparing for the annual exhibition, with a weekly competition class being run. The workshop is trialling refurbished Nova wheels, as the wheels are needing to be replaced by possible misuse. Members are reminded to let the wheel do the work and not use force on the stone. Whether through additional activity, or abuse/incorrect usage, the Club was getting longer service from the wheels previously.

Canberra Lapidary Club have an Oscar's Auction for this month's social meeting. Thursday 12th April. Event starts at 8p.m. Those interested are encouraged to arrive a little earlier to view the items up for auction. The club also has a field trip on Sunday 15th April in Yass. Club requests that people who are interested in going contact Daniel. The club also has their winter show in May. Date and venue on p15 of this newsletter.

Northern Districts Lapidary Club have a field trip to Lightning Ridge Opal and Gem Festival. The trip is from the 26th July to the 29th July (inclusive), staying in the Opal caravan Park, Pandora St, Lightning Ridge.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jacqueline Burnett

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April

- 20-22 World of Craft
Sydney Homebush Showgrounds, NSW
- 21-22 Blue Mountains Club Show,
Clubhouse, Great Western Highway,
Bullaburra, 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
- 12 Sydney Crystal Show Sydney Showground, NSW
- 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 June-1 July
World of Craft, Melbourne Showgrounds, Vic

July

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

August

- 18-19 Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectibles and Lapidary Club have some interesting lapidary events coming up:

22nd April Sunday -

9.00am - 3.00pm. Club rooms open for any who want to do lapidary work and practical activities.

7th May Monthly Meeting -

7.30pm – Remember your ‘Latest Acquisition’.

12th & 13th May Saturday & Sunday -

Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail - volunteers needed to look after the club stand + set up Friday. Contact Ernst Holland on 0427373661 if you can help. To be held in the Uniting Church Hall in William Street – open 10am to 4pm each day.

Important announcement regarding prizes for the Jewellery Section of the Clarence River Arts Festival:

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