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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Visitors welcome to attend

EXECUTIVE meet monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month, 1pm, at Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullager Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 25th July 2018

EDITORS NOTES

An announcement from Barbara Try, President of the Gem and Lapidary Council:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the June Edition of the G & L News was not published.

This edition is a combination of both June & July, on behalf of the Gem Council please accept my apology.

Barbara Try

President

Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW INC

ADDRESSES for the Gem & Lapidary Council NSW

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Post : Gem & Lapidary Council NSW, PO Box 188, Orange NSW, 2800

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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 2018 ISSUE

18th July 2018

(third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed)

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Minutes and business



- **No minutes to report for May 2018.**
- **Minutes of meeting for June 2018:**

The meeting was opened at 1pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Mineralogical Society (Minsoc) (John Behrens, Arthur Roffey OAM), Central Coast (Tony Try), Hawkesbury Valley (John Vincent), Pt Hacking (Bob McLean), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), NSW (Lilly Murphy), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill, Shirley & Ainslie Flynn), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Blue Mountains (Kim Cook), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), AFG (Col Wright), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Una King, Mick Lane), Orange (Kathy Selwood).
Moved Goulburn, seconded Blaxland apologies be accepted

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (18 April 2018): *Moved Wester Suburbs, seconded AFG minutes be accepted.*

Business Arising:

Remember ALL clubs are invited to send info to Council for distribution at shows it attends.

Council accepted the invitation (Marilyn will attend) to have a table (where it will represent all clubs) at the Carlingford Show – *Clubs invited to send flyers for distribution.*

*Clubs are also reminded to please let the Secretary (Kathy) know of changes to contact details so we can be sure to give out the correct details to interested visitors at shows Council attends.

Moved Northern Districts, seconded Minsoc that Inward Correspondence be received and Outward Correspondence be endorsed.

Treasurer's Report:

General a/c: Inc - Exp - Bal at 27/6/18 \$1887.68

GEMKHANA a/c: Inc - Exp - Bal at 27/6/18 \$13,876.49

GEMBOREE a/c: Inc - Exp - Bal at 27/6/18 \$3,378.80

Accounts for payment: \$500 deposit has been paid for the Hawkesbury Showground for GEMKHANA. Registration for the trailer is due and John Behrens has it in hand.

Moved Pt Hacking, seconded Goulburn that the report be accepted and accounts paid.

Education Report: Kathy will do the carving course at Byron Club in late August-early September.

Barbara will follow up on the request from Illawarra Club for a wax carving for casting course.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Approval was given to buy tagging and testing equipment.

Meeting closed 2.20pm

Next meeting, Wednesday 25 July, 2018

Free promotion of your club

The G&L council received an invitation to have an information table at various beading and gem shows

- The next event is the Carlingford Show on August 25th and 26th
- We often have friends and visitors from all over the State. They are interested in learning more about our arts. We would love to be able to tell them about YOUR CLUB.
- You are welcome to hand in Club information pages and provide Show information pages that we can hand out to these visitors. *It would also be helpful to have an up-to-date name, phone number, or email that interested visitors can be directed to.*

You can send them to The Secretary, P.O. Box 188, Orange, NSW 2800

An Expensive Lesson

The accident that I had occurred at a roadworks site about 12 km north of Alice Springs where there was a line of vehicles in a queue waiting to be called through. It was a simple trip into town for supplies. The caravan was at Gemtree.

My Landcruiser 200 was the last in the queue when it was struck from behind by a truck travelling at speed. The passenger side rear was sheared off with the resultant damage so great that the vehicle was written off.

My insurance was sufficient to replace the vehicle along with the GVM upgrade but did not cover other features (mirrors, CB radio, catch can, off road tyres, water filter on the fuel line, tyre pressure monitors, bullbar, trailer brakes, Anderson Plugs etc) which were not specifically named in the policy, only the total cost amount in dollars. I was lucky to escape without a scratch but I was surprised how vague and shaken I was for many days after.

Worse still was the level of road side assist. It was sufficient to cover recovery of my old van (small pop top less than 2000kg) but not my new van which is greater than 2000kg. You need a different level to enable recovery of a heavier van as well as air travel home for myself, accommodation, meals etc.

The devil is in the detail so read the fine print carefully and don't assume like I did.

A Fellow Traveller**GEMKHANA**

(Report from the minutes of the June monthly meeting):

- Bob reported he has acknowledged traders requests for space. Received approval for his request for \$1000 to boost GEMKHANA media reach on the Facebook page. His request for increased access to the website, resulted in the following motion ... Moved AFG, seconded Minsoc, all in favour ... that "This committee agreed that Bob McLean be added to Council's Facebook page as an administrator, along with Lily Murphy and Alex Maitland and none of them may delete one another without approval of the committee." Kim offered to help Bob with the work in promoting the GEMKHANA on Facebook.
- Colin was asked to send the article on entering competitions, that he recently sent to clubs, to the editor for inclusion in the *G&L News*.
- Bob will be pleased to receive raffle prizes from members.

Campbelltown Districts Lapidary Club
Presents

40th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show



14th & 15th July 2018

Times: Sat 9.30am - 5.00pm Sun 9.30am - 4.00pm



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LIST OF SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS

As you may know, the AFLACA website includes a list of all competitors in level 2, 3 and 4 competitions, who have won a section in lapidary competitions somewhere in Australia. The listing includes the name of the competitor's Club – if supplied.

It is a very long and comprehensive list, but because people often have the same or similar names, accomplishments can be recorded for another person.

Sometimes competitors use different names, eg Robert Clarke, R Clarke, B Clarke. Another Robert Clark might not have the "e", making even further confusion. Sometimes members of the same family have the same initial. If a member of a club, including the club name can also help avoid confusion.

In an endeavour to avoid confusion AND be sure everyone is shown with correct awards against their name, the Competition Recorder has been asked to note deceased members. Competitors can further help avoid confusion by using their full name and their club on entry forms.

Club secretaries are now asked to check the list and let us know of deceased members who are on the list, and make other corrections they may find. Please send your list to

Secretary, G&L Council, PO Box 188, Orange 2800,

or email to

secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au.

Find the list on the AFLACA website, www.aflaca.org.au under Competitors – there are two versions of competition winners, one in PDF, one in xl, but the info is the same, so you will only need to check one.



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CLUB NEWS

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Central Coast Lapidary Club recently had a successful day at the Central Coast regional Show. Much interest was generated by this and they are hoping it will lead to more members for the club. Their rock auction was also a success. The club has a field trips coming up—to Gloucester in October.

Goulburn Gem Society Inc.— Their stall at the Goulburn show and a recent Open day have led to them gaining some new members. They have also been holding events at Bunnings to raise funds for a relocation in club premises. The upcoming dates for these are listed on the Exhibitions and Events page. They run between 8am and 4pm on the dates shown. Their AGM has been held over from the June meeting til Friday 13 July 2018. This will be their AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. They have newly acquired a 500mm oscillating flat lap and grits.

Lismore Lapidary Club had a very successful Gemfest weekend. A good time was had by all. Photographs are available on their Facebook page. Their planned trip to Lionsville was cancelled, as the site was unsuitable. It was replaced by a day trip to Hogarth Range on the 17th June.

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Club news, Cont'd ...

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club did not hold a June meeting as too many members were away. Early in July, some members travelled to Canberra to view the Cartier Exhibition.

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club—Preparations continue for their two day exhibition in July. They will also be having an Open Day on 20th October.

Paramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club have welcomed some new members. They also have a Gem and Mineral show coming up in September. There will be gem Faceting, Cabochon Cutting, Silvercrafts, Copper enamelling, Jewellery Making, Rock and Mineral Specimens and Slabs, Club and Fossicking Information, BBQ & Refreshments, Raffle, Plants, Free Kids' Craft.



NSW GEMKHANA 2018

The GEMKHANA event has been arranged to be held at the Hawkesbury Showground again this year during the October long weekend (29 September to 1 October). The competition schedule is available on the Gem & Lapidary Council's website

THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL NSW CLUBS

to support the event and to encourage your members to compete in the competition. "Interstate Clubs are also welcome to enter"

Entries close 17th August 2018 Schedule available

www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au.

Entering a competition for the very first time can be a daunting experience however, this is where your Committee together with your workshop supervisor/teacher/tutor can provide the necessary support, advice and encouragement to help your members achieve the next step with their craft.

Improved Skills:

When you compete, your work is critiqued by an impartial judge, who does not even know who has done the work; your entry to them is a number only, so to start with there is no bias of any sort.

The Judge's comments will be encouraging, but also where due, will have constructive criticism which points out areas where you may improve your performance/skills. This also provides you with the finer points of what makes a piece of work look good to everyone not just a judge and appears as a quality piece of something you have made yourself.

Rewarding:

If the judge gives you a good mark (not necessarily win a prize) it will make you feel that your efforts have achieved something with your craft, but it is also a reward for your teacher/tutor that their knowledge has been passed on to you.

It is also a way of promoting the reputation of your Club. While it shows that your members are a keen, inspired/enthusiastic group, it also helps maintain excellent reputation your Club has at both State and National level.

In any competition, there are various levels of achievements and skill sets to enter, so you do not necessarily have to compete against the "best of the best"

So be proud of what YOU have done regardless of your perception of your skill level and enter.

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Colin Wright
Competition Co-Ordinator

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The following information has been taken from the AFLACA May newsletter—they requested that information about Rockhampton 2019 GEMBOREE be distributed widely.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES:

Where are the Showgrounds?

The Rockhampton Showgrounds are on the South side of Rockhampton in the suburb of Wandal and not far from an IGA, the Lionleigh Hotel, the Malaysia Hut Restaurant, Aquatic Park with a heated pool and Victoria Park with playground, walkways and BBQs.

Where can we stay if we are not camping?

Two motels on opposite Corners of Campbell and Albert Streets have been approached and have offered the rates below. They are in the same street as the Showgrounds and only 700 m away. To book either email or phone the motel directly. (Do not book online).

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Where can we do some Gold Fossicking close to Rockhampton?

We are still working on this. Clermont is well recognised for its gold and, as mentioned in the News Updates, has two new designated fossicking areas.

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

July

- 14 –15 Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club Exhibition
- 20 Goulburn Gem society Inc. Bunnings Barbecue
- 21-22 Enfield Gem & Mineral Club Biennial Gem & Mineral Show,
Enfield Primary School, SA

August

- 18-19 Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show
Glenbrook Community Hall, NSW

September

- 14, 15, 16
Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club Gem and Mineral Show
9am to 4pm in Club rooms
Free entry

October

- 13—14
Central Coast Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show
Mingara Recreational Club, Tumby Umbi
Free entry
- 20 Campbelltown Lapidary Club open day,
Lot 1 Bensley Rd
Macquarie Fields
- 23 Goulburn Gem society Inc. Bunnings Barbecue
- 26,27, 28
Northern Districts Lapidary Club 2018 Exhibition

November

- 3 Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club Open Day
- 23 Goulburn Gem society Inc. Bunnings Barbecue

December

- 21 Goulburn Gem society Inc. Bunnings Barbecue