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AFLACA J&R delegates	

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: 22nd August 2018

EDITOR'S NOTES

As there is a vacancy for judges on the G & L Council, you might like to consider the following short article:

Indispensable JUDGES ... always in demand

Council is always willing to take on new judges, in all the lapidary arts. To this end, courses are run from time to time in different aspects of lapidary. If you are interested in becoming a judge, please contact

Barbara Try on 0417 676 435, or by email on president@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.au.

Council does it's best to have judges judge in their own region, and not to burden them with too many assignments but, at the same time, enough assignments to keep their hand (or should that be eyes) in.

Suzanne

ADDRESSES for the Gem & Lapidary Council NSW

Website : [http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au /](http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/)

The website has links to the **secretary, editor & webmaster**

Online edition of the newsletter is in colour.

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

Meeting rooms: Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE

15th August 2018

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

CONTACT THE G&L EDITOR TO INCLUDE YOUR CLUB'S NEWS

editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

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per G&L News edition

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Minutes and business



The meeting was opened at 12:53pm 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), Blaxland (Pam & Alex Gardiner), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill, Shirley & Ainslie Flynn), Blue Mountains (Kim Cook), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O’Neil), AFG (Col Wright), Parramatta-Holroyd (Marilyn Behrens), Orange (Kathy Selwood).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Pt Hacking (Bob McLean), NSW (Lilly Murphy),

Moved, Blaxland seconded Central Coast apologies be accepted

Visitor: Ray Powell Parramatta-Holroyd

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (27 June 2018): Three Amendments to minutes:

1. Misspelling of Lilly Murphy name.
2. GEMKHANA Judging –For future GEMKHANAS Judging days a letter should be sent as early as possible to Parramatta/Holroyd asking to use its clubrooms for GEMKHANA judging.
3. GEMKHANA Report: Bob request for increase access to the Facebook page – not website.

Moved Wester Suburbs, seconded Goulburn minutes be accepted.

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 25 July 2018**J&R Report:**

- Paul Sabolta 3 of the 4 passed in the faceting judges course in Victoria.
- Arthur Roffey has submitted a change to go to AFLACA for a mineral classification change

Webmaster's Report: no report

Education Report:

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

Kathy in discussions with Illawarra Club for a wax carving for casting course.

GEMKHANA Report:

- Contracts have been sent, no change in price. Adult \$5 Child \$3 Family \$12
- Inside and Outside contracts to have the word only added "The Council is permitted to take photographs of the booths and Traders and use these photographs for advertising and promotional purposes only".

GEMBOREE 2022 – next NSW GEMBOREE (Apr 13-19 2022)

- Barbara reported on Orange. Quote and information presented.
- Barbara to chase costings for Mudgee Field Day Centre, and report next month.

Reports received Minsoc, seconded Blue Mountains

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Competition Judges Wally Dove & John Behrens to be taken out of G & L News, & web if there also.
- G & L Advertising costing to start July 2018 to June 2019, invoices to go out.
- 26-27 August Cumberland show advertising clubs to Marilyn for table.
- Goulburn Gem & Lapidary Club inc new name. Changed from Goulburn Gem Society.
- Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club inc has a club email account.
- Educate for emails acknowledge email received by replying.
- New computer program for GEMKHANA working

General business moved AFG, seconded Blue Mountains

Next meeting, Wednesday 22 August, 2018**Further meeting dates for 2018:**

September during GEMKHANA October 24th November 28th December 12th

Council's website: www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au with a link to Secretary, Editor and Webmaster

AFLACA's website: www.aflaca.org.au

It is with great sadness that Parramatta– Holroyd Lapidary Club announced the passing of one of their life members,

Helen Thompson.

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Refreshments available

Entry: Adults \$3, Children \$1

Glenbrook Community Hall

Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW

(Next to Glenbrook Theatre)



CLUB NEWS

Email: editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

Illawarra Lapidary club Inc have a Jewellery Gems and Mineral Festival coming up in early November. Please see the Events page for 'where' and 'when'. The Club is contactable via their website:

<http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/> They also have a Facebook page.

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club are very welcoming to new members. Membership fees are due for renewal. Members need to be financial in order to use the equipment available at the Club. They have a wide range of classes and workshops available— such as Silver Smithing, Beading and Lost Wax working. Some are only available at certain times. Silver classes resume September 2018.

They are still seeking a faceting machine.

Their long term Events Co-ordinator, Margaret stepped down after their July exhibition. She has generously offered to assist a new person to ease into the role. The club raised \$107.70 at their Biggest Morning Tea event.

The club's AGM will be held on 1st September in the Club rooms at 9a.m. The AGM will be followed by a morning tea and a General Meeting.

Canberra Lapidary Club Inc are looking for someone to make child-sized waterproof aprons. Details of an August field trip (or its cancellation) will be announced at their Social Meeting. The club is seeking people who might be able to give talks at their Social Meetings. Please let a member of their committee know if you know someone suitable. At their General Meeting on 9th August, demonstrations of the use of fire alarms, fire blankets and smoke alarms will be given.

Paramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club have welcomed a new member. The club had a Working Bee on 21st July.

They also have, as noted in the previous newsletter, a Gem and Mineral show coming up in September. Their theme this year is "Everything Copper".

Their AGM will be held on 25th August in the clubrooms. All positions will become vacant.

NOTICE OF EVENTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

AND

EVENTS BEYOND DECEMBER 2018

Casula Powerhouse currently have an exhibition, which runs til September 16. If you would like to know more about this lovely metal, maybe visit the exhibit if you are able to. Details can be found here—<http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/whats-on/exhibitions2/2018-exhibitions/copper>.

- GEMBOREE (Reg'd Trademark) 2019 19th –22nd April in Rockhampton Qld

There is a wealth of information on the upcoming Rockhampton GEMBOREE available on the AFLACA website . There are tickets available for their fundraising raffle and information regarding where to stay etc (as mentioned in previous G & L Council newsletter). More information will be gleaned and shared in future G & L Council newsletters between now and April. The website might be worth a visit, for those of you interested in the Event. AFLACA's web address is on the bottom of p 5 of this newsletter, at the end of the Meeting Minutes.

- NSW GEMBOREE April 13th—19th 2022

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Author's competition

GEMKHANA 2018 is just around the corner. There is an ongoing G&L Council award which runs from October to August each year and culminates in a trophy being awarded at the GEMKHANA.

There is still time to be considered for this year's award. And plenty of time to find topics and create stories and articles for next year! Articles you would like to be considered can be either those already submitted for publication in your newsletters, or written specifically for the Competition.

Share your enthusiasm for your favourite lapidary-related topic ... create a log of a field trip ... or maybe chronicle an ongoing project? You might inspire someone to take up some new skills or to go out and about looking for gems to work with from scratch. The newsletter covers all of NSW. Each club has a unique perspective on lapidary. Those that are nearer the coast will have a very different view to those of you who are inland and vice versa.

This is a really good opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. Whether you make someone laugh, or inspire them to greater things, there is a great deal of writing talent within our ranks. It should be recognised and rewarded.



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Hours: 9am to 5pm Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September
9am to noon Monday
1st October

Location: Hawkesbury District
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at Clarendon, near
Richmond

GEMKHANA 2018

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EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS 2018 / 2019

August

18-19

Gem Show

Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club

Glenbrook Community Hall, NSW

September

14, 15, 16

"Everything Copper"

Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club Gem and Mineral Show

9am to 4pm in Club rooms

Free entry

29, 30 & Oct 1

GEMKHANA

Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Grounds, Clarendon

For entry costs and times, please see flyer on p11 of the newsletter

October

13—14

Annual Gem Show

Central Coast Lapidary Club

Mingara Recreational Club, Tumby Umbi

Free entry

20

Open Day

Campelltown Lapidary Club

Lot 1 Bensley Rd

Macquarie Fields

23

Goulburn Gem Society Inc. **Bunnings Barbecue**

26,27, 28

Exhibition

Northern Districts Lapidary Club 2018

November

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Open Day

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club

3 & 4

Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival

Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc.

Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre

109 Princes Hwy, Dapto

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Goulburn Gem Society Inc. **Bunnings Barbecue**

December

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