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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: 28th November 2018

EDITOR'S NOTES

- G & L president Barbara Try has provided a "Competition Reminders" section. It is on pages 10 and 11 of the newsletter. It details some important points, which are sometimes mishandled. Please read this, to ensure that your entry / competition is compatible with requirements.

Suzanne

ADDRESSES for the Gem & Lapidary Council NSW

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21st November 2018

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

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Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 24th October 2018 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), Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Col Wright), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane) Orange (Kathy Selwood) Port Hacking(Bob McLean) MInsoc. (John Behrens) Hawksbury (John Vincent) Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn and Marcia Hill) Illawarra(Joan Zealey), NSW(Lilly Murphy)

Visitor: Marilyn Behrens

Apologies: Arthur Roffey OAM

Apologies. Moved Western Suburbs. Seconded Central Coast.

Business Arising:

1. Mick Lanes Apologies for Sept Meeting was not recorded
2. Grafton's enamelling workshop to be run by Annette Clarke no date set as yet.
3. GEMBOREE Badge and trophy design to be run as a competition.
4. GEMBOREE 2022 insider traders co ordinator - Marilyn withdrew as she is no longer a delegate.

Business arising moved Port Hacking seconded Goulburn.

Correspondence: See attached list.

Moved Orange seconded AFG that Inward Correspondence be received and Outward Correspondence be endorsed.

Business Arising :

1. Gem Council Trailer storage to be arranged by Barbara Try at a cost of \$10 per week.
2. GEMHKANA Tony Try Contacted All traders asking for constructive ideas to improve future shows a number of good suggestions were received. More info in GEMKHANA report.
3. Campbelltown & District Lapidary club re website advertisement restrictions at present each member club is entitled one free ad per year to be followed up with Webmaster.
4. Business arising from correspondence moved Blaxland seconded Western Suburbs.
5. A request from Arthur Roffey to be allowed a proxy vote was approved John Behrens to have 2nd vote if required

Treasurer's Report:

General a/c: Inc \$77.95 Exp \$1,231.71 Bal at 24/10/18.\$2,187.21

GEMKHANA a/c: Inc \$3,972.00 Exp \$10,083.11 Bal at 24/10/18 \$15,013.74

GEMBOREE a/c: Inc \$500.00 Exp \$270.00 Bal at 24/10/18 \$2,589.70

Accounts for payment (Mick lane) for tags and test equipment

Moved Port Hacking seconded AFG that the report be accepted and accounts paid.

J&R Report:

1. All Judging Now completed for the year.
2. All Judges to receive a letter from Barbara Try re complying with competition rules.

Webmaster: There is a need to update photos.

G&L NEWS: Nil

Education Report

1. Byron Bay; carving course was very successful so was soldering course.
2. Illawarra has requested a wax carving and casting course Kathy to arrange date.
3. Grafton's request for an enamelling course Annette Clarke to arrange.

GEMKHANA:

1. **Competition schedule now ready to go.**
2. **Constructive ideas from traders: Venue: all were happy to continue at Hawksbury showground.**
3. **Timing not the long weekend but a two-day show. The 28th & 29th September 2019 was chosen**
4. **Advertising to be addressed in all formats.**
5. **Signage to be improved and Hawksbury Council to be asked to improve signage to the showground.**
6. **Terry and Lesley have offered to display the largest cut Emerald ever found at Torrington.**
7. **Western Suburbs wished to thank all who helped at this year's Gemkhana.**
8. **All clubs to be asked to promote and support the competition.**

GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.

1. Illawarra agreed to organise registrations.
2. Badge and trophy Design to be run as a competition.

Reports received Goulburn seconded Hawksbury.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mick lane to order an extra 16 G&L shirts assorted sizes

Meeting dates 2018 November 28th December



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CLUB NEWS

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Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club had their Open Day on 20th October. Congratulations, to the Open Day Raffle winners!

Canberra Lapidary Club Inc have a Gemcraft and Mineral show coming up on 10th and 11th November at Mallee Pavilion. They will have items for sale, demonstrations and displays. Please contact the show convenor Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6331 for further details.

Paramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club had their Annual Exhibition recently. It was a great success. They are already planning for the 2019 exhibition, and are asking for people to step forward and volunteer their support. The Club Christmas Party is planned for the 8th December, in the Club rooms.

Lismore Gem and Lapidary Club will have their Christmas party on Dec 2nd, at the club rooms. Their October long weekend field trip to Emmaville was a success. No November field trip is planned at this time. The club had a display in the North Coast National (Lismore) Show. The Club has new Gemmasta sanders installed.

Northern Districts Lapidary Club have their next General meeting on Tues 13th November. The area immediately surrounding the club rooms has been renovated and upgraded, making access much easier and safer. The Club's Annual Exhibition was a great success.

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectibles and Lapidary Club had their Annual open Day on 3rd November. They have a Club field trip happening from 8th to 12th November.

Nunawading and District Lapidary Club had their Annual Exhibition on 20th and 21st October. No reports on how it went, as yet. Their Newsletter, GEMFORM is bimonthly and was published before the event. They have a card night planned for the 24th November, at the clubrooms.

Goulburn Gem and Lapidary Club Inc. have their next General meeting on 9th November, in the Club rooms, at 11am. Their Christmas party will be held on Sunday 2nd Dec, at midday.

Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc. have also recently had their annual Gem and Craft show. By all accounts, it was a success, and the activities well supported. Their Christmas party will be in mid-December

COMPETITION “REMINDERS”

COMPETITORS:

Firstly, enjoy your cutting and/or production of your special items. However, if you wish to compete and improve your standards, please ensure that you check the relevant Schedule for the competition to ensure:

- a] that there is suitable section for your work
- b] that you meet all the requirements listed in any Special Conditions and the Competitor & Judging Manual, Issue No. 8, April 2015 re size and material
- c] that you enter the correct division and level.

As a competitor – particularly when you are new to competitions – talk to your instructor for advice so as to avoid problems and disappointments.

COMPETITION COMMITTEES:

Firstly, if asking for Gem Council Judges to assess your competition entries, please ensure that your schedule meets the requirements of the Judging & Rules Manual.

At Level 1 [club level] only – if you wish to hold a competition that is not covered by the Competitor & Judging Manual, Issue No. 8, April 2015, and wish Gem & Lapidary Council Judges to assess the entries, you will need to provide suitable Judging Sheets and Criteria under which the entries are to be judged. These are to be submitted at the same time as you request Judges.

It is recommended that the Competition Committee comprise of people who understand the Competitor & Judging Manual, and can advise competitors on the correct section[s] they should enter, and if their entry is eligible according to the schedule under which they are competing.

JUDGES:

Please take some time before you start to judge the section you have been given and read:

- a] the schedule to check the requirements of that section
- b] the Competitor & Judging Manual, Issue No. 8, April 2015 to check any definitions and size requirements

The most common error that has been noted recently is with the categorising/differentiating between Free Forms and Fancy cabochons - particularly where “ridges” are concerned. **Please take care with these sections because “ridges” are allowed for Free Forms but NOT for Fancy cabochons.**

Another error that has been noted is where entries have been placed in incorrect sections e.g. Wire Wrapped Jewellery being entered and judged as Metalcraft.

Please look at each entry you have been given before you judge it, and if you have any concerns raise it with the Competition Committee.

Barbara Try
J & R Chairperson

Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW Inc.

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NSW GEMKHANA 2018**The GOOD; the BAD and the UGLY**

We should have known that this was going to be an interesting few days. It was raining quite heavily as we packed the caravan to leave home, but then the rain stopped allowing us to get out on to the road dry. We then settled in and made our way out to the M1, where it started to bucket down once again. However, all was going well and we were dry. Then we hit Pennant Hills Road, which was a full three lanes of traffic at a virtual standstill - going both ways. While there were plenty of trucks, the rest of the vehicles all seemed to be saying it was "holiday season" as they either had caravans, boats, trailers and roof racks full of surfboards and bikes. It took us 45 minutes to travel the eight klms to reach the M2. Unfortunately the fuel gauge was moving faster than we were as we travelled in first gear all the way. From there it rained all the way out to the Showground, but as we arrived, it stopped and allowed us to set up once again in the dry.

THE GOOD:

Because we had organised the tables and chairs to be at the Showground early, it allowed us to set up the tables and drapes without any last minute rush, which was very good. We also had a total of sixteen volunteers to assist with the work, both before, during and after the event, which was very good. While a couple of the traditional faces were absent because of health reason there were four new faces that were introduced to the trials and tribulations of running an event such as the GEMKHANA. Thank you guys – your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Special "thanks" also goes to the volunteers – [they will know who I mean] – who have only just recovered from, or are in fact still being treated for major medical problems.

Although we were threatened with bad weather on a couple of occasions, the big storms and hail that hammered nearby areas fortunately went around us, so the weather during the GEMKHANA was good. However, I believe a couple of gazebos had unplanned moves during the set-up stage!.

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EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS**November**

23 Goulburn Gem Society Inc. **Bunnings Barbecue**

December

21 Goulburn Gem society Inc. **Bunnings Barbecue**

April 19—22

2019

GEMBOREE

Rockhampton

(Cont'd from p 10)

We were also asked to camp in a different area to that which is normally allocated to us. This was further away from the airfield and the train station, so we experienced a lot less noise. We were also closer to the hall, which made our work a lot easier.

“Happy Hours” of an afternoon were held near Sue and Joe’s caravan. These were – for the most part – happy occasions where the aches and pains of antiquing bodies could be anaesthetised before going to bed.

THE BAD

The attendance over the period of the GEMKHANA was poor. This – I believe - was partly due to insufficient advertising. It had been suggested to the G&L Council that it should move with the times and use the Internet such as Facebook etc rather than rely on the more traditional methods. This did not work, largely due to our inexperience with the modern technology.

We were also advised that there would be a “drought relief” event over the weekend, where we normally camp. This was expected to bring in more people that could also attend the GEMKHANA. Unfortunately, this event did not eventuate.

A National horse dressage event was also planned for the same weekend. It was expected that there would be a cross-flow of attendance from that event. This did not happen.

THE UGLY

Unfortunately, the lack of public attendance did create some “ugly” situations by the end of the weekend.

CONCLUSION

A lot of time, effort and money was put into organising and being part of this event. Some major changes are being planned for GEMKHANA 2019 in the hope that **EVERYONE** involved will be happier at its conclusion.

Tony Try