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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: February 27th

EDITOR'S NOTES

- Only minutes from January's meeting have been published, as there was no newsletter for January.
- GEMBOREE is coming up in April, in Rockhampton. A detailed announcement is in the Events section of the newsletter. This contains how to get any further information about the event.
- Please see, also, an article regarding low number of submissions for Hawkesbury agricultural Show on p. 8

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,

DEADLINES:

Traditionally, there is no January issue. The next issue published will be the February Issue. The usual "third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed" will apply to January. February will contain news from December and January.

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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 and Mark Burgess); Central Coast (Tony Try); AFG (Col Wright); Blue Mountains (Mick Lane and Kim Cooke); Orange (Kathy Selwood); Port Hacking (Bob McLean and Tony Offord); Illawarra (Joan Zealey); and Blaxland (Pamela Gardiner)

Apologies:

Alec Gardiner Blaxland John Vincent (Hawkesbury Valley), John Behrens (Parramatta Holroyd), Marcia Hill- Shirley & Ainslie Flynn (Western Suburbs) Lilly Murphy (Webmaster).

Apologies. Moved Central Coast. Seconded Goulburn

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (12 th December2018):

Moved Port Hacking , seconded Illawarra minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

1. Adjustment to spelling of Tony Offords name.
2. Grafton's enamelling workshop to be run by Annette Clarke. Awaiting grant approval.
3. GEMBOREE badge and trophy design to be run as a competition. ***Clubs please send submissions asap.*** Please send entries to the GLC Secretary.

Business arising moved Port Hacking ,seconded Blue Mountains.

Correspondence:

Available—not attached

Moved Goulburn seconded AFG that Inward Correspondence be received, and Outward correspondence be endorsed.

Business Arising:

- A Carving judges' course to be run by Kathy Selwood directly after the GEMBOREE in Rockhampton.
- Business arising from correspondence moved Central Coast second Blaxland

Treasurer's Report:

General a/c: Inc \$1,000.09 Exp \$1,855.33 Bal at 23/1/19 \$879.34

GEMKHANA a/c: Inc \$57.04 Exp \$1,213.44 Bal at 23/1/19 \$11,860.13

GEMBOREE a/c: Inc \$0.21 Exp \$Nil Bal at 30.11/18 \$2,590.32

Accounts for payment

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

J&R Report:

- Judging for Hawksbury show to be 1 st May schedule is on website
- Judging for Gemkhana to be 31 st August.

Webmaster. Nil

G&L NEWS: Nil

Education Report 1

- Kathy to run a carving judges course to be run at Rockhampton. ***Expressions of interest from clubs for this course are requested ASAP.***

GEMKHANA

1. Competition schedule now on website
2. Brochure to be amended for the February meeting Bob Mclean to arrange.
3. Advertising to be addressed in all formats. Kim Cooke to arrange including face book comp.
4. Clubs to be offered an 8ft table to sell, demonstrate etc, a limited number of tables available— so first in best dressed. Applications to the secretary before August 2019.
5. All clubs to be asked to promote and support the competition.
6. Mick Lane to look for suitable sites for banners.

GEMBOREE:

Mudgee 2022.

Badge and trophy Design to be run as a competition, clubs to send entries to secretary. Competition Schedule is underway. Tony & Barbara to visit Mudgee for follow up.

Reports received Blue Mountains, seconded Orange

Meeting dates 2019

- January 23 rd
- February 27th
- March 27 th
- April **cancelled**
(due to GEMBOREE Rockhampton)
- May 22nd
- June 26th
- July 24th
- August 28 th
- September 25th
- GEMKHANA 28th to 29th
September
- October 23 rd
- November 27th
- December 11th **AGM.**

**Next meeting, February 27 th , 2019 at 1pm at 73 Fullagar Road
Wentworthville.**

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Show

The 2019 Hawkesbury District Agricultural Show will again take place at Clarendon NSW on the 10th, 11th and 12th May, 2019.

Unfortunately, the number of entries in the lapidary sections have decreased over the last few years - from over 160 entries to only 30 in 2018. If the numbers do not increase, the lapidary section will be deleted from the show.

The Hawkesbury Show is open to all the people in Australia, and I know that there are many who are interested in minerals, fossils, jewellery and stones, so please speak to your members and encourage them to participate in this event next year.

The Hawkesbury Show is on the website
www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

The schedule for the show is also on the G & L Council Website:

<http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au>

You could also ring Mrs Amena Murray on 02 45711517, if you have any questions in relation to this event.

In 2018 there were over 60,000 visitors to the show, thus making it the largest Regional Show in NSW and the second largest in Australia. It is hoped that more clubs will support the lapidary sections of the show in 2019.

Barbara Try

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from all over NSW will be presented by the Gem and Lapidary Council
of NSW Inc, at the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground,***

40 Racecourse Road

***at Clarendon outside Richmond over the weekend of the
28 th and 29 th of September. From 9am to 5pm each day.***

Visitors please note:

***These dates are the weekend before the October long weekend of
the 5th to 7th October.***

For further details email gemkhana@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

Email: editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club have an Open day coming up in March. The flyer for this event is on p.13 of the newsletter.

Canberra Lapidary Club Inc resumed business on 3rd January. The Club Christmas party was a great success. Their next social meeting is February 14th, at the Club rooms. The club has a Rock Swap coming up on 30th and 31st March. There are also some large events later on in the year, which will be included in the events page next newsletter. The Club will not be having a stall at the Royal Canberra Show this year.

Lismore Gem and Lapidary Club had their Club Christmas party on 2nd December. A great time was had by all. The Club resumed business on 12th January. The Club had a field trip in January to Repentance Creek. The proposition of holding meetings every two months was considered on the day of the Christmas Party, and will be voted on and decided at the February meeting.

Inverell and District Lapidary Club Inc have a new premises, now. Landscaping is the next big project for them. Their Christmas party was a big success, and members are already working on plans for this year's celebrations. The club has cabbing and faceting classes planned for this year, also. First meeting for 2019 is February 14th at 2pm. Their Gem and Craft Show is in October.

Cessnock Gem and Mineral Club Inc. Resumed business on 19th January 2019. They have a Viking Knitting workshop coming up on 23rd February, including techniques for making a simple necklace or bracelet. The Club's major field trip is on 24th –27th July to Lightning Ridge, during the LR Opal Festival.

The Australian Facetors Guild will be holding faceting workshops on 17th February in the Parramatt-Holroyd club rooms in Fullager Rd Wentworthville. For information contact the Secretary, Paul Sabolta, 0415211478 or president@facetorsguild.com.au . Further workshops will be held throughout the year in April, June September and October.

CLUB NEWS

The Mineralogical Society of NSW (MSNSW) held their first meeting for 2019 on 1st February at Parramatta-Holroyd club rooms in Fullager Rd Wentworthville. There was a presentation on the Sepon Copper mine in Laos, and a mineral auction to raise funds for Kids with Cancer. On March 1st, they will have another presentation—'Vesuvius Visited'.

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club resumed business on 16th January. They held school holiday lapidary workshops. February's monthly meeting was on 4th February. March meeting is scheduled for 4th March. The Club held two very successful field trips in November - a combined trip with The Australin Fossil and mineral museum to Bathurst surrounds and another Club one to Mt Hope.



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CARVING JUDGING COURSE

During GEMBOREE 2019, Kathryn Selwood will be conducting a "CARVING JUDGING" course. This will take place in the Rockhampton Lapidary Club rooms on 23rd and 24th April 2019. This will allow all GEMBOREE attendees to attend the GEMBOREE and associated activities and the course. There is a limit of six (6) persons for the course.

People who are interested in the course need to be nominated by by 14th February to RockhamptonLapidaryClub@Hotmail.com with the Subject "CARVING JUDGING COURSE".

AFLACA will take the first nomination from each state. Should there be vacancies, we will then take the second nomination from the states as emails were received.

- Numbers for people min 2, max of 6
- Fees - general charge is \$50 per person for the judging course

Fee includes:

- Notes, folders, judging sheets, prejudging of each participants 6 pieces
- Additional judging features & interpretations notes
- Prepare a written pre-course test
- Prepare written course test with 30-part questions to cover manual & techniques in judging for each.

Qualifications for attending the carving judging course

- have completed at least 1 quality pieces in each sections
5A – Fully 3 dimensional any hardness, 5B – carving in relief any hardness, 5C – cameo min20mm on longest dim, 5D – intaglio, 5E – carving not otherwise specified in group 5A to 5D (cetic designs), 6 – scrimshaw
- Total 6 pieces for each participant.

CARVING COURSE (cont'd)

Kathryn will need these pieces by 1st March 2019 to pre-judge them before the course.

the name and address to send out pre-course quiz questions which is open book (competitor & judging manual issue no 8) for them to complete and return to Kathryn.

This is an ideal opportunity to linger a little longer and enjoy the regions attractions. Camping is available at the Showgrounds until 29th April.

information via

Arthur H Cleary, OAM

Coordinator

GEMBOREE 2019

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club

Open Day

9.00am - 2.00pm

Saturday 16th March 2019

- *Rocks, crystals, gemstones, fossils, rough,
- *handcrafted jewellery and market stalls
- *Free family event - all ages welcome
- *Sausage sizzle and homemade cakes and slices
- *Hot and cold drinks

Next to Hazlett Oval

If you are interested in lapidary, crystals jewellery making or silver work, check out our club and work rooms.

Come along, have a look at the club and join us for a cuppa.

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EVENTS (CONT'D ON P 16)**Date****Event / Details****February**

Sunday 25 th

between 8am and 2 pm.

ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC –**ROCK & MINERAL FAIR**

Stuart Park, North Wollongong

March

Saturday 2 nd

9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday 3rd March

9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Thursday to Sunday

7th –10th

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The Minerama Fossicking, Gem Jewellery Show

Gem Festival in the Glen Innes Highlands

Glen Innes & District Services Club

Tailgaters will be accommodated on the King George
Oval behind the Services Club.

16th

9am—2pm

Campbelltown District Lapidary Club Open day

Lot 1

Bensley Rd

Macquarie Fields

April**GEMBOREE****(Detailed announcement next page)**

13th & 14th

Times TBA

Blue Mountains Showcnr of Noble St & Great Western Highway
Bullaburra.

April

The 55th GEMBOREE will be held in Rockhampton Qld, at the Rockhampton Showgrounds over Easter, Friday to Monday, the 19th to 22nd of April.

The Gemborees are organised each year by AFLACA, (The Australian Federation of Lapidary and Allied Crafts Association Inc). The 2019 GEMBOREE is being hosted by the Queensland Gem Clubs Association Incorporated (QGCA). GEMBOREES are hosted in a different state and city each year by the state body. The 2020 event will be held in Albury.

Further information is available on the websites 'GEMBOREE Advance Rockhampton'.

May**Hawkesbury District Agricultural Show**

10th, 11th and 12th

Clarendon NSW—for details, please visit

www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

June**The Yagoona Gem and Mineral Fair**

Saturday 1st

Arena Sports Club,

Sunday 2nd

140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona

Hosted by The Bankstown and Districts Lapidary Club and Kristallen.

For more information please contact Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au or 0412 333 150

Saturday 15th

Windsor Gem and Mineral Fair

Sunday 16th

Windsor Function Centre

Cnr of George Street and Dight Street Windsor

Hosted by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club and Kristallen

For more information please contact Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au or 0412 333 150