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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: May 22nd

EDITOR'S NOTES

A quiet edition of the newsletter this month. Many Clubs are preparing for their own big local events, as well as participating in GEMBOREE in Rockhampton over the Easter break.

Some personal perspectives of GEMBOREE, also, in this edition. On pages seven and ten there are pictures of Kathy Selwood, Marcia Hill, Barbara and Tony Try, and Palma Smyth, Graham McLean and Marcia Hill. Tony gives us his impression of GEMBOREE 2019 and a birds-eye view of competing.

Suzanne

ADDRESSES

for the Gem & Lapidary Council NSW

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DEADLINES

Third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed.

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No minutes available, as there was no General Meeting was held in April, due to GEMBOREE being held in Rockhampton over Easter.

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club member, Andrew “Andy” Spillane passed away on February 18th. He and his wife, remained active in the Club, travelling from Lithgow for events and meetings until the end of 2018. He will be greatly missed.

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Northern Districts Lapidary Club members are busy preparing entries for the Hawkesbury Show in May. Details about the Club's activities can be found on their facebook page.

Lismore Gem and Lapidary Club will not be having a General Meeting in May due to preparations for Gemfest, on may 18th and 19th. At the April meeting there was a talk on gold by one of their members. The Club had a field trip to Inverell on April 19th -22nd. Participants found some quartz crystals, 'bombs' and jelly bean crystals. Some of the finds may turn up at Gemfest.

Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club Inc have their next General meeting on May 25th. John and Marilyn Behrens are currently on their extended trip after GEMBOREE, Rockhampton. The Club will be having an Open day later in the year, in November.

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club are having a trial Sunday opening of the Club on 12th May from 9am—3pm. Last month, two of the Club members gave a talk at Rockley Public school about rocks and the schoolchildren visited the club rooms the following week.

Campbelltown Districts Lapidary Club
Presents
41st Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show
13th & 14th July 2019
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From left to right –

**Kathy Selwood,
Marcia Hill, Barbara
and Tony Try. All
members of the Gem
& Lapidary Council of
NSW.**



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ROCKHAMPTON GEMBOREE — EASTER 2019

This was a very different occasion for Barbara and me, because for family reasons we had to make it a very quick visit and fly up and back to Sydney. This meant that we stayed in a motel and did not get the chance to socialise with the “lapidary family” as much as we would normally do, when camped on the show-ground in our caravan.

Having said that the weather was fine, with only a few light showers of rain, which added to the humidity. *[This was probably only felt by us “Mexicans” from the Southern States!]*

The main hall was huge and seemed to be well attended, and there were many Outside Traders scattered over quite a large area. The competition area, with some demonstrators, was in a separate airconditioned building and had quite a bit of attention by visitors as well as competitors.

Talking of competition – once again congratulations must go to the Western Suburbs Lapidary Club for taking out the Trophy for Champion Club, as well as several individual Trophies. Well done!!

Although the Northern Districts Lapidary Club won a few individual trophies, we were beaten for second place on the Champion Club ladder by the Rockhampton Lapidary Club. Congratulations “Rocky”.

We all know that GEMBOREE 2020 will be run by Victoria and held at Albury, so I think the following words – although I put them together some years ago – may still be appropriate:

THE GEMBOREE COMPETITORS

Those famous words that are so often said –
“I will start early next year”,
Just have to be fixed in one’s head
To avoid the heartbreak and occasional tear –
As last-minute entries are finished for the GEMBOREE

With legs that ache and hands that are sore,
Members shuffle to their cars with bodies tired
And the last one to leave slowly shuts the door.
Win or lose, they really have tries –
As last-minute entries are finished for the GEMBOREE

The hopeful few have given of their best
As they head for their equipment at home
To once again put their skills to the test:
Trying all sorts of tricks – some new and unknown
As last-minute entries are finished for the GEMBOREE

The growing pile of petrified wood:
The faceted stones with too many meets,
The frustrated cries of “I can’t find material that is any good”
And “why do I always have to “cheat”
As last-minute entries are finished for the GEMBOREE

Time runs out and it becomes very clear –
As entries are very carefully wrapped and sent by Post
“I WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR”
Is a promise made by most?
As last-minute entries are sent to the GEMBOREE

PS. For non-facetors “cheater” refers to the fine tuner, which allows
small adjustments to be made to the angles on a Faceting machine

Tony Try

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From left to right—
**Palma Smyth with
the microphone
(Competition Com-
mittee), Graham
McLean (President of
AFLACA.) and Marcia
Hill from Western
Suburbs Lapidary
Club with the keeper
trophy.**

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Stones, Lapidary Equipment, Faceting Rough and Slabs.

Silver Work and Gem Cutting demonstrations.

Children's Activities.

Adults \$5 Children \$3 Families \$12

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EVENTS

Date	Event / Details
May	2019 Royal Bathurst Show
3rd—5th	
May	Hawkesbury District Agricultural Show
10th, 11th and 12th	Clarendon NSW—for details, please visit
	www.hawkesburyshow.com.au
May	Lismore Gem and Lapidary club
Sat 18th 9am—5pm	29th Annual Gemfest
and	Lismore Showground
Sun 19th 9am –3pm	Alexandra Avenue , Nth Lismore
	http://www.gemclublismore.org.au/lismore-gemfest/
May	Canberra Lapidary Club Inc's Winter Gemcraft and Mineral Show
25th & 26th	Mallee Pavilion, EPIC (Exhibition Park off the Federal Highway) in Canberra.
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.
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