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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: September 25th

EDITOR'S NOTES

Allan Brierly, a long-time Patron of Parramatta-Holroyd Club, passed away recently. His funeral service was on Friday 9th August at 11-15am at the Palm Chapel, Macquarie Park Cemetery Delhi Road Macquarie Park .

He will be greatly missed.

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,
73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

DEADLINES:

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

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ADVERTISING RATES

per *G&L News* edition

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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), Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Col Wright), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane & Kim Cooke) Orange (Kathy Selwood) Port Hacking (Bob McLean and Tony Offord) Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powel & John Behrens)Western Suburbs (Ainslie

& Shirley Flynn & Marcia Hill)

Apologies: Joan Zealey. Peter Beckwith. Pam & Alec Gardiner.

Apologies. Moved AFG Seconded Goulburn.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (24th July 2019): Moved Central Coast, seconded Port Hacking that minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

1. A J&R meeting was held on the 4th August to discuss incised patterns on free form proposals from this meeting to be submitted to AFLACA for consideration
2. Northern Districts carving course successfully completed.
3. The final Club Competitions have had the Judges allocated - Parramatta/Holroyd and Central-Coast.

Business arising moved Orange seconded Parramatta/ Holroyd.

Correspondence: Not attached. Copies available

Moved Orange seconded Blue Mountains that Inward Correspondence be received, and Outward Correspondence be endorsed.

Business Arising:

1. E Mail address needed for Hawksbury Valley delegate
2. Gemkhana Registered Name - renewed

Business arising from correspondence moved Orange second Parramatta Holroyd

Treasurer's Report:

General a/c: Inc \$Nil Exp \$115.71 Bal at 30/8/19 \$1,904.91

GEMKHANA a/c: Inc \$3,345.00 Exp \$1,334.00 Bal at 30/8/19 \$14,724.98

GEMBOREE a/c: Inc \$Nil Exp \$Nil Bal at 30/6/19 \$2,591.54

Accounts for payment (Nil)

Moved Port Hacking seconded Western Suburbs that the report be accepted.

J&R Report: See Business arising from minutes.

Webmaster still urgently needed anyone interested please contact Barbara Try.

G&L News: Editor is away in Denmark but will still produce the G & L News.

Education Report :

1. Byron Bay carving course to be arranged by Kathy Selwood

GEMKHANA:

Facebook and Instagram going well lots of positive feedback.

1. Facebook advertising going well 1500 likes so far and second family pass issued also to be on Instagram.
2. Australian Tourist Website has us listed in coming events.
3. All country clubs have been invited to camp at the showground.
4. Mobile ATM to be booked costing \$440.00.
5. Raffle one only to be drawn on Sunday afternoon.

6. Tables and PA system booked for delivery Wednesday 25th September
7. Info to be collected from visitors, postcode & how found out about show to be used for future advertising.

GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.

Badge and trophy plus booklet front cover chosen.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Trailer tyres to be checked and replaced as necessary before next registration.
- New Banners and Bali sail signs. Received.
- Secretary to follow up issue of ABN number.

General Business: Moved Northern Districts. Seconded Port Hacking.

Next meeting: September 25th at 2pm at Gemkhana set up at Hawksbury Show-ground Pavilion

Meeting closed 2.55pm. President Minute Secretary: Mick Lane



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CLUB NEWS

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Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Inc had their annual gem show on Sat 17th and Sun 18th August at the Glenbrook Community Hall, There were displays and sales of lapidary work, gems, rocks, minerals, jewellery, beads and gems stones.

Northern Districts Lapidary Club had their Annual general meeting on 17th August. By all accounts, the road trip that flowed on from Gemboree was very successful. Good times were had, and there were many interesting gems found.

The Australian Journal of Mineralogy has a new website. It lists all the issues of the journal, and can be used to pay for subscriptions, or purchase back copies. <https://www.ajmin.org.au>

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club have school holiday workshops on Monday 30th September and Tuesday 1st October in the Old Fire Shed – Park Street, Eglinton, from 9am to 3pm each day. Please contact Paul Martensz on 63321017 or 0427 896 945 or email martensz.paul@gmail.com for registration and payment details. There are further junior workshops at the end of October.

Campbelltown Lapidary Club will have their Annual General meeting on 7th September. Their recent Exhibition was a resounding success.

Parramatta—Holroyd Lapidary Cub Inc. Had their Annual General Meeting on 24th August. The club is going to have their Open Day on 19th October.

The Albert Chapman Collection.

Due to the closure of the Australian Museum in Sydney the very famous Albert Chapman Collection was transferred to the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum Bathurst which houses the Somerville Collection.

What is the Albert Chapman Mineral Collection?

Albert Chapman assembled the finest mineral collections in the world. This collection is a tribute to his passion for minerals and his ability to recognise the high standards of perfection.

All of Alberts Minerals are world class, with some considered the finest examples of their type in the world.

The Albert Chapman Collection Mineral Collection was purchased by the New South Wales Government in 1988, with assistance from Conzinc Rio Tinto Australia, North Broken Hill and BHP. The collection was housed in the Geological and Mining ('Earth Exchange') Museum until its Closure in Late 1995.

In December 1995, The New South Wales Government transferred care of the collection to the Australian Museum, where it was on display from 27 September 1996 until January, when preparation began to its tour to Bathurst.

The Chapman Collection is renowned worldwide for its Mineralogical Diversity, crystal perfection, aesthetic appeal and high Australian content. Half of the 820 specimens on loan are Australian, with one Quarter from Broken Hill, NSW. Many of these outstanding specimens are the best ever found at Broken Hill.



Some outstanding Australian minerals in the collection.

Cassiterite (tin oxide) with quartz, The Gulf, Emmaville.

Chalcopyrite (copper iron sulphide) with quartz and hematite, Moonta, South Australia.

Atacamite (copper chloride hydroxide), Moonta, South Australia.

Malachite (copper carbonate hydroxide) Great Cobar Mine Cobar, NSW.

The Albert Chapman Collection was packed and transported to the Australian Fossil



Museum by staff of the Australian Museum and then laid out in specially built cabinets which complements the Collection splendidly.

On the 6th of June 2019 the collection was opened by the head of the Australian Museum with Warren Somerville and Albert’s son present. The opening acknowledged the contribution both Albert and Warren had made to Cultural heritage values of these mineral collections.

On the Saturday after the opening there was an open day, with the curator of minerals from the Australian Museum giving floor talks on the Chapman collection. The Bathurst Lapidary Club participated in this with Paul Martensz and Jose Weal from the club demonstrating instruments and methods that are used in identifying minerals.

Members of the Bathurst club often undertake such activities to encourage people of all ages to appreciate the earth sciences.

Ernst Holland

Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club Inc.

EVENTS

Date

Event / Details

SEPTEMBER

GEMKHANA 2019

Saturday 28th & Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showgrounds

Sunday 29th 40 Racecourse Rd, Clarendon

9am to 5pm both days

OCTOBER

Central Coast Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show

12th and 13th

Mingara Recreational Club, 12—14 Mingara Dr, Tumbi Umbi

9am start

\$2 entry fee

Huge range of Lapidary items for sale—a beading table—
Displays of fossils, gemstones, jewellery and raw and polished
minerals;- and of the Club’s work

Saturday 19th

Parramatta / Holroyd Lapidary Club Inc.

Club Open Day— further details to be announced

Saturday 19th

Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day

9am to 2pm

Lot 1, Bensley Rd, Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields

NOVEMBER

Illawarra lapidary Club Jewellery, Gems and Mineral Festival

Sat 2nd—9am to
4pm

Heininger Hall, 109 Princes Hwy Dapto (Part of the Ribbonwood
Centre) \$2 entry fee

Sun3rd—9am to
2.30pm

Sat 9th—9am to
4pm

Newcastle Lapidary Gem and Jewellery Fair

Newcastle Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Young Road
and Melbourne Road Broadmeadow NSW

Sun 10th—9am to
3pm

FREE ENTRY AND
PARKING

Sales of jewellery, gemstones, rocks, beads, tools and related
items—Displays of club activities and demonstrations of lapi-
dary, faceting & jewellery making.