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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: November 27th

EDITOR'S NOTES

NSW Lapidary Clubs

Have you checked the Gem and Lapidary Council Website recently? *If not, can you please do so ?*

The web address is: <https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/>

If the information about your club is not accurate, please send a notice to the Secretary, Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW with the correct details, so that it can be updated.

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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Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 23rd October 2019

held at the Parramatta-Holroyd clubrooms

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 (Tony Offord), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powel & John Behrens), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn), Illawarra (Joan Zealey)

Apologies: Bob McLean, Marcia Hill, Peter Beckwith. Pam & Alec Gardiner.

Apologies. Moved Central Coast seconded Goulburn

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (25th September 2019): Moved Blue Mountains seconded AFG that minutes be accepted.

.Business Arising:

1 Insurance for Trailer and contents Colin Wright to Investigate cost

2 Trailer storage fees due in November.

3 Trailer tyres have been replaced.

4 Cost for recalibrating of tagging machine Mick lane to follow up.

Business arising moved Western Suburbs seconded Blue Mountains.

Correspondence: Not attached. Copies available

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

Business Arising:

1. Hawksbury party hire invoice – this has been finalised.

Business arising from correspondence moved Orange second Parramatta Holroyd

Treasurer's Report:

Note Treasurer away on vacation no new details available.

General a/c:	Inc \$Nil	Exp Nil	Bal at 30/9/19 \$3,364.91
GEMKHANA a/c:	Inc \$3;345.00	Exp \$1;334.00	Bal at 30/9/19 \$14,724,98
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$Nil	Exp \$Nil	Bal at 30/9/19 \$2,591.54
Accounts for payment (Nil)			

Moved Port Hacking seconded Illawarra that the report be accepted.

J&R Report:

1. Judging for Parramatta /Holroyd 26th &27th October this completes all judging for the year.
2. GEMBOREE Schedule for 2022 sent to all states for comment.
3. Proposal to change issue of points for carving to be submitted

Webmaster still urgently needed anyone interested please contact Barbara Try.

G&L NEWS: Monthly printing to be cut to 95 copies.

Education Report

1. Byron Bay carving course Completed
2. Grafton Enamelling course to be arranged early 2020.

GEMKHANA

1. Facebook advertising was a big hit to be continued.
2. To be rebooked for same weekend next year same location and same opening times. (26 & 27 September 2020)
3. All clubs to be offered 8ft tables next year
4. Mobile ATM a great success to be booked again.
5. Table drapes to be replaced over the next couple of years quotes needed.

GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.

Competition Schedule now sent to all States for comment

Event insurance to be arranged 2020 or 2021. Paperwork for Mudgee grants now on web

Reports received Parramatta/ Holroyd seconded Goulburn

GENERAL BUSINESS With sadness we learnt of the passing away of Arthur Roffey OAM at the time of writing no funeral arrangements are known.

Department of Fair Trading advice on conflicts of interest for elected members and delegates of

Not for profit organisations to be sent to all clubs.

General Business Moved Parramatta/Holroyd Seconded AFG.

Meeting dates November 27th December 11th AGM.

Meeting dates for 2020 January 22nd, February 26th, March 25th, April no meeting due to Gemboree, May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 26th, Sept 23rd at Gemkhana, October 28th, November 25th, December 9th AGM.

Meeting closed 2.55pm

Next meeting, November 27th at 1pm at 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville.

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New South Wales GEMKHANA – 2019

Sat 28th & Sun 29th September

This was the most successful show we have ever had, which resulted from a number of major changes to our past processes.

The NSW GEMKHANA has, in the past, been held in October over the long weekend, a three day event. However, last year [2018] public attendance was poor. This resulted in a major rethink of what the NSW Gem & Lapidary Council should do to remedy that situation, which was not "pleasant" for all concerned. To assist the Council in making changes, participants were asked for constructive suggestions, which they believed would improve the overall occasion.

One of the major suggestions/changes was to NOT hold the GEMKHANA on the long weekend because it was in the middle of school holidays and there were too many other major competing events on that same weekend, which had the potential to reduce the public attendance.

Fortunately, the weekend before the long weekend was available, which fitted with another suggestion, which was to make it a two day event, that did not coincide with any other gem shows.

Publicity – both multi-media and traditional forms – were also increased, with good results.

Clubs were granted a free table space inside the hall, where their goods could be sold. A total of seven clubs took advantage of this facility, which resulted in many more club members from those clubs actually attending the GEMKHANA – many for the first time.

The Council also had many more volunteers from the various clubs to assist with the setting up and dismantling of the GEMKHANA, which was very good to see. A big "thank you" goes to all those people as there is a lot of work involved and many hands help to make it easier. An increased number at Happy Hours was also great and enjoyed by all.

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For the first time the Council trialed the use of an ATM during the GEMKHANA, although there were some suggestions that it was not necessary. I believe a sizable sum was withdrawn from the ATM, which was then spent at the GEMKHANA again a very successful outcome.

There was also a food festival held on the showground on the Saturday night. After a long day, this meant that none of us had to cook the evening meal, as there was a wide range of very nice foods to choose from !!

There were a record number of entries in the lapidary competitions, which was good to see and one can only hope that this will continue to increase as more clubs participate in what is a State level competition.

A successful event. Thank you to everyone that participated in their various ways.

Barbara Try
President
Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW Inc.

Next Year – the GEMKHANA will be held on Sat 26th & Sun 27th September 2020 at the Hawkesbury Showground



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CLUB NEWS

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Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectible and Lapidary Club had their AGM and then the general meeting at the club rooms on 4th November. They had a very successful field trip in mid October to Oberon and surrounding districts. There was a very good turnout of around 50 participants for the trip.

Campbelltown Lapidary Club had their Open Day on 19th October. The club had a big field trip planned for the end of October to a large property in Crookwell.

Parramatta—Holroyd Lapidary Club Inc. had their Open Day on 19th October. They will be holding their Annual Exhibition, Gem, Jewellery & Mineral Show & Sale on November 15,16 and 17.

Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc have just had their Gem and Craft Show last month, including some very successful, well attended field trips. Their general meeting will be held at the Club rooms on 14th November at 2pm.

Canberra Lapidary Club had a field trip planned to Kangaroo Valley in mid October. The Club will have their Craft and Mineral Show on 9th and 10th of November.

Lismore Gem and Lapidary Club Inc's planned field trip to Kew over the October long weekend was cancelled due to the impact of the bushfires in the area. Some members went to Emmaville on the long weekend to attend the Gemfest and Swapmeet. Members went on a short local field trip to a private property and features in the surrounding areas. There is field trip planned for 17th November to Hogarth Range. The Club's participation in the North Coast National Show was a success.

Illawarra lapidary Club Inc. Have their Open day on 24th November.

Alan Clarke, a long-standing member, instructor and Life Member

of Central Coast Lapidary Club passed away on 24.10. 2019.

Alan was also a G & L Judge and an AFLACA accredited Judge.

His funeral was held on Friday 1st November at Greenaway Chapel at 10am.

He will be greatly missed.

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EVENTS

Date	Event / Details
NOVEMBER	Newcastle Lapidary Gem and Jewellery Fair
Sat 9th —9am to 4pm	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 and displays of club activities and demonstrations of lapidary, faceting & jewellery making.
Sat 9th	<hr/> Canberra Lapidary Club
Sun 10th	Spring Craft and Mineral Show
10am—5pm	Sales of mineral specimens, designer jewellery, rough & cut gemstones, fossils, crystals, tumbled stones, rocks, opals, and lapidary equipment & supplies.
15th, 16th & 17th	<hr/> Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, Annual Exhibition, Gem, Jewellery & Mineral Show & Sale 73 Fullagar Rd., Wentworthville , NSW Demonstrations— Dealers—Tailgaters— Children's activities— View gem and mineral displays Enquiries, please contact via email on phlapclub@hotmail.com
Sunday 24th	<hr/> Illawarra lapidary Club
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