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AFLACA J&R delegates	Barbara Try (voting) and Colin Wright (non-voting)

**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: March 25th 2020 at 1pm**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

- \* If you are planning to participate in GEMBOREE in Albury at Easter, please take special note of the updates from the Pointer newsletter on page 9.
- \* We'd love to hear about your experiences there, if you attend the event. Send us an article so it can be shared widely with other lapidary enthusiasts.
- \* It would be great to have some articles about your club's fossicking adventures.
- \* G&L Council's GEMKHANA is on in September. Plenty of time to get your lapidary and literary entries ready for the big event!

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**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

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## DEADLINES:

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

**CONTACT THE G&L EDITOR TO INCLUDE YOUR CLUB'S NEWS**  
**[editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au](mailto:editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au)**

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**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020** 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) Orange (Kathy Selwood) Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob McLean) Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens & Ray Powell) Blaxland (Pam Gardiner) Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn & Marcia Hill)

**Apologies:** Peter Beckwith. Alec Gardiner. Kim Cooke. Joan Zealey

*Apologies. Moved Central Coast Seconded Goulburn*

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020):

Moved AFG seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that minutes be accepted.

**Business Arising:** Goulburn Delegates name misspelt in January minutes noted  
*Business arising moved Blue Mountains seconded Blaxland.*

**Correspondence:** Available. List not attached

Letter of thanks sent to Honorary Auditor Colin V Russel

*Moved Orange seconded Port Hacking that Inward Correspondence be received, and Outward Correspondence be endorsed.*

**Business Arising:** 1 Crystal Habit Trophy renamed To Kristallen now adjusted on AFLACA website

Business arising from correspondence moved Orange second Port Hacking.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

General a/c: Inc \$165.01 Exp \$Nil Bal at 31/01/20 \$300.75

GEMKHANA a/c: Inc \$0.98 Exp \$ Nil Bal at 31/01/20 \$11,573.74

GEMBOREE a/c: Inc \$0.22 Exp \$Nil Bal at 31/01/20 \$2,593.04

Accounts for payment (Post Office Box fee \$201.00, AFLACA invoice \$206.50, Fair Trading \$46.10

*Moved Port Hacking seconded Central Coast that the report be accepted.*

**J&R Report:**

- 1. Kathy Selwood elected as a delegate to J&R Committee
- 2. Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association Show - 5 Judges allocated for judging day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- 3. GEMKHANA Judging 29<sup>th</sup> August at Parramatta Clubrooms.

**Webmaster** still urgently needed anyone interested please contact Barbara Try.

**G&L NEWS:** Nil

**Education Report**

- 1. Illawarra carving course 25<sup>th</sup> &26<sup>th</sup> April
- 2. Grafton Enamelling course to be held close to 16<sup>th</sup> &17<sup>th</sup> May
- 3. Rooty Hill Have requested Silversmithing & Opal cutting courses Kathy Selwood to check actual requirements.
- 4. Byron Bay want another course with Kathy.

**Facebook:**

Kim to set new page on gold fossicking equipment suppliers, if successful to be invited to next GEMKHANA

**GEMKHANA**

- 1. Leaflet completed 10,000 A5 and 50 A3 to be ordered from printer.
- 2. Hawkesbury Showground to be rebooked for 26<sup>th</sup> &27<sup>th</sup> September
- 3. All clubs to be offered 1X 8ft table clubs to provide own back tables one only
- 4. Table drapes to be replaced cotton sample not up to standard Mick to obtain sample of slightly darker and of Jersey material.

**GEMBOREE 2020 (Albury)**

A discussion was had on how this committee wished their representative to vote on items in the AFLACA Committee Meeting to be held on Friday 10 April 2020

**GEMBOREE:** Mudgee 2022.

- Competition Schedule to be ratified at Albury GEMBOREE
- Event insurance to be arranged 2020-1
- Paperwork on web for Mudgee grants Web to be checked.
- Allan McRae has agreed to produce the booklet and the newsletter.
- Donations and sponsors to be acknowledged in booklet
- Kathy to check with all the Donors for the AFLACA Trophies to ascertain if they are going to continue as donors of the trophies.
- **Tailgating & Field Trips** Ernst Holland (to be asked)
- **Camp site Manager Registrar** - to be Appointed
- Food vendors - Barbara Try to follow up
- A P.O. Box to be arranged for competition entries

*Reports received Goulburn seconded Parramatta/Holroyd.*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Grafton club to receive G&L newsletter & minutes by snail mail.
- G & L Council to provide 2 small trophies for Hawkesbury Agricultural Show.
- Arthur Roffey's Mineral collection to be available for sale at Parramatta/Holroyd Clubrooms, on the 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 4pm.
- Parramatta/Holroyd Clubs 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to be held 13<sup>th</sup> June invites to be sent out soon – 4 invitations per Club.

*General Business Moved AFG Seconded Central Coast.*

**Meeting dates for 2020**

March 25<sup>th</sup>, April no meeting due to GEMBOREE,  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at GEMKHANA,  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup> AGM.

Meeting closed 2.45pm

## “B” is for Beryl

Beryl is a relatively rare silicate mineral, and initially served as a minor ore of beryllium, but the extraction process was very costly. In 1969 bertrandite was discovered, which allows a cheaper form of extraction.

HOWEVER, while Beryl is more popularly known as a gemstone, Beryl is also a popular lady's name. So....logic says that we could assume that Beryl is a female gemstone. But, if we do that we would also have to deduce that this *lady* [?] was very promiscuous because she has a very large family of different coloured relatives. Some of these are among the world's most popular gemstones eg. emerald, aquamarine, heliodor and morganite. This is why Beryl is now known more as a gemstone than as a base for beryllium.

The gems of Beryl are named by their colour as: **emerald** [green], **aquamarine** [greenish blue to blue], **morganite** [pink to orange], **red beryl** [red], **heliodor** [yellow to greenish yellow], **maxixe** [deep blue], **goshenite** [colourless] and **green beryl** [light green].

**Emerald** is the most popular and valuable variety of beryl, and serves as the only birthstone for the month of May, and excellent emerald crystals are often more highly valued for use as collector specimens than as gems.

**Aquamarine** is the second most popular gem beryl and is the birthstone for the month of March.

**Red Beryl** is one of the world's rarest gem materials and is only found in very small pieces – such that they are often too small to facet. Gems over one carat in size are very rare and extremely expensive.

**Maxixe** is another rare Beryl – dark blue in colour – but has the unfortunate problem of fading quickly to a brownish yellow in daylight.

Synthetic Beryl has been commercially manufactured for gemstone use since the 1930s, and have the same chemical composition and physical properties as natural Beryl, which means they can be sold for a much lower cost.

Finally, while promiscuity is frowned upon in most societies, it has to be appreciated that this lady Beryl has some of the rarest and most valuable relatives/ gemstones in the world.

Tony Try

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**THE 56TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GEMBOREE, Albury, EASTER, 2020. IMPORTANT  
UPDATES - from the "POINTER" Newsletter:**

1. **GEMBOREE DINNER** In the booklet we have told people they can book for the dinner at the office on Good Friday. This is not the case. **The Lions Club require numbers a week before the show.** Please don't forget about the GEMBOREE dinner on Saturday night, you will automatically have a seat for the following auction. The dinner is \$25 BYO drink and glasses. It is a 2 course meal and will be served piping hot if you are sitting down at 6.30 and is followed by the auction. **Payment Methods** Direct deposit; (Bendigo Bank) Account name; Victorian Gem Clubs Association Inc. GEMBOREE Account; BSB (633-000) Account number; (118719624) Be sure to include your name & Dinner as reference.
2. **GEMBOREE REGISTRATION** Please book ASAP for camping and tailgating so the Committee can arrange adequate facilities. **CAMPING:** Please download a form from the VGCA web site: <http://www.victoriangemclubsassociationinc.com/> **TAILGATING:** If you do not have access to the GEMBOREE Booklet, Term & Conditions and application forms can be down loaded from the VGCA web site: <http://www.victoriangemclubsassociationinc.com/>
3. **FIELD TRIPS** 2 field trips are being planned for the GEMBOREE and more information will be in the March edition of Pointer.
4. **MANAGEMENT OF THE GATEHOUSE** Waverley Gem Club has taken on the role of manning the entrance at the GEMBOREE but would also like to ask for assistance from other Clubs who could help over the 4 day period. I am willing to draw up a roster, enlist members from Waverley who will be at the GEMBOREE but, as in the past I have found that members from other Clubs are willing to help. It may seem like early days but the way the months are rolling by it will be April before we know it. If you are attending the GEMBOREE and would like to assist could you please let me know by email, mail or phone when it is suitable for you to assist. Please include the days you are prepared to help, your email address, and a mobile phone number. My details are - gwendunstan@gmail.com Post - PO Box 255, Glen Waverley 3150 Phone - 0407512883 / 98087510 Looking forward to a good time as in the past, meeting and work with all who want to participate. Many thanks, Gwen Dunstan.
5. **CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE** A change in the Competition Schedule for the 2020 GEMBOREE Potential competitors should note the following changes to SECTION 32 in the Competition Schedule: **Alterations to 32B - A Group of Three Fossils:** Maximum plan size of the whole group NOT to exceed 200 mm x 200 mm 0.32B Group of 3 – Mixed. Any location N.32B Group of 3 - Mixed. Any location J.32B Group of 3 - Mixed. Any location **AT-22 Jack Bushby** Donor: Southern Rockhounds Champion Novice Facetor. Highest aggregate score of Entrant's best entry in any three NOVICE Faceting Sections. If tied, Entrant with the highest points scoring entry will be the winner. N.8A, N,9B, N.10.1, N.10.2, N.11.1.

## CLUB NEWS

Email: [editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au](mailto:editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au) .

**Parramatta—Holroyd Lapidary Cub Inc.** Will be holding a sale of the Arthur Roffey mineral collection on 4th April. Please see notice on page 11 for details.

**Canberra Lapidary Club** has a Field trip Sunday March 15th (one Day), to Kangaroo Valley NSW. They will meet at 10.00 am in the car park next to Hampden Bridge and Kangaroo Valley Tourist Park, left hand side after the bridge if you are driving down via Moss Vale. Then we will head off to fossick for jasper, petrified wood and agate.

**Inverell and District Lapidary Club** had a successful field trip to a private property at Wallangara and picked up lots of Tourmaline. Planning for the club's annual trip to Bellatta is progressing— a tentative date for the first weekend in April has been discussed. Please contact 67214563 or 67211535 for confirmation of the date, if you are interested.

**Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club** very generously offered their facilities to **Bateman's Bay Lapidary Club** because some of that Club's equipment was damaged in the recent fires. Campbelltown have their Open Day on 21st March and Silver Casting on 27th March.

## Arthur Roffey's Mineral Collection For Sale

Another opportunity to purchase minerals  
from the Late Arthur Roffey's Collection

4 April 2020            10.00am to 4.00pm

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## GEM & LAPIDARY COUNCIL OF N.S.W.INC.

### 2020 NSW GEMKHANA

After a record number of Traders, Visitors and competition entries last year we have decided to hold the event again at the Hawkesbury Showground on the **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL NSW CLUBS** to support this event and encourage your members to compete in the competition.

*Interstate Clubs are also welcome to enter*

The Competition schedule is available to download from the G&L Council's website. [Entries close on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.](#)

In the competition, there are various levels of achievements and skill sets to enter, so you do not necessarily have to compete against the "best of the best". It's now time to prepare, support and encourage your members to achieve the next step with their craft.

So be proud of what YOU have done regardless of your perception of your skill level and enter.

**YOU MAY BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AND WIN A PRIZE.**

**The 134<sup>th</sup> Hawkesbury Show – 1-3 May 2020**

**Run by the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association**

The schedule and entry form links are on the Gem & Lapidary Council's Website

<http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au> / under the Hawkesbury Show listing.

Below are the closing dates for the ***Open, Junior, School Entries, and Groups Lapidary Sections:***

**Entry Closing Date via post**— Tuesday 14 April, 4pm

**Entry Closing Date, online** - Monday 20 April, 4pm

**Delivery Date** — Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am –to 4pm



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**DATE**

**EVENT**

**March**

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***Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day***

21st 9 am - 3 pm

Entry: Free

Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields

Rocks, Crystals, Gemstones, Fossils, Rough, Handcrafted Jewellery and market stalls— Family event – all ages welcome

Sausage Sizzle, homemade cakes and slices, hot and cold drinks.

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21st and 22nd

***New England Lapidary Club Show***

Armidale Showground

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***Canberra lapidary Club Rock Swap***

28th and 29th

Exhibition Park (Wagtail Way) Camping ground

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Email : [canberralapidary@gmail.com](mailto:canberralapidary@gmail.com)

Ph : 02 6260 5322 (Workshop)

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Friday 27th

***Campbelltown and Districts lapidary Club***

Silver Casting

Lot 1 Bensley Rd , Macquarie Fields

**DATE**

**EVENT**

**April**

**GEMBOREE**

Friday 12 noon to 5.00 pm

***Easter long weekend***

Saturday & Sunday 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Adults \$8; Concession \$6; Children Under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult

Monday 9.30 am to 2.00 pm

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**May**

Sunday 3rd

**Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc Open Day**

9am to 2pm

51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna Stalls selling Mineral Specimens, Fossils, Lapidary Materials, Jewellery & more. Morning Tea (proceeds to the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea) and Sausage Sizzle Lunch available.

Free Entry

Great Mother's Day gifts available! Enquiries: John Ph: (02) 42675618

<http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/>

or on [Facebook](#)

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SATURDAY 16th 9am to 5pm

**Lismore lapidary Club Gemfest**

SUNDAY 17th 9am to 3pm

Large numbers of traders with minerals & gems, fossils, jewellery, tools & equipment from all over the world.

*Tickets available on the day at the gate*

\$5 Adults

Displays and demonstrations, children's activities and catering on site.

\$1 Children

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Sat 30th and Sun 31st

**Gemcraft & Mineral Show,**

**Canberra Lapidary Club Inc.**

Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Mallee Pavilion [Flyer](#)

<http://www.canberralapidary.org.au/>

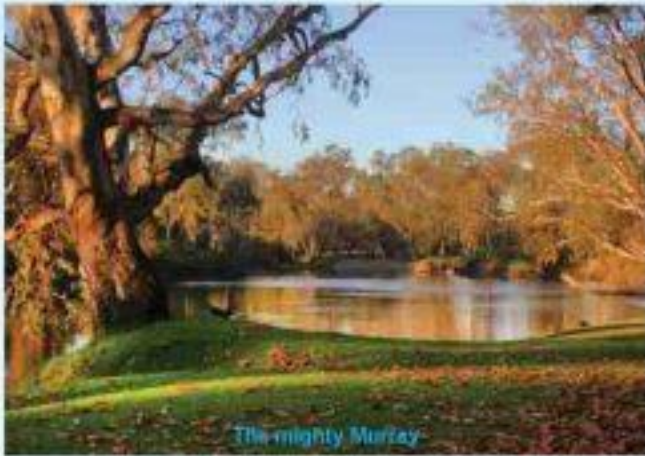
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