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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: June 24th 2020 at 1pm

EDITOR'S NOTES

We would all love to hear all about your past field trips, lapidary successes, or even 'the one that got away'

Make us laugh! Make us cry!

Inspire your fellow lapidary enthusiasts to bigger and better things.

At the end of the year, at GEMKHANA, there is a trophy awarded for the best article of the year

ADDRESSES

for the Gem & Lapidary Council NSW

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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 27th May 2020
held via delegate's computers and Zoom

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 (Kim Cooke) Orange (Kathy Selwood) Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob McLean), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens), Western Suburbs (Ainslie Flynn, Marcia Hill)

Apologies: Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane) Hawkesbury (Peter Beckwith)

Apologies. Moved Parramatta/Holroyd Seconded Port Hacking Minutes of the Previous Meeting (1st April 2020):

Moved Western Suburbs seconded Illawarra that minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

1. Amendments to G & L Constitution passed by delegates but need to be sent / emailed to Clubs for comment. Special meeting to be held 24 June 2020 regarding this item, to date 12 votes received.
2. GEMBOREE 2021 booklets for Tasmania sent to the President, Clubs to send in numbers required. To date 146 books have been posted out to Clubs with more to be sent out as a result of today’s meeting.
3. Trophy sponsorship letters – to be posted now.

Business arising moved Port Hacking seconded Goulburn.

Correspondence: Not attached. Copies available.

Moved Northern Districts seconded Central Coast that Inward Correspondence be received, and Outward Correspondence be endorsed.

Business Arising:

1. Trailer – Van Rego – now Paid
2. VGCA – Trophy Bill – now Paid

Business arising from correspondence moved Northern District second Central Coast.

Treasurer’s Report:

General a/c:	Inc \$140.05	Exp \$397.77	Bal at 30/04/2020
			\$699.65
GEMKHANA a/c:	Inc \$094	Exp \$587.95	Bal at 30/04/2020
			\$11,478.64
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$0.21	Exp \$0.00	Bal at 30/04/2020
			\$2,593.66

Accounts for payment: \$225 for trailer rego & \$180 for VGCA GEMBOREE Trophies.

Moved Port Hacking seconded AFG that the report be accepted.

J&R Report:

1 GEMBOREE 2022 schedule has been approved by AFLACA and the submissions made by G & L Council were approved.

Webmaster: The current webmaster is willing to continue until we find a replacement.

G&L NEWS Editor:

No report.

Education Report:

The Enamelling workshop for Grafton will finally take place at the end of September.

Facebook:

Still promoting GEMKHANA in general, terms until we have a definite decision.

GEMKHANA

1. To be rebooked for 26th & 27th September
2. All clubs to be offered 1X 8ft table, clubs to provide own back tables
3. Table drapes to be replaced dark blue jersey or polyester, on hold till Mick reports back.

A decision re the GEMKHANA will be made at the next meeting on 24th June 2020. If we have the GEMKHANA social distancing and sanitising stations will be required. All traders table will have to be organised to give the public more room.

GEMBOREE 2021 – AFLACA Report

QGCA raised the issue of having only one contact point for each association (as they do). Each association is to contact their committee to decide what action, if any was to be taken. The council would like to leave our contacts as they are.

AFLACA J & R – voted to put the Competitor & Judging Manual on the web and to continue with the hard copy as well. A lot of work has been done behind the scene to find a suitable solution on this matter and to ensure that the manual is protected against alteration and to protect the intellectual property of the manual..

A final decision has not been made as yet.

GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.

- Competition Schedule was ratified at AFLACA J & R Meeting held via Zoom on 18 April 2020.
- Event insurance to be arranged 2020-1
- Paperwork on web for Mudgee grants Web to be checked.
- Allan McRae said yes to the newsletter, information on the logo and the cover page for the booklet has been sent. The schedule, diagrams and entry form are all ready to be sent as well.
- Trophy sponsorship letters done and will be posted.
- Donations and sponsors to be acknowledged in booklet
- Positions filled
- Field Trips maybe maps
- Camp site Manager Registrar to be organised – Illawarra will have a meeting this week and will let us know.
- Food vendors Barbara Try to follow up
- A PO Box to be arranged for competition entries
- Kathy to follow up with the GEMBOREE 2022 Trophies.
- Insider Trader Chairman – Bob has contacted all the NSW GEMKHANA traders and all the Traders that advertised in the Albury GEMBOREE booklet for expressions of interest and advertising in our booklet.

Reports received Blue Mtns seconded Parramatta/Holroyd

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Amendments to G & L Constitution, special meeting to be held 24 June regarding this item.
2. Three Clubs have opened with strict social distancing and sanitising. They are Grafton, Western Suburbs and Goulburn.

General Business Moved Orange Seconded Northern Districts.

Meeting closed 2.15pm

Next meeting, June 24th, at 1pm at 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville virus permitting otherwise Zoom on computers.

Meeting dates for 2020 - July 22nd, August 26th, Sept 23rd, at GEMKHANA, October 28th, November 25th, December 9th + AGM.

President: Barbara Try

Secretary: Kathy Selwood



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

2020 NSW GEMKHANA

A committee meeting on 24th June will decide whether the 2020 GEMKHANA will go ahead, this will depend on the NSW Government's stage 3 restrictions that should be announced at that time.

THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL NSW CLUBS

The competition will still proceed, and we ask for your support to encourage your members to compete in the competition.

Interstate Clubs are also welcome to enter

The Competition schedule is available to download from the Council's website, **entries close on the 14th 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.

“E” is for Epidote

BUT, given the amount of illnesses worldwide in recent months maybe “E” should stand for **Epidemic** !!

However, in times of illness **Epidote** is said to be a great stone for releasing negativity and raising ones vibrational energy. It is theoretically helpful for those stuck in modes of depression, hopelessness, or other negative thinking patterns. **Epidote** is also claimed to be able to inject a sense of hopeful optimism into ones emotional body, helping to bring the mind into a higher vibration. [Now there’s a marketing opportunity if we have any future “lock-down” situations, such as we have recently experienced !!].

Epidote displays the distinctive features of being yellow-green to a dark green colour, with a prismatic habit, which is why the crystals are often mistaken for tourmaline. **Epidote** is found in medium to low-grade metamorphic rocks, especially from those derived from igneous rocks or calcareous sediments.

Epidote is a common mineral found in thousands of localities worldwide with a few notable occurrences which include France, Norway, Italy, Austria, the United States, Mexico, Namibia and Pakistan.

The Epidote mineral supergroup contains many related species of interest to collectors. However, Epidote itself is the most likely to be faceted into beautiful, albeit small and dark, gemstones. Collectors can also pay large sums for what can be very striking crystal specimens.

Epidote crystals have been found in Australia near Cloncurry [Qld]; near Albany in Western Australia as well as near Barkly and in the mineral rich Hart’s Range area of the Northern Territory.

[Information taken from a variety of sources]

Tony Try

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GEMKHANA NEWS

GEMKHANA Competition Schedule can be found on the following link:

<https://gemplapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GEMKHANA-2020-Competition-Schedule-v4-14-04-2020.pdf>

EVENTS

Information on which events are going ahead and which have been cancelled, can be found on the following link:

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