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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: April 28th 2021 at 1pm**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi all,

I hope everyone is well and just wanted to take this chance to remind everyone to check in with each other over these difficult lockdown times for those in the Greater Sydney area, please remember we have an amazing support network and we are all just a call way.

Alishya

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**Online edition of the newsletter is in colour.**

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### DEADLINES:

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

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### **Message from the President**

By now most of you would have heard that Ernst Holland Passed away on 20 June 2021 at Orange Hospital. Ernie was always willing to judge the minerals in any show you ask. He did this with a smile and it was never a problem. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him— and that is a lot of people.

A reminder that the GEMKHANA closing date for the Competition entries on 20 August 2021.

The arrangements for GEMBOREE 2022 in Mudgee are progressing very well.

A total of seven people will be attending the Cabochon Judging Course which will take place on 31 July and 1 August at Northern Districts Lapidary Club.

Barbara Try,  
President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 23 June 2021** -  
held at Parramatta Holroyd Club

**The meeting** was opened at 1:00pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood) Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens & Ray Powell), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Brian Beauchamp), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), AFG (Col Wright).

**Zoom attendance:** Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil),

**Apologies:** Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane Kim Cooke,)

**Moved:** Goulburn, Seconded Central Coast that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 26 May 2021**

Moved Western Suburbs, *seconded*, Port Hacking that the minutes be accepted.

**Business Arising:**

1/ Trailer break away breaking needs to be installed, & break on all wheels 2 ton and over, John Behrens will follow up and obtain a quote in next week.

2/ State Library missing March issue Sue sent.

Moved Parramatta/Holroyd seconded AFG that Business arising from minutes be approved.

**Correspondence:** See attached list.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

Moved Orange seconded Parramatta/Holroyd, that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General a/c:	Inc \$230.00	Exp \$500.00	Bal at 26/06/2021 \$1,301.78
GEMKHANA a/c:	Inc \$1,404.00	Exp \$520.00	Bal at 26/06/2021 \$5,023.23
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$2,335.00	Exp \$00 .00	Bal at 26/06/2021 \$6,010.27

**Accounts for payment:**

Fees for advertising for financial year.

Moved Port Hacking seconded, Illawarra that the report be accepted.

**J&R Report:**

1/ request for people who would like to be judges for cabs-6, jewellery-possible 5, faceting & minerals.

2/ Illawarra Lapidary Club Judging Day is 10 October – Some judges have been allocated.

3/ Scribes for judges no, unless family member

**Webmaster:** No report

**G&L NEWS Editor:** No report

**Education Report:** possible faceting course to be run by Paul Sabolta in late July.

**Facebook:** Updates going out

**Mail Person:** envelopes and postage, some bounce backs with emails

### **GEMKHANA**

1/ Orange has requested a free table/outsider trader?

2/ 5 clubs to take up free tables.

3/ Traders – inside 15, outside 9, couple to confirm booking.

4/ ask Country woman's Association, as well the Age of Fishes.

### **GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.**

Event insurance to be arranged 2021

Paperwork on web for Mudgee grants Quarter 2 open 1<sup>st</sup> July closes 12 August – Kathy, Bob & Col

Club Trophy – Ray Powell needs to be extended

Catering – second, coffee cart booked

Age of Fishers display free space have said yes

Dinosaur's display is coming - yes

Trophy's out of 130 bases 77 have been chosen.

Flyer & posters quotes needed, number- A5 3,000 high resolution image of flyer needed

Flyer info - Adult \$10 concession/students with cards \$5 U16 free, over 16 \$10

Flyer opening times Friday 10-5 Saturday & Sunday 9-5 Monday 9-1 with competition section closing at 12 noon

QR code & Covid Plan for events – we can use A.R.E.C. current plan and make suitable adjustments to meet our needs.

Presentation dinner 6:30pm \$35pp, talked to caterer

Bus – book 6 months before

New contact for Mudgee information centre

Robert & Sue Porter taking over from Ernst regards external traders

Reports to be accepted moved: Parramatta/Holroyd Seconded: Central Coast

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** no business

**Meeting closed:** 1.42pm

**Next meeting:** 28 July Parramatta/Holroyd rooms

**Meeting dates for 2020:** 25 August, 22 September (GEMKHANA), 27 October, 24 November, 8 December & AGM

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

**2021 NSW GEMKHANA**

**25th & 26th September 2021**

**Hawkesbury Showground, 40 Racecourse Rd,  
Clarendon.**

**Competition Closes on 20th August 2021**

**Do not miss out on getting your entries in on  
time.**

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## “P” is for **Peridot**

**Peridot** is the gem variety of the mineral olivine. Its chemical composition includes iron and magnesium, and iron is the cause of its attractive yellowish green colours. The gem often occurs in volcanic rocks called basalts, which are rich in these two elements.

Gem miners find **Peridot** as irregular nodules (rounded rocks with **Peridot** crystals inside) in some lava flows in the United States, China, and Vietnam and, very rarely, as large crystals lining veins or pockets in certain types of solidified molten rock. Sources for the latter include Finland, Pakistan, Myanmar, and the island of Zabargad.

**Peridot** can have an extra-terrestrial source, being contained in meteorites that have fallen to earth, and although some of these specimens are large enough to be faceted, they are quite rare.

The colour range for **Peridot** is narrow, from a brown-green colour to yellowish green to pure green. Yellowish green is the most common **Peridot** colour seen in jewellery.

The ancient Egyptians mined **Peridot** on the Red Sea island of Zabargad, the source for many large fine **Peridots** in the world's museums. The Egyptians called it the “gem of the sun.”

From the earliest times, people confused this stone—now known to be **Peridot**—with other gems. It was one of many that were labelled as “topaz.”

Some historians believe that Cleopatra's famous emerald collection might actually have been **Peridot**. People in medieval times continued to confuse **Peridot** with emerald. For centuries, people believed the fabulous 200-ct. gems adorning the shrine of the Three Holy Kings in Germany's Cologne Cathedral were emeralds, when in fact they are **Peridots**..

In Australia, **Peridot** is found at three locations – The main one is at Cheviot Hills on Chudleigh Park Station on the Kennedy Development Road in Queensland. The other two are at Mortlake in Victoria and Northern Tasmania, which are volcanic areas and mainly produce **Olivine** bombs.

Tony Try

[Information taken from a wide range of sources]



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# GEMKHANA 2021



9am - 5pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

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## EVENTS

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

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

- ◇ **28th & 29th August** Windsor Gem and mineral expo. The Windsor Function Centre
- ◇ **4th & 5th September** Blue Mountains Crystal, Mineral & Craft Festival. Blackheath Community Centre
- ◇ **11th & 12th September** National Opal and Crystal Festival, Albert Hall Canberra.
- ◇ **25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September** GEMKHANA, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◇ **2nd to 4th October** The 43rd Annual Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia Seminar, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club in Ryedale Rd, West Ryde. The theme is “43 Shades of Silver” George Laking [bglaking@tech2u.com.au](mailto:bglaking@tech2u.com.au) more info will be published as it comes to hand [www.minsocnsw.org.au](http://www.minsocnsw.org.au)
- ◇ **16th & 17th October** Central Coast Crystal, Gem & Jewellery Show, Mingara Event Centre, Wyong Rd Tumbi Umbi. Open Sat 9am to 5pm & Sun 9am to 4pm.
- ◇ **30th & 31st October** Northern Districts Lapidary Club's Exhibition at Beecroft Community Centre, Beecroft Rd, Beecroft—Open 9am to 5pm both days.
- ◇ **30th & 31st October** Canberra Spring Gem Show. EPIC Canberra Act—For further info contact Convener Norm Menadue (02) 6258 6631
- ◇ **13th & 14th November** Newcastle Gem & Jewellery Fair .PCYC Newcastle
- ◇ **13th & 14th November** Hornsby Crystal, Mineral, Fossil & Craft Festival, Hornsby Memorial Hall
- ◇ **27th & 28th November** Carlingford Gem & Mineral Expo. Roselea Community Centre.