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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 away.

Alishya

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The website has links to the **secretary, editor & webmaster**

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

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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  
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### **Message from the President**

As we go to print the Greater Sydney area has been in lock down for 6 weeks with another four to go. This means all the lapidary clubs in the Sydney area have been closed. Our colleagues in Orange have also had a short shutdown period. We are all missing our friends and the social aspect of the clubs. This has also meant that members have not been able to pursue their hobbies because they do not have the equipment at home. This could effect the number of entries in the GEMKHANA.

A reminder that the GEMKHANA closing date for the Competition entries is on 20 August 2021. While the GEMKHANA is still under a cloud the competition will take place.

The Cabochon Judging Course that was to take place on 31 July and 1 August has been postponed until further notice.

Barbara Try,

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 28 July 2021**

Via Zoom Meeting

**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) Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), AFG (Col Wright). Western Suburbs (Ainslie Flynn), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Port Hacking (Tony Offord),

**Apologies:** Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane & Kim Cooke), Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens),

**Moved:** AFG, Seconded Western Suburbs that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 23 June 2021**

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

**Business Arising:**

1/ Trailer break away braking system needs to be installed, & brakes on all wheels 2 ton and over, John Behrens follow up on quote obtained.

2/ Spare set of trailer keys required.

Moved Illawarra seconded Goulburn that Business arising from minutes be approved.

**Correspondence:** See attached list, extras since emailing – Gemworld newsletter & Lismore newsletter

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1/ Mudgee grant – Event assistance grants they open October-Nov

Moved Orange seconded Central Coast, that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General a/c:	Inc \$825.00	Exp \$653.50	Bal at 28/07/2021 \$1,473.28
GEMKHANA a/c:	Inc \$22.00	Exp \$0.00	Bal at 28/07/2021 \$5,225.23
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$1,345.00	Exp \$00.00	Bal at 28/07/2021 \$8,225.27

**Accounts for payment:**

Reminder to non-membership clubs for 2021 & invitation to next month's zoom meeting

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

**J&R Report:**

1/ judging course for cabs postponed until Sydney is out of COVID lock down  
2/ Illawarra Lapidary Club Judging Day is 10 October

**Webmaster:** No report

**G&L NEWS Editor:** Need to find an Editor

**Education Report:** possible faceting course to be run by Paul Sabolta postponed

**Social Media:** Kim had started a concentrated GEMKHANA promotional campaign. but put this on pause once the Covid19 situation began to escalate. No competitions were run and no paid advertising was undertaken. None of the budget for this task has been spent as yet. Kim shall await directions going forward. In the event that GEMKHANA is cancelled, rescheduled she will wait for instruction to advertise as such by Bob so that he may inform our dealers/stall holders firsthand. Kim also wished the best to everyone and that they stay safe.

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

**GEMKHANA**

- 1/ Email sent to dealer's options – refund, hold money to next year.
- 2/ Decision on cancelling leave till 11 August. Zoom meeting to be held.

**GEMBOREE: Mudjee 2022.**

Event insurance to be arranged 2021

Paperwork on web for Mudjee now events assistance grants - Oct – Kathy, Bob & Col Club Champion Trophy – Ray Powell needs to be extended

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

Jill Taylor's daughter –to give a brief presentation about her dad and his involvement in Lapidary at Presentation Dinner.

Action Badges & medallions to be quoted

Reports to be accepted moved: Port Hacking Secoded: Western Suburbs

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1/G & L Council QR Code to be obtained for our meetings even though we do not have a premise - Parramatta –Holroyd club to be our base.

**Meeting closed:** 1.35pm

**Next meeting:** 25 August, Zoom meeting

**Meeting dates for 2020:** 22 September (GEMKHANA), 27 October, 24 November, 8 Decem-

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**URGENT !!!!!**

**The Gem and Lapidary Council is looking for an editor of this newsletter.**

**If anyone can help please contact Barbara Try on 0417 676 435**

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

**2021 NSW GEMKHANA**

**25th & 26th September 2021**

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

*With Covid-19 and the Greater Sydney Lock down a final decision on whether the GEMKHANA will be cancelled will be made closer to the event.*

**Competition Closes on 20th August 2021**

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

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**“Q” is for Quartz**

Pure Quartz, which is also known as Rock Crystal, is colourless. Various impurities are responsible for the extensive range of colours. The main crystalline **Quartz** varieties used as gemstones are described below.

**Amethyst**

Amethyst-, the purple variety, is the most popular and valuable **Quartz** gemstone. Amethyst ranges from light to dark purple.

**Citrine**

Citrine is the yellow, orange, or reddish-brown variety of **Quartz**. It is usually coloured by heat treatment of Amethyst or Smoky Quartz. Light yellow or lemon yellow Citrine is often called Lemon **Quartz** in the gem trade.

**Smoky Quartz**

Smoky **Quartz** is the brown smoky variety of **Quartz**. It ranges in colour from light brown to black. Despite its dark colour, it is rarely opaque

**Rose Quartz**

The rosy pink variety of **Quartz** is known as Rose **Quartz**, and its colour is usually soft, ranging from very light pink to medium pink in intensity. Rose **Quartz** is often milky or hazy, and it may lack good transparency.

**Rock Crystal**

The colourless, transparent variety of **Quartz**, free of any impurities is known as "Rock Crystal". Flawless and very large cuts may be cut from Rock Crystal.

**Milky Quartz**

Milky **Quartz** is the white, translucent to opaque variety of **Quartz**. Though very common in nature, it is not often used as a gemstone.

**Rutilated Quartz**

Colourless **Quartz** with golden yellow rutile inclusions as hairlike growths within the gemstone, are known as Rutilated **Quartz**.

**Ametrine**

Ametrine is an interesting, colour-zoned combination of purple Amethyst and brownish-yellow Citrine.

**Prasiolite / Green Quartz**

Prasiolite, or Green **Quartz**, describes a light green **Quartz** artificially coloured by heat treatment of certain types of Amethyst. It. may also be called Green Amethyst by some jewellers.

**Blue Quartz**

The blue variety of **Quartz**, which is uncommon in nature, is seldom used as a gemstone. Most Blue Quartz is clear Rock Crystal irradiated with gold to



form a deep sky blue colour. Blue **Quartz** may also refer to a dull greyish-blue Quartz in massive form with Crocidolite inclusions.

### **Tourmalinated Quartz**

Colourless **Quartz** with Tourmaline inclusions, often as thin long black crystals, is known as "Tourmalinated **Quartz**".

### **Cat's Eye Quartz**

Cat's Eye **Quartz** is **Quartz** with dense, tiny Rutile inclusions that cause a cat's eye effect. It is not common, and the chatoyant effect is usually weak.

**Quartz** is found all over Australia both as crystals and as fine-grained material. Rock crystal and smoky **quartz** are found in all states, while amethyst and citrine are less common.

**Australia's** most prolific sources of gem quality **quartz** has been Kingsgate, in north eastern NSW. This area abounded in rock crystal, smoky **quartz** and citrine in large, clear crystals up to 3 metres long.

Transparent Rock Crystal has many electronic uses; It is used as oscillators in radios, watches, and pressure gauges, and in the study of optics. **Quartz** is also used as an abrasive for sandblasting, grinding glass, and cutting soft stones.

Tony Try ( Information taken from a variety of sources.)

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## **Mineral Oddities**

**Nature is certainly strange in what it decides to form in our mineral-blessed world.**



"Cookie monsters" - Gem collector Mike Bowers split open an agate from Brazil and was surprised to find a twin Cookie Monster faces staring back at him.

## Mineral Oddities (cont.)



"Happy Feet" - Azurite and Malachite

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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/>

*At the time of publishing no alternative advice has been received on the following 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 Tumby 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.