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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: September 28—2021 at 1pm via Zoom**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi everyone, the G & L Council is looking for an editor for this newsletter. If you can help it would be wonderful.

Please contact Barbara Try on 0417676435.

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**Meeting rooms:** Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,  
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### DEADLINES:

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

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**Message from the President**

The year 2021 is the year for lockdowns. Last year we endured some but nothing like this one and we still have at least 4 weeks to go. All the Clubs in NSW are closed. We are waiting expectantly for news as to when we can open the Clubs again.

Covid –19 particularly the Delta variant is highly contagious and is causing problems for many Clubs.

For those who have equipment and machinery at home I trust you are putting them to good use. I know I have been able to keep myself busy doing the things I love.

Stay safe and stay well.

So that we can see you next year at the Mudgee GEMBOREE 2022.

Barbara Try

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 25 August 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), Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens),

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

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 28 July 2021**

Moved AFG, *seconded*, Parramatta/Holroyd 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 & Spare set of trailer keys, waiting for lock down to lift.

2/ Reminder set out for missing fees – AFG, Cessnock, Manning Valley, Bankstown received, correct postal address emailed to Casino.

3/Kim contacted for Facebook advising GEMKHANA 2021 cancelled and next year's dates 24 & 25 September

4/ Money returned to GEMKHANA traders who were not sure of next September 2022

5/ TK Minerals phone call

6/ G & L Council QR Code to be obtained for our meetings & events even though we do not have a premise - Parramatta –Holroyd club rooms, Central Coast club rooms, Northern districts club rooms – done and 2 copies printed off and laminated.

**Moved** Port Hacking **seconded:** Illawarra that Business arising from minutes be approved.

**Correspondence:** See attached list, extras since emailing – Illawarra exhibition cancelled

**Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil**

**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 \$350.00	Exp \$0.00	Bal at 21/08/2021 \$1,823.28
GEMKHANA a/c :	Inc \$56.00	Exp \$1,429.00	Bal at 21/08/2021 \$3,852.23
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$2,064.50	Exp \$381.00	Bal at 21/08/2021 \$10,112.77

**Accounts for payment:** Nil

**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 cancelled
- 3/ Central Coast judging cancelled

**Webmaster:** No report.

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

**Education Report:** Carving course for Bathurst dates proposed depending on lock down

**Social Media:** GEMKHANA is cancelled, Next year dates given.

**Mail Person:** no report

**GEMKHANA**

- 1/ 8 traders booked into next year, 24 & 25 September 2022
- 2/ Hawkesbury showground confirmed booking for September dates next year.
- 3/ 132 competition entries received – Judging still to take place.

**GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.**

Event insurance to be arranged 2021

Paperwork on web for Mudgee now events assistance grants - Oct – Kathy, Bob & Col

Club Champion Trophy – Ray Powell - needs to be extended, trophies from Tasmania to NSW to be arranged due to COVID lock down.

Flyer & posters will be sent out when lock down is off.

Jill Taylor's daughter –was to give a brief presentation about her dad and his involvement in Lapidary at Presentation Dinner, but will write an article for the newsletter instead.

Art work for action Badges & medallions approved, quote to be sort.

100 badges to go to trophy's 30mm

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil**

**Meeting closed:** 1.24pm

**Next meeting:** 22 September, Zoom meeting at this stage.

**Meeting dates for 2020:** 27 October, 24 November, 8 December & AGM

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

**2021 NSW GEMKHANA**

**25 & 26 September 2021 has been  
CANCELLED.**

*The competition is being judged at this time and the  
results will be advertised and shown on the  
G & L Council Website.*

*Next Year's GEMKHANA will be held on  
24 & 25 September 2022 at  
Hawkesbury Showground*

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Aquamarine in Calcite

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**“R” is for Rhodonite**

**Rhodonite** is a manganese silicate and forms in the triclinic system. It occurs in both a crystalized and massive, fine grained form. The massive material is a popular ornamental stone, used for cared objects and beads. It is opaque with a light to deep pink body colour. Contrasting veins of dark manganese often create an attractive pattern.

**Rhodonite** was used as an important carving stone in Russia, with classic ornamental pillars, serving bowls, tiles, and sculptures made from **Rhodonite** for Russian aristocrats, especially the Russian czars.

When used as a gemstone, **Rhodonite** is almost always opaque. A rare form of transparent **Rhodonite** is occasionally faceted as a gemstone, creating a deeply coloured beautiful gemstone. This form of **Rhodonite** is relatively soft for a gemstone, and being highly valued by mineral collectors, it retains its value in its natural form. Thus, such stones are rarely cut, but when they are they command very high prices.

Sources of gem **Rhodonite** are Russia, Australia, Japan, Madagascar, Sweden, Brazil, and Peru, as well as from the U.S. at New Jersey and Massachusetts..

**Rhodonite** is the official *gemstone* of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The name **Rhodonite** comes from its colour, Rhodo being Greek for Rose. The finest examples of this attractive gemstone come from the Tamworth area of New South Wales. It is also found in Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia.

While massive **Rhodonite** is found in the Tamworth area, at Broken Hill in New South Wales rare transparent red crystals of **Rhodonite** occur. These are usually seen as fine mineral specimens on matrix, but occasionally transparent **Rhodonite** from this area is faceted.

**Rhodonite** is not known to be treated or enhanced in any way.

***Rhodonite** from the Tamworth area of New South Wales was used as the basis for official trophies awarded at the GEMBOREE in Lithgow in 2017*

Tony Try

[Information taken from a variety of sources]

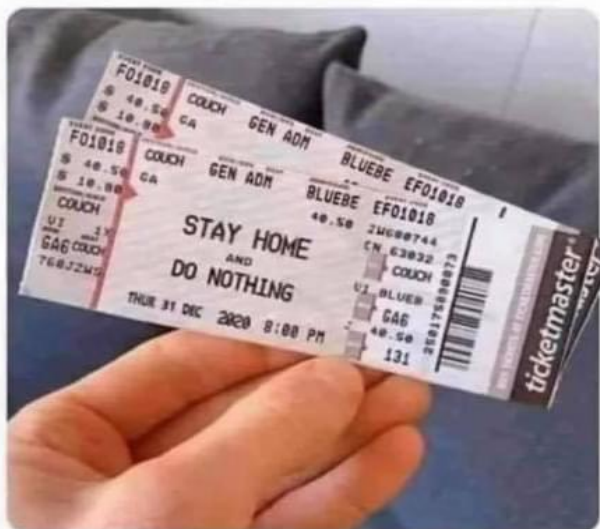
CLUB NEWS

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As we go to press there is very little happening in our Clubs at the present time.

Some light hearted pictures that may make you laugh!!!!

We got our tickets for tonight!!



Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory! I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine. 😂

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**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/>

***PLEASE CHECK WITH VENUE // CLUB BEFORE GOING. AS SHOWS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19***

- ◇ **4th & 5th September** Blue Mountains Crystal, Mineral & Craft Festival. Blackheath Community Centre **CANCELLED**
- ◇ **11th & 12th September** National Opal and Crystal Festival, Albert Hall Canberra.
- ◇ **25th-26th September** GEMKHANA, Hawkesbury Showground, **CANCELLED**
- ◇ **2nd to 4th October** The 43rd Annual Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia Seminar, **has moved to online**. The theme is “43 Shades of Silver” George Laking [gglaking@tech2u.com.au](mailto:gglaking@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. **CANCELLED**.
- ◇ **30th & 31st October** Northern Districts Lapidary Club’s Exhibition at Beecroft Community Centre, Beecroft Rd, Beecroft — **CANCELLED**
- ◇ **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.