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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: March 23—2022 at 1pm

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please we still need an editor for this newsletter if you can help it would be much appreciated. Please contact Barbara Try on 0417676435.

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DEADLINES:

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

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Message from the President

Well most of the Clubs are now back and operating to their new normal. The Covid restrictions have been reduced but it is up to the Club's to set their own rules that they are comfortable with.

A very big "thank you" to Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club and Central Coast Lapidary Club for allowing the Gem Council to use their clubrooms for the GEMBOREE Judging. The judging is complete for entries submitted prior to the show. We still have to judge all the at Show entries. I would also like to thank the Judges, pencil-ers/scribes, the people who added the scores sheets and the kitchen helpers who without them none of this work would have been completed.

We are fast approaching the GEMBOREE and weather permitting we are still trying to finalise some of our Field Trips and activities that will be held during the event.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 23 February 2022

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) Port Hacking (Bob McLean, Tony Offord) Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), AFG (Col Wright), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardner), , Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil),

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane)

Visitor: Brian Beauchamp

Moved: Central Coast **Seconded:** Port Hacking that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 19 January 2022

Moved Illawarra, *seconded*, Parramatta/Holroyd that the minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

- 1/ Coffs Harbour, Canberra needs another copy of their invoice. Done
- 2/ AFLACA Agenda items sent. Done
- 3/ Secretary another key cut for the trailer. Done

Moved Western Suburbs **seconded:** Goulburn that Business arising from minutes be approved.

Correspondence: See attached list.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- 1/ P.O.Box for GEMBOREE not to be renewed

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

J&R Report:

- 1/ Letter from Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association – Re judging for their show on Monday 2 May 2022, Judges have not been allocated.
- 2/ AFLACA – Judges to do SA discussed.

Webmaster: No report.

G&L NEWS Editor: NEED an Editor

Education Report: Bathurst next carving class 3 March confirmed.

Social Media: Traders to be advertised for the GEMBOREE

Mail Person: had 3 bounce backs from email

GEMKHANA

1/ Schedule released to Web.

GEMBOREE: Mudgee 2022.

Event insurance to be arranged 2022, Col to follow up.

GEMBOREE trophy's complete

Fossicking sites getting there – sorting out days and to what sites, chase fossil club for field trip – Barb.

Inside traders to feature on Facebook to lead up - Kim

Reminder – that camping sites behind outside tailgating are powered sites - NO water

Do we need to renew PO Box 4013 - No

ID Tags ready to go to Illawarra, Template for ID Tags for Inside Traders, Outside Traders and Volunteers all to be sent to team leaders and paperwork to Bathurst

CAMPING SITES STILL AVAILABLE AT GEMBOREE SITE –we are still taking bookings

Reports to be accepted moved: Illawarra Seconded: Parramatta/Holroyd

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ AFLACA historian contracted, but no reply, looking for any photos of the perpetual trophies being award at the official presentation.

General Business: moved: Central Coast Seconded: Orange

Meeting closed: 2.30pm

Next meeting: 23 March, 2022



REMINDER: Clubs should keep in mind that any Club that assists with the practical running/organising of the GEMBOREE can have FREE tailgating space at the GEMBOREE for the duration of the event.

Keep in mind that material sold at the free tailgating stall MUST be Club Material—that is , it is not to be owned by an individual. It is aimed to benefit the Club as a whole.





58th GEMBOREE 2022

At Mudgee's Australian Rural Education Centre, 267 Ulan Road, Bombira

Easter 15th to 18th April 2022

Camping and Off Site Registrations is still available

If you still have not complete you registration form for the GEMBOREE it is not too late. The GEMBOREE 2022 Committee would like to advise anyone who would like to book a campsite at AREC foe the GEMBOREE we are still taking bookings. Just complete the form and return it to the GEMBOREE Registrar, PO Box 117, Corrimal NSW 2518. Forms are available on the AFLACA website.

<https://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>

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“W” is for **Wascoite**

Not a lot has been written about **Wascoite**. Much more has been written about another form of Jasper known as Biggs Jasper, which is found near Biggs Junction
In Oregon

Near the deposits of Biggs jasper a stratum of white clay is sometimes found, locally named **Wascoite** for the town of Wasco, Oregon It is probably the end form of much-weathered volcanic debris.

On the grade up 97 South from Biggs and China Creek, above Rufus is where Wascoite and some nice tube agate were found. Wascoite is generally thought of as a picture-jasper. It is formed in concentric, irregular circles with shades of tan, lavender, yellow, pink, and red.

This material is as rare as hen’s teeth these days. While some is still found near Biggs Junction, most was mined out years ago.

Tony Try

[This limited information on this stone is all that I have been able to find via Google]

CLUB NEWS

Email: editor@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

- Central Coast Lapidary Club will holding their AGM on Saturday 26 March at 10.00am—Only financial members can attend.
- Illawarra Lapidary Club will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 16 March at 7.00pm—they are looking volunteers to take positions on the committee
- Illawarra also have their Rock Swap 20 March 8am to 2pm at Stuart Park
- Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club will be holding their Open day on the 19 March from 9.00am to 2.00pm



GEMBOREE 2022

incorporating the
**58TH NATIONAL GEM &
MINERAL SHOW**



*at Mudgee's Australian Rural Education Centre, 267 Ulan Road,
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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/>

- ◇ **12th—14 March 2022** - Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap (Parrot Park, EPIC)
- ◇ **19th & 20th March 2022**—New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc. 31st Annual Gem & Craft Show at Armidale Showground
- ◇ **15th—18th April 2022**—GEMBOREE 2022, Venue: AREC at Mudgee.
- ◇ **15 & 16 May 2022—30th Lismore GEMFEST**
Lismore Showground
- ◇ **20—22 May 2022**—Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Show—Mallee Pavilion
- ◇ **24th & 25th September 2022—GEMKHANA—**
Hawkesbury Showground