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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: August 24 at Wentworthville**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Please help we need an editor for the G & L Newsletter. If you do 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.

CONTACT THE G&L EDITOR TO INCLUDE YOUR CLUB'S NEWS

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### **Message from the President**

GEMKHANA is the next major event on the G & L calendar, which will be held on September 24 & 25 at Hawkesbury Showground at Clarendon. The entries close on the Friday 19th August (20th if you deliver your entries to the Port Hacking Clubrooms). The Judging will take place at the Parramatta/Holroyd Rooms on 3rd September.

Lots of the Clubs are now back in full swing and are preparing for their annual shows, which due to Covid have been put on the back burner. There is a return to the Club competitions with Central Coast, Northern Districts, Illawarra and Port Hacking Club members all working hard to support their club's with entries for their competitions.

It is great to see everyone getting back to enjoying our hobby.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 27 July 2022****Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club, Fullagar Rd Wentworthville**

**The meeting** was opened at 1:00pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell) Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob McLean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), AFG (Colin Wright). And visitors AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Brian Beauchamp).

**Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Orange (Kathy Selwood)  
Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn).

**Moved:** Central Coast seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

Moved Blue Mountains *seconded*, Western Suburbs that minutes be accepted.

**Business Arising:**

- 1/Hurrell – considered your bill and we will pay a fee of \$100.00 due to venue owner saying no water cleaning. Old Bill was emailed to Bob McLean. No amended bill received yet. No action yet.
- 2/ Acquittal form for Western Area Grant Council is now completed.
- 3/Quotes for Jersey material obtained varying from \$2.80 to \$5.50 per metre check at GEMKHANA, how many metres required.

Business arising from minutes: moved Port Hacking seconded AFG

**Correspondence:** See attached list.

**Business Arising:** Nil

Moved Northern Districts seconded Port Hacking that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

**Accounts for payment:**

- 1/ \$198.00 to reimburse Mick Lane for travel expenses for GEMBOREE & trailer registration
- 2/ Postage for GEMBOREE raffle prizes \$34.65
- 3/ Postage for G&L News \$500.00

Moved Port Hacking seconded Western Suburbs that the report be accepted.

**J&R Report:**

- 1/ Judging for GEMKHANA 3<sup>rd</sup> September
  - 2/ Judging for Central Coast competition 17<sup>th</sup> September
  - 3/ Judging for Northern Districts competition 8<sup>th</sup> October
  - 4/ Judging for Illawarra Competition 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Judges have been notified  
5/ Judges Course for Jewellery 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August at Northern Districts Lapidary Clubrooms

**Webmaster:** No report

**G&L NEWS Editor:** Still urgently need an Editor contact Barbara Try.

**Education Report:** Thank you to Paul Sabolta AFG for servicing machines and running a faceting Course for beginners at NSW Lapidary Club.

**Social Media:** Advertising for GEMKHANA already underway on Face Book & Instagram.

**Mail Person:** No report

**GEMKHANA**

- 1/ Only one club has booked a table so far
- 2/ 23 Traders have already confirmed,
- 3/ Quote for corflute signs \$567.00 for 50. Bob McLean to proceed with order.
- 4/ Mick Lane to book Banner poles at Hawksbury Council.
- 5/ A raffle prize of a Gem Tree won at the GEMBOREE was kindly re-donated for GEMKHANA

**GEMBOREE:** Committee needs to start looking for suitable locations for our next one in 5 years time.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1/ A reminder that most items discussed are confidential – this is to enable the committee to Make informed decisions.

General Business Moved Parramatta/Holroyd, Seconded AFG.

Meeting closed 2,07pm

Next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> August at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

**Meeting dates for 2022:** 21 September (GEMKHANA), 26 October, 23 November, 14 December & AGM



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**CLUB NEWS**

- In August the Illawarra Lapidary Club will be celebrating their 60th anniversary. They will be having a social event entitled "Down Memory Lane"
- Port Hacking Lapidary Club are celebrating their 50th Anniversary by having a lunch on Friday 19th August 2022.
- Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club will be holding their AGM on 27th August 2022.
- Canberra Lapidary Club are holding their social meeting with a Club rock Auction on 8th September 2022.



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## Fossicking with Friends

This is a true story of fossicking trip with a couple of mad rockhounds. a few years ago I had been in hospital for a serious operation, when Kim Cooke G&Ls Media guru and Alishya Dippel ex G&L News editor decided I needed a day out in the fresh air, so a fossicking trip was organised for sapphires at Black Springs. We left Katoomba early morning heading for morning tea at Oberon's famous pie shop.

By the time we got as far as Hampton it was snowing very hard, I was all for turning around for home only to be overruled by the girls, who assured me the snow would go away before we got to Oberon, Quite right it had stopped so after morning tea we headed for Black Springs found a good spot in the forest, the two girls got busy digging in the sapphire wash .me still as weak as a kitten just sat and watched, a few snow flakes drifting down through the trees. The girls filled a few buckets of wash so I said I would take some back to the car. What a shock everything for miles was white with snow, a couple of inches deep .I still had to convince Kim and Alishya to quit and head for home.

So if ever these two mad women invite you to go fossicking in winter tell them to get lost.

PS we are still great friends and all still avid members of Blue Mountains Lapidary Club - yours truly Mick Lane.

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**The following words seem to fit the current weather we have been experiencing**

### Drizzle Grizzle

Dirty days hath September  
April, June and November,  
February is quite alright,  
It only rains from morn till night.  
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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/>

- ◇ **24th & 25th September 2022—GEMKHANA—**  
Hawkesbury Showground
- ◇ **15th & 16th October 2022—**Central Coast Crystal Gem & Lapidary Show, Mingara Event Centre, Wyong Rd, Tumbi Umbi 2261
- ◇ **29th & 30th October 2022—**Northern Districts Lapidary Club—Gem Show, Beecroft Community Centre Beecroft
- ◇ **29th & 30th October 2022—**Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gem Show, Exhibition Park (EPIC)
- ◇ **5th & 6th November 2022—**Illawarra Lapidary Club 60th Anniversary Exhibition, The Ribbonwood Centre Heninger Hall 109 Princes H'Way Dapto
- ◇ **11th to 13th November 2022—**Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club—Exhibition, Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville
- ◇ **12th & 13th November 2022—**Newcastle Lapidary Club, Gem & Jewellery Fair at PCYC Newcastle