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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: September 21 at Clarendon

EDITOR'S NOTES

An editor for the G & L Newsletter is urgently needed. If you do 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

GEMKHANA is the next major event for the Gem & Lapidary Council, we have over 33 traders that will be attending at the Hawkesbury Showground at Clarendon on September 24 & 25. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A Jewellery & Metalcraft Judging Course was held over the weekend of 20th & 21st August at Beecroft. Congratulations to Marcia Hill, Cathy Fisher and Bob McLean who are now qualified Jewellery Judges. Congratulations also to Alanna Lever and Natalia Burova who are now qualified Metalcraft Judges.

Congratulation also to Colin Wright also completed the Cabochon Judging Course and is now a qualified Cabochon Judge.

I would like to thank all those that participated in the courses and helped to achieve the above results.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 24 August 2022**Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville**

The meeting was opened at 12:50pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Brian Beauchamp), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), Illawarra (Joan Zealey). Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob Mclean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), AFG (Colin Wright).

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn)

Visitor: Paul Sabolta

Moved: Parramatta/Holroyd, Seconded: Western Suburbs that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 27 July 2022

Moved Blue Mountain, *seconded*, Central Coast that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from minutes:

1/Hurrell No further action

2/ 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 in & out: as listed.

Business arising from correspondence:

1/ Mid Western Council reply – Tony to add for your records note to MWC

2/ Dubbo Lapidary starting up

3/ Lougene Mahfound – Kathy to reply

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

Accounts for payment:

1/ Parramatta/ Holroyd room hire \$80.00

2/ Posters around \$500 to \$600

3/ \$27.00 hire Banner Pole Windsor Council

4/ Packing, coffee cups etc for Judging & GEMKHANA \$20.00

Moved Port Hacking seconded Illawarra that the report be accepted.

J&R Report:

- 1/ Judging for GEMKHANA 3rd September Parra/Holroyd Club
 - 2/ Judging for Central Coast competition 17th September, Ourimbah
 - 3/ Judging for Northern Districts competition 8th October, Beecroft
 - 4/ Judging for Illawarra Competition – 23 October
- Judges have been notified for the above competitions
- 5/ Judges Course for Jewellery 20 & 21 August, 7 attended, 5 new Metalcraft / Jewellery judges

Webmaster: No report

G&L NEWS Editor: Still need an Editor

Education Report: No report

Social Media: Has \$500 budget, Windsor as central point with a 98 km radius

Mail Person: 46 newsletters & 13 minutes sent out

GEMKHANA

- 1/ Quote for corflute signs \$567.00 for 50. Bob McLean to pick up.
- 2/ Mick Lane has booked Banner poles at Hawksbury Council. \$27.00 use & \$30.00 deposit for key
- 3/ Total of 33 traders
- 4/ ATM booked
- 5/ Rates for next year, inside \$70 per m, outside \$60 for site of 9sq m, delete registration fee from form. Campsite \$20.00 at this stage
- 6/ Richmond Lions Club one of the outside catering
- 7/ Tap & Go – Bob to obtain
- 8/ Telstra web ad \$150 then separate cost of updates, so no further action taken.
- 9/ presently there are 250 competition entries
- 10/ Bob, Robert, Tony O to go through contracts and tidy them up.

GEMBOREE 2028.

Committee needs to start looking for suitable locations for our next one in 6 years time.

Suggestion to be investigated –

Canberra – size of hall, availability, camping, cost, parking.

Hawkesbury – camping for 150 sites, availability.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1/ Tag & test will need at least 100 tags – Mick Lane

General Business Moved Illawarra, Seconded Blue Mountain.

Meeting closed 1.45pm

Next meeting: 21 September (GEMKHANA)



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CLUB NEWS

- **Canberra Lapidary Club** are holding their social meeting with a Club rock Auction on 8th September 2022. They are also having a field trip to Yass River Valley on 11 September 2022.
 - **Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club** are having their AGM on 10 September and are hoping to have a full committee.
 - **Central Coast Lapidary Club** are in full swing getting ready for their Crystal Gem and Lapidary Show mid October. Members are frantically completing their entries that will be judged on Saturday 17 September.
 - **Northern Districts Lapidary Club** are also working hard on their entries for their Club Competition. Which are due on the 1st October 2022.
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are also on the website for downloading.
<https://aflaca.org.au/judging-rules/>

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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