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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: December 14

EDITOR'S NOTES

An editor for the G & L Newsletter
is urgently needed If you can help
please contact Barbara Try on
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DEADLINES:

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

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Message from the President

It is that time of year when we start thinking of Christmas. Many of the Clubs will be celebrating with their members in the coming weeks.

I would like to thank all the Clubs for their input to the Gem and Lapidary Council; for sending their newsletters and in general keeping everyone up to date with what is happening in their clubs, over the last 12 months. Hopefully the next 12 months will see clubs; their members and activities back to normal routines.

I would also like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 23 November 2022**Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville**

The meeting was opened at 1:05pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Port Hacking (Bob McLean),

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn, Marcia Hill), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Bathurst (Robert Porter), Illawarra (Joan Zealey),

Visitor : None

Apologies to be accepted: Moved Central Coast, Seconded: Blaxland

Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 26 October 2022

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

Business arising from minutes:

1/ Quotes for Jersey material obtained varying from \$2.80 to \$5.50 per metre, 4 rolls required, Mick will purchase new year.

2/ Invoice for tags \$33.00, to be checked with treasurer. completed

Business arising from minutes: moved Port Hacking seconded Blue Mountain

Correspondence in & out: as listed.

Business arising from correspondence:

1/ National Library deposit still sorting out

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

Accounts for payment:

1/ Judging Central Coast & Illawarra for Cathy \$121.60 paid

2/ J Lim judging claim

3/ Parramatta/Holroyd room rent

Moved Parramatta/Holroyd seconded Blaxland that the report be accepted.

REPORTS:

J&R Report:

1/ New mineral Judge Martin Rosser

Webmaster: GEMKHANA photo's to be on web soon

G&L NEWS Editor: Still need an Editor

Education Report:

1/ Education/teaching course for Member Clubs – minimum requirements for course need to be listed. Example enamelling course but does the club requesting have a kiln suitable for enamelling.

Social Media: no report

Mail Person: no report

GEMKHANA

1/ Number of corflute signs indicating direction to the show < > 10 to 12 needed & garden stakes, need to see Col as to where he purchased them from.

2/ Large "sign" colours need changing – letter to be changed from white to black

3/ Working bee to fix – next year

4/ Where did you hear about the GEMKHANA to be redone for next year

5/ Schedule to be ready for January meeting

6/ Email to all traders has been sent out, good reports are coming back.

GEMBOREE 16 April 2028.

1/ 2nd choice still needed

Reports to be accepted moved: Parramatta/Holroyd Seconded: Port Hacking

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ Please submit Annual Reports before 7th December.

2/ Registration & tailgating forms reviewed

GEMBOREE tailgating forms will stay as 2 forms.

GEMBOREE Traders staying off site will be charged offsite fee.

GEMKHANA tailgating form will stay as 1 form.

3/ Next year minimum of 2 possible 3 Zoom/Microsoft Teams meetings per year –moved treasurer (Port Hacking) that Microsoft Teams be looked at as it is \$66 per year with up to 30 hours meeting time and 300 participants. Seconded Orange.

General Business Moved Blue Mountain, Seconded AFG

Meeting closed: 2.25pm

Next meeting: 14 December & AGM at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville. Please bring a plate with food to share.





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Christmas Poem

Help Wanted By Timothy Tocher

Santa needs new reindeer.
The first bunch has grown old.
Dasher has arthritis;
Comet hates the cold.
Prancer's sick of staring
at Dancer's big behind.
Cupid married Blitzen
and Donner lost his mind.
Dancer's mad at Vixen
for stepping on his toes.
Vixen's being thrown out—
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.
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Field Trips/excursions/children's activities

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VENUE:-

Dayboro Showgrounds,
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Member Clubs will be asked if they want an education/teaching course.

The Clubs need to send a letter/email in (with their club letterhead) saying what course they would like – First course and a second choice, courses as per the sections of the judging manual or courses to educate the clubs on running competitions or similar.

The offer ends 30 June 2023, clubs will get one course each, to which the gem and Lapidary Council will pay up to \$500 max - \$300 to tutor and \$200 for incidentals.

If your Club is interested please respond within the time frame shown.

If you need further information please contact the secretary via email secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

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/>

- ◇ **10 December 2022**—Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club -
Open Day - lot 1 Bensley Rd, Macquarie Fields, 9 am to 2 pm
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Top 3 gemstones to wear over Christmas



The first one I'll mention is the diamond. It's always a classy choice and can match anything you wear. It's perfect for Christmas-time because of its beautiful sparkle and I guarantee that it will never let you down.

The next gemstone for Christmas is the ruby. It has a warm hue that matches the Christmas feeling of love, caring and sharing. The ruby is a beautiful stone that will give you a very elegant look when wearing it.

Finally, there's the blue sapphire. It's very popular around this time of year because its colour matches the colours of winter but here in Australia it does not matter as it looks like the summer sky. You'll certainly feel like royalty with a blue sapphire!

December Birthstone Presents



Do you know someone who was born in December? A perfect and useful present can be their birthstone which is believed to vibrate with more power when this time of year arrives. The birthstones for December are tanzanite, turquoise and blue topaz which are very popular because of their shades of blue, but any blue-coloured rock is accepted for those born in December.

Information taken from the web